

You found an invasive species, now what?

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You see a plant or creature that seems out of place...

Do you know what it is?

No, but I want to report it now

Use iNaturalist to submit photos without species ID.

No, and I want to find out

Do you already have an ID app?

I'll download one now

Try Google Lens, iNaturalist, or Picture This (for plants). Download the MISIN app, too!

I'll get one later

Yes

Got it

Take a photo through the app. Try to confirm the app results with a Google search.

Found it!

Take some pictures.

Tip: Use a hand, paddle, coin, or other object for scale.

All set

Report it!
Use the MISIN or iNaturalist app.

Tip: Reporting via MISIN will trigger the fastest response.

Tip: Note your location. Some phones, apps, or smartwatches can provide coordinates or a save a geotag. If you don't have coordinates, use landmarks like boat launches, road crossings, or power plants.

Done!

Remember to clean your boat and gear using MI Paddle Stewards best practices.

To get management insights for some key species, visit www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report and check for contact information.

Tip: Some invasive species are already common enough that they may not trigger a management response (e.g., Eurasian milfoil, rusty crayfish, Phragmites in southeast MI, etc).

But reports still provide important data that can inform long-term research and management priorities.

What's next?

If you found an aquatic plant, follow the next chart for potential next steps. Scan this QR code for easy access.

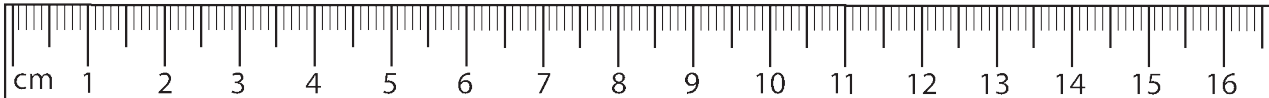




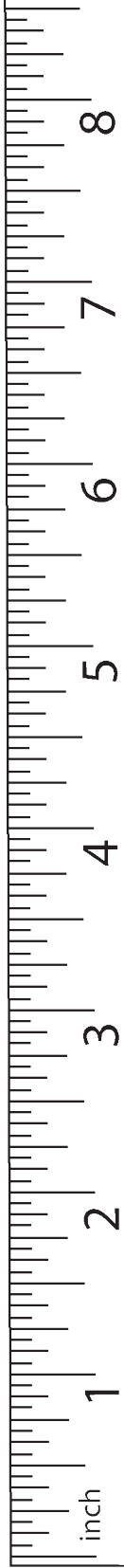
When taking pictures of invasive species or other objects, use these rulers to provide a sense of scale.

Place smaller objects on the white background between the rulers, or snap a photo while holding the rulers next to larger objects.

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