

Furcraea foetida

MAURITIUS HEMP

Agavaceae

Common Synonyms: *Agave foetida*, *Furcraea gigantea*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

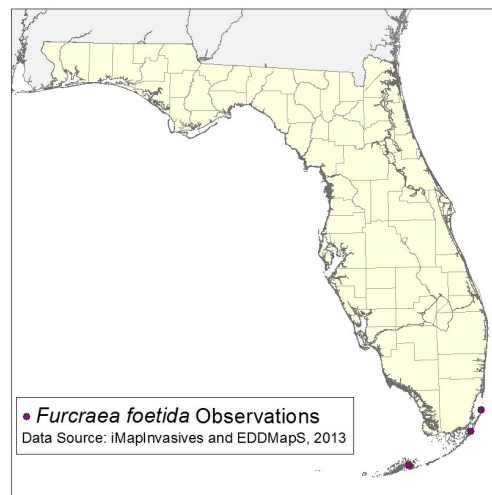
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	PROHIBITED
South	PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: 8a - 11

Growth Habit: Shrub

Origin: Greater Antilles, Guadeloupe to northern South America to Brazil



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Description: Robust shrub with basal rosette of stiff leaves to 3.5 m in diameter with a woody flowering stalk to 10 m in height. Leaves linear-lanceolate, fleshy, with marginal spines. Flowers on terminal panicles, white, fragrant, 2.5-3.3 cm long.

Habitat: Dry, disturbed sites, coastal uplands, rockland hammock, scrub

Comments: Only outside of cultivation in Dade Co, mainly in areas of old plantings. Forms mono-specific thickets in HI. IFAS assessment indicates high risk.

Florida Introduction Date: specimen vouchered in 1979

Control Methods:

Chemical: Foliar (2,4-D or triclopyr amine, Motooka et al.)

Note: This species is tolerant of foliar applications of glyphosate, hexazinone, and triclopyr amine mixed with water and to soil applications of hexazinone Motooka et al).

Useful Resources:

Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Mauritius Hemp, Mediterranean hemp, malagache Aloe, *Furcraea foetida*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/56095/>. Accessed on December 9, 2013.

Motooka, P., L. Castro, D. Nelson, G. Nagai, and L. Ching. 2003. Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas; An identification and Management Guide. College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

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