

Surveillance Program for Invasive Plants

**City of Gold Coast Surveillance
program for Invasive Plants 2020**

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1 Biosecurity program

1.1 Program name

The surveillance program (biosecurity program) for biosecurity matter (invasive plants) that is restricted or prohibited matter will be known as the Council of the City of Gold Coast Surveillance Program for Invasive Plants 2020 (the program).

The biosecurity matter to which the program relates is all invasive plants that are biosecurity matter as defined in section 48(1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and that are included in the Gold Coast Biosecurity Management Plan 2019-2024 (appendix one).

2 Requirement for a surveillance program

2.1 Purpose and rationale

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Act) imposes an overarching general biosecurity obligation (GBO) on each person to manage biosecurity risks in their control and prevent biosecurity events from occurring. This preventative approach relies on everybody adopting a duty of care and implementing measures to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks, such as problems caused by invasive plants.

The **Gold Coast Biosecurity Management Plan 2019-2024 (the Plan)** has used a risk management based approach to prioritise invasive plants that occur or are likely to occur within the city. Priorities are based on information gathered from the Queensland Herbarium records, Biosecurity Queensland, pest mapping data and internal records.

The risk assessment of invasive plants considered the following: **Likelihood** of entry and establishment in the City, **Impact** of existing or potential threats to the City and **Feasibility** of managing the invasive plant. After assessment, each invasive plant was assigned a management objective of prevention, eradication, containment, asset protection or advice and support.

Section 233 of the Act provides for the establishment of surveillance programs. Surveillance programs are directed at any of the following:

- Monitoring compliance with the Act in relation to a particular matter to which the Act applies;
- Confirming the presence, or finding out the extent of the presence, in the State or the parts of the State to which the program applies, of the biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- Confirming the absence, in the State or the parts of the State to which the program applies, of the biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- Monitoring the effects of measures taken in response to a biosecurity risk;
- Monitoring compliance with requirements about prohibited matter or restricted matter;
- Monitoring levels of biosecurity matter or levels of biosecurity matter in a carrier.

The objectives of the program are:

- Confirm the presence, and find out the extent of the presence in City of Gold Coast (the City), of the prohibited matter or restricted matter to which the program relates;
- Confirm the absence in the City, of the prohibited and restricted matter to which the program relates;
- Monitor compliance with the Act in relation to biosecurity matter to which the program relates;

The program aims to meet its objectives through compliance activities that follow this priority system, responding to biosecurity issues proactively and reactively. Appendix one provides a detailed list of invasive plants covered by the program.

2.2 Measures that are required to achieve the purpose

The key activities undertaken by the program include but are not limited to:

- Surveillance activities to check for the absence, presence, or find out the extent of the presence in the City, of the prohibited matter and restricted matter to which the program relates. This surveillance will mainly be conducted by entry of City of Gold Coast authorised persons onto a place to conduct visual inspections;

- Aerial survey by visual, photographic or electronic means using remote controlled unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) or aircraft may also be undertaken;
- Places to be entered and inspected will include those with, previously with or adjacent to infestations of invasive plants which the program relates and properties where there is a reasonable risk that invasive plants which the program relates may exist;
- Inspecting businesses, groups or individuals who are actively trading, giving away, selling or in any other way distributing plants;
- Working in partnership with the Queensland Government on the reduction or eradication of certain species such as bitou bush and telegraph weed.

2.3 Powers of authorised persons

2.3.1 Entry of place

The Act provides that authorised persons appointed under the Act may, at reasonable times, enter a place situated in an area to which a biosecurity program applies, to take any action authorised by the biosecurity program¹. These activities must be done in a timely and efficient manner to ensure that the measures are as effective as possible. The program will authorise entry into places to allow these measures to be undertaken.

In accordance with the Act a reasonable attempt will be made to locate an occupier² and obtain the occupier's consent to the entry prior to an authorised person entering a place to undertake activities under the program. Nevertheless, an authorised person may enter the place if³—

- The authorised person is unable to locate an occupier after making a reasonable attempt to do so; or
- the occupier refuses to consent to the entry.

Entry without consent will be used only when identifying and mitigating critical or high biosecurity risks on private and public property.

If after entering a place an authorised person finds an occupier present or the occupier refuses to consent to the entry—an authorised person will make reasonable attempts to produce an identity card for inspection and inform the occupier of the reason for entering and the authorisation under the Act to enter without the permission of the occupier. An authorised person under the program must make a reasonable attempt to inform the occupier of any steps taken, or to be taken, and if steps have been taken or are to be taken, that it is an offence to do anything that interferes with a step taken or to be taken.

