

BANDED MYSTERYSNAIL

Invasive Species Alert!

IMPACTS OF THE BANDED MYSTERYSNAIL

Banded Mysterysnails are thought to have spread from aquarium and live food market releases. Banded Mysterysnails are a concern because they:



rapidly reproduce and spread making it difficult to eradicate them;



harm native snails by outcompeting them for habitat and food, thereby reducing their abundance;



spread disease and parasites to native snails and can kill aquatic birds or make them unable to fly;



threaten fish recruitment rates by preying on fish eggs, thereby reducing survival rates and



foul beaches following large die-offs.



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IDENTIFICATION

- ✓ Yellow to greenish brown with dark, red-brown, spiral bands.
- ✓ Spherical-shaped shell with whorls separated by deep sutures.
- ✓ Usually less than 35 mm.
- ✓ Operculum is ear-shaped, with concentric growth lines.

REPORT



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