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Synopsis, Resource Links, and Vocabulary List

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Synopsis:

Release or escape of unwanted aquarium fish, plants, reptiles, as well as study specimens can harm Minnesota waters and native species. Besides not being good for our lakes and rivers, it is illegal in Minnesota. Fish and other animals like crayfish can carry diseases that can kill native species. Invasive plants can clog waterways and snag boat propellers. Recent examples of releases in Minnesota include: piranha, pacu, rusty crayfish, water hyacinth, water lettuce, Amazonian catfish, koi, goldfish, yellow iris, red-eared slider turtle, and even cayman!



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Reference Material Links:

- Habitattitude National: www.habitattitude.net
- Habitattitude News Release: www.seagrant.umn.edu/news/2004/05/11
- Habitattitude Outcast: www.seagrant.umn.edu/newsletter/2005/10/outcast.html
- Red Swamp Crayfish: <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/09/15/minnesota-newest-invasive-species-red-swamp-crayfish>
- Red-eared Slider: <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?SpeciesID=1261>
- Snakehead Eradication:
<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091019/COMM/910190314>
- Northern Pike Eradication:
http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/environment/2007-08-23-lake-davis-trout_N.htm
- Hydrilla Eradication:
www.isccw.org/PDF%20Files/Manitou%20Opening%20and%20Ecozone.pdf

Vocabulary List:

Aquatic
Biodiversity
Compete
Exotic (or non-native)
Habitat
Habitattitude
Invasive
Native
Predators
Species