An authorised person must leave a notice in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way. This notice must state the date and time of entry, information addressing the reason for entry, authorisation to enter a place and the steps undertaken by the authorised person after entry.

2.3.2 Power to carry out aerial control measures

The power to carry out aerial control measures is authorised by a biosecurity program under the Act⁴. This means that an authorised person may carry out, or direct another person to carry out, the aerial control measure for biosecurity matter covered under the program in relation to a place to which the program relates.

2.3.3 Obligations

A person must not interfere with the authorised persons surveillance of land whilst they are confirming the absence, presence, or extent of invasive plants identified in this program.

¹ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

² The Act defines an **occupier**, of a place, generally to include the person who apparently occupies the place (or, if more than 1 person apparently occupies the place, any of the persons); any person at the place who is apparently acting with the authority of a person who apparently occupies the place; or if no-one apparently occupies the place, any person who is an owner of the place.

³ See section 270 (Entry of place under sections 261 and 262) of the Act.

⁴ See section 294 (Power to carry out aerial control measures under biosecurity program) of the Act. Section 294(6) of the Act defines **aerial control measure**, for biosecurity matter, to mean an activity, done from the air by an airborne machine or a person in an aircraft, to achieve a purpose of a biosecurity program and includes the following—

- surveying and monitoring the biosecurity matter;
- distributing an agricultural chemical to control the biosecurity matter.

2.3.4 General powers of authorised persons

Nothing in the program or its associated authorisation limits the powers of authorised persons under Chapter 10 of the Act.

2.4 Consultation

Consultation {will be} undertaken with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries as required by section 239(2) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

3 Authorisation of a surveillance program in the City of Gold Coast

Council of the City of Gold Coast acting pursuant to section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act), authorise the Gold Coast Surveillance Program for Invasive Plants 2020, that are listed in appendix one, on the basis that;

- Invasive biosecurity matter identified in appendix one poses a biosecurity risk to the City;
- Surveillance activities are required to determine the extent of the presence or absence of the invasive plants identified in appendix one;
- Surveillance activities are required to monitor compliance with the Act in relation to invasive plants identified in appendix one.

As passed by Council resolution G20.0218.001.

3.1 Biosecurity matter

The biosecurity matter to which the program relates is all invasive plants that are invasive biosecurity matter as defined in section 48(1) of the Act (appendix one).

3.2 Purpose of the program

The purpose of the program is to:

- Confirm the presence, and find out the extent of the presence in the City of Gold Coast (the City), of the prohibited matter or restricted matter to which the program relates;
- Confirm the absence in the City, of the prohibited and restricted matter to which the program relates;
- Monitor compliance with the Act in relation to biosecurity matter to which the program relates.

3.3 Area affected by the program

The program will apply to the City of Gold Coast local government area. Prioritisation will be based on historical data, seasonal changes, outbreaks, known/reported infestations and customer requests. The program will focus on properties with, previously with or adjacent to infestations of invasive plants which the program relates and properties where there is a reasonable risk that invasive plants which the program relates may exist.

3.4 Powers of authorised persons

An authorised person of the program appointed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, may enter a place—other than a residence⁵—without a warrant and without the occupier's consent within the State of Queensland under the program⁶. An authorised person appointed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* will also have the power to enter a place under the program.⁷

An authorised person can exercise the powers of an authorised person under the Act in relation to the program, if the authorised person is appointed by the chief executive⁸. An authorised person has general powers after entering a place to do any of the following⁹:

⁵ The Act defines a **residence** to mean a premises or a part of a premises that is a residence with the meaning of section 259(2) and 259(3).

⁶ See section 259 (General powers to enter places) of the Act.

⁷ See section 261 (Power to enter a place under biosecurity program) of the Act.

⁸ See section 255 (3) (Powers of particular authorised officers limited) of the Act.

⁹ See section 296 (General powers) of the Act.

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- An authorised person may make a requirement (a **help requirement**) of an occupier of the place or a person at the place to give the authorised person reasonable help to exercise a general power;
 - An authorised person may carry out, or direct another person to carry out, aerial control measures for invasive biosecurity matter which the program relates in relation to a place. Under the program these measures include surveillance by visual, photographic or electronic observations of the place. This surveillance may be undertaken by manned aeroplanes or helicopters or un-manned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Refer to table one for powers after entering a place.

