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## Water Hyacinths



**T**here are seven species of water hyacinths and they comprise the genus *Eichhornia* of free-floating perennial aquatic plants. They have broad, thick and glossy ovate leaves and they can grow up to one metre tall. The plant support itself above water by its long, spongy and bulbous stalks.

The erect stalks usually support the flowers. The flowers are usually attractive with colours ranging from lavender to pinkish and purplish colours.

It is one of the fastest growing plants known and will reproduce by way of runners and eventually forming daughter plants.

They may also reproduce via seeds. The common water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) is a vigorous grower known to double its population in two weeks.

Water Hyacinths have been widely introduced throughout North America, Asia, Australia and Africa.

In Sabah Water Hyacinth is a bane to paddy planters especially those who need the waterways to irrigate their fields. The plants will choke the waterways and practically stem the flow of water into the field.

Once the plant starts to invade the waterways, it will also go into the fields. When this happen paddy planters will have a tough time uprooting them and throwing them away.

If not controlled, water hyacinth will cover lakes and ponds entirely and block other plants. Fish are also threatened by this encompassing invader.

The bulbous stems however are a blessing to pig farmers. This is because this plant can be used as pig feed and in some countries, uses are being found for the abundant plants, for cattle food

On the flip side, the plants also create a prime habitat for mosquitoes. But you can still point the hyacinth flowers out to your tourists.

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Venue: Tuaran

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Venue: Esplanade Sidek, Kudat

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