

Aquatic Plants and Algae Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings

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Species: *Lagarosiphon major* (Oxygen-weed, African elodea, African waterweed)

Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Current status and distribution	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
2. Establishment potential	3	3	3	2.5	4	2	4	3	3	2	
3. Damage potential	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	
4. Prevention and control potential	4	3	ii	4	3	2	4	3	4	2	
5. Socioeconomic impacts	1	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	1	

Ratings for Classification	R	W	W	R	P	W	P	R	P	W		
Totals - 1st round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted		
Number of votes	3			3			4					

Ratings for Classification	R	W	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	W		
Totals - 2nd round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted		
Number of votes	5			3			2					

Final Recommended Classification :

Prohibited

Comments

- 3- could survive in WI, but not currently established in country.
- 2- why spend resources on a plant that may not make it here? - one reason for Watch rating

Detailed comments

- 2 – Conversely to frogbit (which I could see as a water gardening species) I don't foresee this species as being introduced, or a viable source population occurring. There are dozens of plants that are comparable to this one that we haven't even considered, reticent to spread our resources so thin.
- 3 – Adapted to WI climate, but not in US, so there is not a good source. Little control info because it is not present in the US. Watch versus prohibited because it is no in the US. I would change to prohibited if we are disregarding whether or not it will be introduced.
- 5 – Would be a good idea to prevent its establishment, since its not here yet.
- 7 – Could this be introduced as a result of fish (eating) trade: wrapping fish in plants to keep them moist?
- 8 – Damage potential is high. I looked at resources—we should only regulate those that would really benefit from resource input. I would go to prohibited if we are considering regulation based on the only damage potential, without considering resource inputs.