Table 1: Summary of authorised person’s general powers after entering a place¹⁰

General powers in the Act	Measures an authorised person may take under the program
Search any part of the place	<i>Destroy biosecurity matter or a carrier if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds the biosecurity matter or carrier poses a significant biosecurity risk.</i>
Inspect ¹¹ , examine ¹² or film ¹³ any part of the place or anything at the place	<i>Direct an occupier of the place to take reasonable steps within a reasonable time to remove or eradicate the biosecurity matter to which the program relates.</i>
Take for examination a thing, or a sample of or from a thing, at the place	<i>Searching a place to check for the presence or absence of biosecurity matter to which the program relates.</i>
Place an identifying mark in or on anything at the place	<i>Inspect, examine and film to assist with tracing of carriers to and from a place.</i>
Place a sign or notice at the place	<i>Take samples for the purposes of diagnostic analysis, to ascertain the presence or absence of biosecurity matter to which the program relates.</i>
Produce an image or writing at the place from an electronic document or, to the extent it is not practicable, take a thing containing an electronic document to another place to produce an image or writing	<i>Identify carriers such as vehicles or machinery with tags, notices, flags or signs for any purpose consistent with the program.</i>
Take to, into or onto the place and use any person, detection animal, equipment and materials the authorised person reasonably requires for exercising the authorised person’s powers under this division	<i>Producing a written and/or electronic note(s) to support program activities.</i>
Destroy biosecurity matter or a carrier if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds the biosecurity matter or carrier presents a significant biosecurity risk; and the owner of the biosecurity matter or carrier consents to its destruction	<i>Taking GPS coordinates to ensure accuracy of location details of carriers or biosecurity matter to which the program relates.</i>
Remain at the place for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of the entry	<i>Take a document such as property biosecurity plan that is relevant to the objectives of the program.</i>
The authorised person may take a necessary step to allow the exercise of a general power	<i>Take a document such as property biosecurity plan that is relevant to the objectives of the program.</i>
If the authorised person takes a document from the place to copy it, the authorised person must copy and return the document to the place as soon as practicable	<i>Take a document such as property biosecurity plan that is relevant to the objectives of the program.</i>
If the authorised person takes from the place an article or device reasonably capable of producing a document from an electronic document to produce the document, the authorised person must produce the document and return the article or device to the place as soon as practicable.	

¹⁰ See section 296 (General powers) of the Act.

¹¹ Section 296(5) defines **inspect**, a thing, to include open the thing and examine its contents.

¹² Section 296(5) defines **examine** to include analyse, test, account, measure, weigh, grade, gauge and identify.

¹³ Section 296(5) defines **film** to include photograph, videotape and record an image in another way.

3.5 Obligations imposed on a person under the program

The following obligations may be imposed on a person who is an occupier of a place to which the program relates:

- Allow access to property to survey for biosecurity matter covered in the program in accordance with provisions/requirements under the Act.

3.6 Commencement and duration of the program

The program will begin on 16 March 2020 and will continue until 31 December 2020. The duration of the program is considered to be reasonably necessary to achieve the program's purpose.

3.7 Consultation with relevant parties

As required by the Act¹⁴, the City will consult, prior to the authorisation of the program, with the Director General, Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

3.8 Notification of relevant parties of requirements

As required by the Act¹⁵, public notice of the program 14 days before the program starts will be given by:

- Giving the notice, by way of email, to each government department or government owned corporation responsible for land in the area to which the program relates; and
- Publishing the notice on the city's website.

4 Public notice

Council of the City of Gold Coast resolved at its meeting on 6 February 2020 to approve the Council of the City of Gold Coast Surveillance Program for Invasive Plants 2020 (the program). The program will commence on 16 March 2020 and be in effect until midnight 31 December 2020. Under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* the City is required to make a copy of the program authorisation available for inspection until the end of the program.

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- (c) confirming the absence, in the State or the parts of the State to which the program applies, of the biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- (d) monitoring the effects of measures taken in response to a biosecurity risk;
- (e) monitoring compliance with requirements about prohibited matter or restricted matter.

The objectives of the program are:

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- (b) Confirm the absence in the City, of the prohibited and restricted matter to which the program relates;
- (c) Monitor compliance with the Act in relation to biosecurity matter to which the program relates.

¹⁴ See section 239 (Consultation about proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

¹⁵ See section 240 (Notice of proposed biosecurity program) of the Act.

