



HAVE YOU

SEEN THIS PLANT?



Trapa natans

WATER CHESTNUT

Please help us keep this dangerous aquatic plant out of the lower Connecticut River.

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Water Chestnut

- Infestations limit boating, fishing, swimming and other recreational activities
- Cost of Lake Champlain Water Chestnut Management 1982-2001: \$4,316,886
- Grows rapidly in any freshwater setting - from intertidal waters to 12 feet deep
- Forms dense floating mats, severely limiting light - a critical element of aquatic ecosystems; Once established, can reduce oxygen levels, increasing chance of fish kills
- Fruit is a nut with four ½-inch, barbed spines that can puncture tires; Seed dormancy can be from 4 months to 12 years



Water chestnut prevents nearly all

water use where it occurs, creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and provides only marginal habitat for native fish and invertebrates.

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PLEASE LET US KNOW**

