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**Invasive Species Answer Key**

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1. What is an invasive species?

An invasive species is a plant, animal or other organism introduced to an area outside of its native range.

1. How do invasive species impact the ecosystem?

They directly impact the ecosystem by preying on native species, outcompeting native species for food and other resources, causing or carrying disease, and preventing native species from reproducing or killing native species’ young.

1. Match the invasive species to how it was introduced -

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| **A** Eurasian Watermilfoil  **C** Brazilian Elodea  **B&D** Spartina Cordgrass  **E** European Green Crab  **A** New Zealand Mud Snail  \_**G** Bullfrog | 1. Watercrafts and other recreation equipment 2. Used as packaging material 3. People dumping aquariums 4. In shipment of oysters 5. Cargo ships ballast water 6. People looking for a new food sources 7. People releasing pets and science experiments |

1. What are some ways you can help slow the spread of invasive species? **Clean, drain, dry all aquatic equipment, gear, and recreational vehicles. Don’t let pets or other non-native animals and plants loose into the wild.**

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