

REEF RELIEF

List reasons for why invasive species of concern:

1. Adapts quickly to the new area
2. Reproduces quickly
3. Harms property or the economy
4. Competes with the natural wildlife of the ecosystem

Word Bank:

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Climate Change

- Higher temperatures expanding north and south
- High temperatures caused by greenhouse gases causing a global warming.
- Warmer species can now expand to northern and southern ecosystems.

Transportation Related

- Cargo shipments by air, land or sea; Aircraft, including float planes
- Ship/boat landings, dockings, or groundings (
- Ballast water/shipping
- Restoration, highway and construction projects
- Live food trade and its packing material

Intentional Release

- Release of pet species that become invasive in a new environment
- Live bait releases
- Aquarium trade/and illegal release of aquaria animals

Accidental Release

- Fishing gear and recreational equipment
- Aquatic farming
- Science lab escapes or introductions
- Escaped ornamental plants, nursery sales, or disposals
- Escaped domestic animals

