A Guide to the Nine Species of Caulerpa Banned in California

Caulerpa taxifolia

Caulerpa mexicana

Caulerpa racemosa

Caulerpa cupressoides

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Caulerpa sertulariodes

Caulerpa ashmeadii

Caulerpa scalpelliformis

Caulerpa verticillata

Caulerpa floridana

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Your Help is Needed!
- Never discharge aquariums or release pets/plants into the wild.
- Help spread the word about Caulerpa.
- Report observations of Caulerpa in the wild or in pet stores.
- If you find Caulerpa in the wild:
  - Note as much information as possible (location, depth, bottom type, patch size).
  - Record the location with a GPS and make a map if possible.
  - Carefully collect a small piece and press it flat in newspaper.
  - Take a photo if possible.

REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS TO:
NOAA FISHERIES
(562) 980-4043
or
CALIFORNIA DEPT OF FISH AND GAME
(858) 467-4218

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