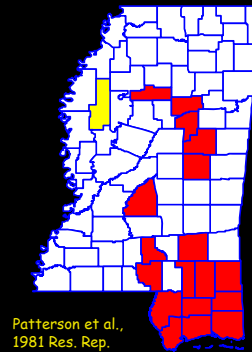


cogongrass

- Introduced into North America ~ 1912?; Mississippi, Alabama, Florida Experiment Stations ~ 1920's
- Rhizome producing perennial
- Invades low management sites
- Allelopathic
- Forms monotypic stands
- Difficult-to-control, selectively

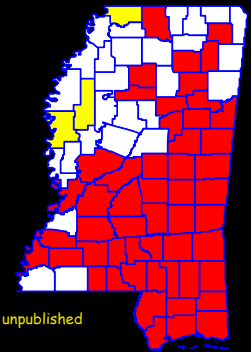
Counties infested with cogongrass

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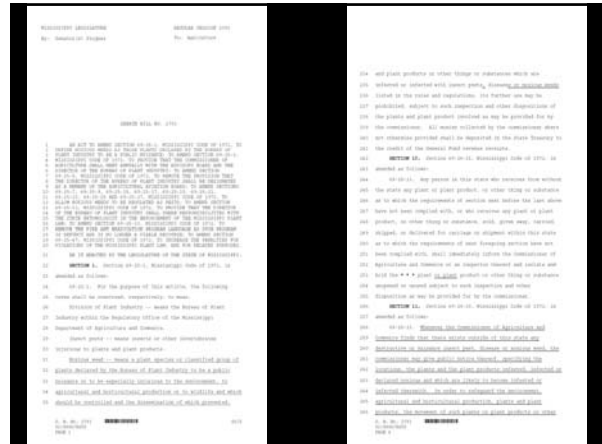


Mississippi Cogongrass Taskforce

- Continue to inform Mississippi residents of the potential threats from cogongrass.
- Organize a coordinated state-wide effort to control and or eradicate cogongrass in Mississippi.
- Secure funding for private landowners and public agencies to combat cogongrass.
- Support on-going research via MSU and USDA in the appropriate fashion and promote additional research.

Cogongrass Taskforce

- MOU between state and federal agencies and private stakeholders organized by MDAC supporting research, education, and treatment.
- \$750,000 appropriated '03 – '05 to MDAC
- Cost share through MS Forestry Commission, FSA, NRCS



Mississippi Noxious Weeds

Cogongrass/Brazilian satintail
 Tropical soda apple
 Giant salvinia
 Itchgrass
 Hydrilla
 Kudzu
 Chinese tallow tree

Mississippi Invasive Species Alliance

- Formed partnership with USGS to organize early detection and rapid response system and conduct research, outreach and education on invasive species in mid-South states (Mid-South Invasive Species Alliance).
- Focus on invasive species in natural areas (initial priorities aquatic and terrestrial plants and cactus moth).

Invasive Species Alliance

- Mid-South States AL, AR, LA, MS, TN
 - Technical Steering Committee (exclusive)
 - Advisory Committee (not exclusive)
 - Executive Council (exclusive)
- Key members will form Mid-South Invasive Species Alliance



Cogongrass potential range