Appendix One - Invasive plants covered by this program

Scientific name	Common name	Citywide management priority	Citywide management objective	Biosecurity Act category
<i>Austrocylindropuntia subulata</i>	Eve's pin cactus	High	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Vachellia xanthophloea</i> [^]	Yellow Fever Tree	High	Eradication	Prohibited Matter
<i>Cecropia pachystachya</i> , <i>C. palmata</i> and <i>C. peltata</i>)	Mexican Bean Tree	High	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>Rotundata</i>	Bitou Bush	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i> [^]	Rubber Vine	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> including cultivars and varieties	Honey Locust	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	Telegraph Weed	High	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Nassella tenuissima</i> [^]	Mexican Feather Grass	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i> , syn. <i>P. lobata</i> , <i>P. triloba</i>	Kudzu	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Athel Pine	High	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Opuntia microdasys</i>	Bunny Ears	High	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Senegalia pennata</i> sp. <i>insuavis</i>	Cha-om	Critical	Eradication	Prohibited Matter
<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i>	Madras thorn	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Miconia calvescens</i> , <i>M. cionotricha</i> , <i>M. nervosa</i> and <i>M. racemosa</i>	<i>Miconia</i>	Critical	Eradication	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Alligator Weed	Critical	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Groundsel Bush	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i> syn <i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	Cats Claw Creeper	High	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	Water Hyacinth	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>	Senegal Tea	High	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Hygrophila costata</i>	Hygrophila	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3

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<i>Opuntia monacantha</i> syn. <i>Opuntia vulgaris</i>	Drooping Tree Pear	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Opuntia stricta</i> ; syn. <i>O. inermis</i>	Common pest pear, spiny pest pear	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Opuntia tomentosa</i>	Velvety Tree Pear	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	Water Lettuce	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Salvinia	Medium	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i> syn. <i>T. laurifolia</i>	Thunbergia, Blue thunbergia, Laurel Clockvine.	Low	Containment	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	Annual Ragweed	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	Madeira	High	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Aristolochia</i> spp. other than native species	Dutchman's Pipe	High	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>	Ground Asparagus	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Asparagus africanus</i>	Climbing Asparagus Fern	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Asparagus plumosus</i>	Feathered Asparagus Fern	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Asparagus scandens</i>	Asparagus Fern	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Bryophyllum delagoense</i> syn. <i>B. tubiflorum</i> , <i>Kalanchoe delagoensis</i>	Mother of Millions	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Bryophyllum x houghtonii</i>	Mother of Millions Hybrid	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Cabomba	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Balloon Vine	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cascabela thevetia</i> syn. <i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	Captain Cook Tree	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Celtis, Chinese Elm	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor Laurel	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>	Ornamental Rubber Vine	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	White Ginger	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3

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<i>Hedychium gardnerianum</i>	Kahili Ginger	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Creeping Lantana	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Broad Leaf Privet	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Small Leaf Privet	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Rubus anglocandicans</i> , and <i>R. fruticosus</i> agg	Blackberry	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	Sagittaria	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>	Fireweed	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Broad leaved Pepper Tree	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	African Tulip Tree	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i> ; syn. <i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	Singapore Daisy	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Sporobolus pyramidalis</i> and <i>S. natalensis</i>	Giant Rat's Tail Grass	Low	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellow Bells	Medium	Asset Protection	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Acaciella</i> spp., <i>Mariosousa</i> spp., <i>Senegalia</i> spp. and <i>Vachellia</i> spp.	Acacias non-indigenous to Australia other than <i>Vachellia nilotica</i> , <i>Vachellia farnesiana</i>	High	Prevention	Prohibited matter
<i>Andropogon gayanus</i>	Gamba Grass	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Annona glabra</i>	Pond Apple	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Argyreia nervosa</i>	Elephant Ear Vine	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Bridal Creeper	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Bridal Veil	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Austrocylindropuntia cylindrical</i>	Cane cactus	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Bassia scoparia</i> syn. <i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Kochia	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter

