



Salvinia molesta

Giant salvinia

General

1. Floating, rootless aquatic fern

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Tropical America: Southeastern Brazil and northern Argentina
2. Introduced: subtropical Africa, India, Australasia-Pacific region, subtropical USA
3. Habitats
 - Slow-moving, nutrient-rich, warm freshwater
 - Lakes, water courses, wetlands
 - Grows optimally between 20°C — 30°C



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=298>

Invasion Pathways

1. Aquarium cultivation/release

Sources

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2. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=569&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>