

INVASIVE SPECIES

 A THREAT TO PALAU'S WETLANDS

MONKEY

Causes serious impacts on birds, mangroves, and farms, and can be aggressive toward humans. Serious problem on Angaur. Also seen in Rock Islands, Koror and Babeldaob.



RED-EARED SLIDER

A small turtle, adults 6-12 inches long. Eats native aquatic animals and plants. Invasive in Guam and the CNMI, may be present in Palau – not confirmed.



GAMBUSIA

A small fish, less than 2 inches long with gray or brown color. Very aggressive and predatory. Eats eggs of native fish, and can kill larger fish by biting fins. Not present in Palau.



TILAPIA

A small to medium-sized fish with a very high rate of reproduction. Causes degradation of water quality and native fish populations. There is one known location in a pond in Palau.



For information about any of these invasive species, please call the Bureau of Agriculture: 544-5804

MIKANIA

A very fast-growing vine with arrowhead-shaped leaves. Can cover trees and kill them. Grows in wetlands, like taro patches. Found in Peleliu, Koror, Babeldaob.



WATER HYACINTH

A small floating plant, 1-2 feet tall, that can completely cover bodies of water. An infestation in Airai was eradicated in 2009. It may be present in other locations in Palau.



ARUNDO

A very tall grass, up to 20 feet tall. Very fast growing. Found beside the Compact Road in Airai and Aimeliik, and in a few other locations. Arundo is a serious problem in many other countries.