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<i>Cabomba</i> spp. other than <i>C. caroliniana</i>	Fanwort	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
all <i>Cecropia</i> spp. other than <i>C. pachystachya</i> , <i>C. palmata</i> and <i>C. peltata</i>	Mexican Bean Tree	Critical	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Cenchrus setaceum</i>	African fountain Grass	Low	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Chromolaena</i> spp. other than <i>C. odorata</i> and <i>C. squalida</i>	Siam Weed	Critical	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ssp. <i>monilifera</i>	Boneseed	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Clidemia hirta</i>	Koster's Curse	Critical	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Cylindropuntia</i> spp. and hybrids other than <i>C. fulgida</i> , <i>C. imbricata</i> , <i>C. prolifera</i> , <i>C. rosea</i> , <i>C. spinosior</i> and <i>C. tunicata</i>	Cholla cactus	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i>	Coral Cactus	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cylindropuntia imbricata</i>	Devil's Rope Pear	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Cylindropuntia prolifera</i>	Jumping Cholla	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Cylindropuntia rosea</i> and <i>C.</i>	Hudson Pear	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Cylindropuntia spinosior</i>	Snake Cactus	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Eichhornia azurea</i>	Anchored Water Hyacinth	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Elephantopus mollis</i>	Tobacco Weed	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Equisetum</i> spp.	Horsetails	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Genista linifolia</i>	Flax Leaf Broom	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Gleditsia</i> spp. other than <i>G. triacanthos</i> [^]	Honey Locusts	Critical	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Gmelina elliptica</i>	Badhara Bush	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Harrisia</i> spp. syn. <i>Eriocereus</i> spp. other than <i>H. martinii</i> , <i>H. tortuosa</i> and <i>H. pomanensis</i> syn. <i>Cereus pomanensis</i>	Harrisia Cactus	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter

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<i>Harrisia martinii</i> , <i>H. tortuosa</i> and <i>H. pomanensis</i> syn. <i>Cereus pomanensis</i>	Harrisia Cactus	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Harungana madagascariensis</i>	Harungana	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Hedychium flavescens</i>	Yellow Ginger	Low	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Helenium amarum</i>	Bitterweed	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i> and hybrids	Hymenachne or Olive Hymenachne	Critical	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i> and hybrids	Bellyache Bush	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Lagarosiphon	Low	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Limnocharis flava</i>	Limnocharis, Yellow Burrhead	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>	Peruvian Primrose Bush	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	African Boxthorn	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Miconia</i> spp. other than <i>M. calvescens</i> , <i>M. cionotricha</i> , <i>M. nervosa</i> and <i>M. racemose</i>	Miconia	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Mikania</i> spp. other than <i>M. micrantha</i>	Mikania	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i> var. <i>diplotricha</i>	Giant Sensitive Plant	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	<i>Mimosa</i>	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Morella faya</i>	Candleberry Myrtle	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Water Milfoil	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	Chilean Needle Grass	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Serrated Tussock	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Neptunia oleracea</i> and <i>N. plena</i>	Water Mimosa	Critical	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Opuntia</i> spp. other than <i>O. aurantiaca</i> , <i>O. elata</i> , <i>O. ficus-indica</i> , <i>O. microdasys</i> , <i>O. monacantha</i> , <i>O. stricta</i> , <i>O. streptacantha</i> and <i>O. tomentosa</i>	Prickly Pear	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Opuntia aurantiaca</i>	Tiger Pear	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3

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<i>Opuntia elata</i>	Prickly Pear	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Opuntia streptacantha</i>	Westwood Pear	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Parkinsonia aculeate</i>	Parkinsonia	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Parthenium	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Piper aduncum</i>	Spiked Pepper	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
all <i>Prosopis</i> spp. and hybrids other than <i>P. glandulosa</i> , <i>P. pallida</i> and <i>P. velutina</i>	Mesquites	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Honey Mesquite	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Prosopis pallida</i>	Mesquite or Algarroba	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	Quilpie Mesquite	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
all <i>Salix</i> spp. other than <i>S. babylonica</i> , <i>S. x calodendron</i> and <i>S. x reichardtii</i>	Willows	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Salvinia</i> spp. other than <i>S. molesta</i>	Salvinia	Critical	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Senna hirsute</i>	Hairy Cassia	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Senna obtusifolia</i>	Sicklepod	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Senna tora</i>	Foetid Cassia	High	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Sesbania punicea</i>	Red Sesbania	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Solanum viarum</i>	Tropical Soda Apple	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Sporobolus jacquemontii</i>	American Rat's Tail Grass	Low	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Stevia ovata</i>	Candy Leaf	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	Water Soldiers	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Striga</i> spp. other than native species	Witch Weeds	High	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Thunbergia annua</i>	Annual Thunbergia	Low	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Trapa</i> spp.	Floating Water Chestnuts	Critical	Prevention	Prohibited Matter
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>	Prickly Acacia	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3

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<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i>	Chinee Apple	Medium	Prevention	Restricted Matter Category 3
<i>Ziziphus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn	Medium	Prevention	Prohibited Matter

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