



Aquatic Invasive Species Program

PROTECT THE THINGS YOU LOVE

Photo: Gliding through summer vibes and mirrored reflections on the lake. Photo Credit: MAFWA

**When aquatic invaders threaten our waters,
we don't hesitate—we act**



In just 2023 and 2024, we **invested \$4.9 million** in early detection and rapid response efforts to keep our aquatic ecosystems healthy, our economy strong, and our way of life intact.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

THE HIGH COST OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic invasive species aren't just an environmental problem—they are an economic disaster




\$15.11 BILLION

The price tag of aquatic and semi-aquatic biological invasions since 1960



\$5 BILLION

The cost of zebra mussels in just the first decade after their arrival



Invasive fish, aquatic plants, and mussels **displace** native wildlife, **disrupt** American industries, and **threaten** the waters we rely on for work and recreation