





AQUATIC NONINDIGENOUS SPECIES
INFORMATION SYSTEM

# Invasive Species Impacts to the Great Lakes

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- A Great Lakes specific node of the USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species (NAS) database.
- A NOAA project to enhance access to information on non-native species in the Great Lakes region.

#### **GLANSIS** provides:

- A simple interface for accessing Great Lakes specific content from the national (USGS NAS) database.
- Advanced search capacity supporting research on the patterns and particulars of Great Lakes invasion biology.

#### **GLANSIS** contains:

- Comprehensive technical fact sheets on each of the 187 non-native species established in the Great Lakes, 16 species identified as expanding ranges within the Great Lakes, and 67 species identified as at risk of invading the Great Lakes.
- Species-specific information supporting early detection, rapid response, risk assessment and control efforts.
- Detailed collection records for thousands of individual reports of non-native species in the Great Lakes basin.



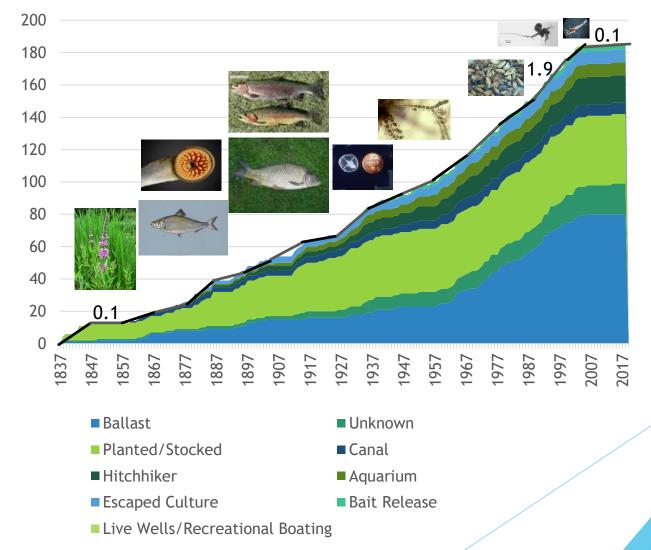
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## History of Invasions to the Great Lakes Basin

(Sturtevant 2018)







### **Most Recent Invaders**

#### • Thermocyclops crassus (2014)

- •Similar to the native copepod *Mesocyclops edax*
- Found in the western basin of Lake Erie in samples collected from 2014 through 2016
- Detected in 1991 in Lake Champlain (Vermont) but remains rare
- Brachionus leydigii (2016)
  - A single specimen was collected in the western basin of Lake Erie in 2016
  - Not yet established







## Impacts of Aquatic Invaders

#### Environmental

 Invaders may prey on or outcompete native species, disrupt food webs, alter habitat, or spread disease.

#### Socioeconomic

- Management efforts for invaders may be expensive and timeconsuming
- These species may damage the economic, aesthetic, or cultural value of a water body.

#### Beneficial

 Nonetheless, some nonindigenous species are introduced for bait, sport, or as ornamentals, and may have recreational or economic value.





### **Watchlist: Asian Carp**

• Grass Carp – (high probability for intro/establishment, high potential Env. impact)

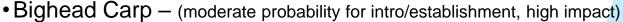


-In 2012, 4 juvenile grass carp were captured in the Sandusky River (Kocovsky et al., 2013). Analysis confirmed that the individuals were diploid and were most likely spawned in the Sandusky River. However, it's currently inconclusive whether there are self sustaining, naturally reproducing populations of Grass Carp in Lake Erie and its tributaries.

• Silver Carp — (moderate probability for intro/establishment, high impact)



 captured below T.J. O'Brien Lock and Dam on 6/22/2017 above USACE barrier



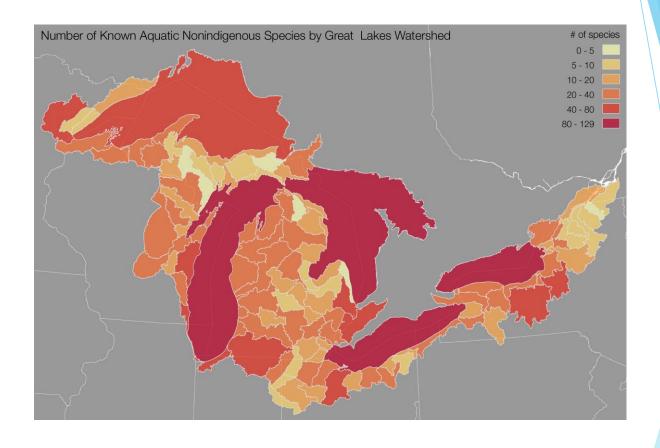


-Several pulled from the Chicago lagoons and ponds 2003, 2008, 2010, 2011 – but no evidence of reproduction. Nearest reproducing population is the Dresden Island Pool (well below the electric barrier)



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### Distribution of Invasive Species By Watershed



[Not every species is in every watershed]

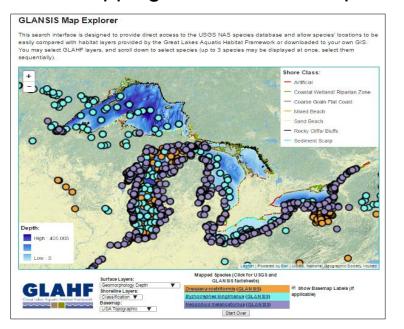


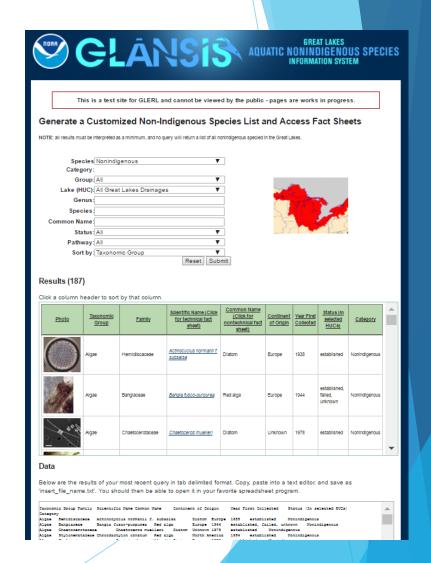
### List generator

Species profiles and customized lists

**GLANSIS Highlights** 

- Search by species, taxonomic group, basin, pathway, and status
- Map explorer
  - Quick mapping for "hot button" species







### **Next Steps**



- Risk assessment clearinghouse
  - Hosting both in-house (TM-169) and external partners' risk assessments and reports
  - Contents include:
    - Probabilities and confidence levels of introduction and establishment in the Great Lakes for a given species
    - Environmental, socioeconomic, and beneficial impacts
- Habitat Mapping



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