

Sansevieria trifasciata

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Liliales	Liliaceae

Common name bowstring hemp (English), African bowstring hemp (English), lengua de suegra (English), konje hemp (English), chanvre d'Afrique (French), kitelel (English, Palau), tigre (English, Guam), mother-in-law's tongue (English), langue de belle-mère (French), snakeplant (English), ngata (English), sansevieria (English), riri (English, Cook Islands), viper's bowstring hemp (English), 'alelo (English)

Synonym

Similar species

Summary

Native to tropical Africa *Sansevieria trifasciata* is now widely cultivated and naturalized. In Hawai'i, it has spread vegetatively from areas where it has been cultivated.



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Management Info

Preventative measures: A [Risk Assessment of *Sansevieria trifasciata* for the Pacific Region](#) was prepared by Dr. Curtis Daehler (UH Botany) with funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program and US Forest Service. The alien plant screening system is derived from Pheloung *et al.* (1999) with minor modifications for use in Pacific islands (Daehler *et al.* 2004). The result is a high score of 9 and a recommendation of: "Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawai'i and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawai'i and/or other parts of the world."

Principal source:

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ALIEN RANGE

[1] ANGUILLA	[2] AUSTRALIA
[1] BERMUDA	[2] BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
[1] CHRISTMAS ISLAND	[5] COOK ISLANDS
[4] ECUADOR	[1] FIJI
[12] FRENCH POLYNESIA	[1] GUAM
[2] KIRIBATI	[3] MARSHALL ISLANDS
[4] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF	[1] NAURU



GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Sansevieria trifasciata*

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| [1] NEW CALEDONIA | [1] NIUE |
| [4] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | [7] PALAU |
| [1] SAINT LUCIA | [2] SAMOA |
| [1] SOLOMON ISLANDS | [3] UNITED STATES |
| [3] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS | [1] WALLIS AND FUTUNA |

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