



GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Sansevieria hyacinthoides*

Sansevieria hyacinthoides

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Liliales	Liliaceae

Common name African bowstring hemp (English), bowstring hemp (English), iguanatail (English)

Synonym *Cordyline guineensis*, (L.) Britt.
Sansevieria metallica, Horton ex Gerome & Labroy
Sansevieria thyrsoiflora, Thunb.
Sansevieria guineensis, (L.) Willd.
Cordyline guineensis, (L.) Britton

Similar species

Summary *Sansevieria hyacinthoides* is an extremely durable, and tough rhizomatous perennial. *S. hyacinthoides* has escaped in Florida, where it is listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a Category II invasive exotic. On the Cayman Islands where it is introduced forms a dense groundcover which can inhibit native herbaceous species.



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Management Info

Preventative measures: A [Risk Assessment of *Sansevieria hyacinthoides* for Florida](#) in the USA returned a high score of 14 with a recommendation to 'reject' the plant for import. *S. hyacinthoides* have escaped in Florida, where it is listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a Category II invasive exotic.

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