

**Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Species:** *Celastrus orbiculatus*

**Members of the SAG:**

Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total #	Average
1. Current status and distribution	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3								
2. Establishment potential	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3								
3. Damage potential	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4								
4. Prevention and control potential	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	3								
5. Socio-economic impacts	3	4	2	2	4	3	3	4	3								
<b>Totals - 1st round</b>	Prohibited			Restricted				Watch				Non-restricted				Insufficient Information	
Number of votes for each classification	xxx			xxxxxx													

Comments: 3 - Used heavily as a cut branch by the nursery/florist industry (need for permits). 4 - Only found in disturbed areas, if it was shown to be present in undisturbed areas, would have rated it higher. Important economic impacts. 2 - Has been found in some undisturbed areas. 7 - Often mis-labeled as the native, you can buy this species from mail order operations, listed as "improved american bittersweet".

Ratings for Criteria - 2nd round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total #	Average
1. Current status and distribution																	
2. Establishment potential																	
3. Damage potential																	
4. Prevention and control potential																	
5. Socio-economic impacts																	
<b>Totals - 2nd round</b>	Prohibited			Restricted				Watch				Non-restricted				Insufficient Information	
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**Final Recommended Classification :** Restricted

Final Comments/Rationale: Restricted with permit for sale of cut bittersweet by floriculture industry. Some concern about the risk of distributing seed as part of cut floral arrangements. There is also doubt about the viability of fruits distributed as part of these arrangements. "Suggest DNR or other researchers take uncleaned fruit and assess germination" - Mike Yanny.