



# Aquatic Nuisance Species Program

## Illegal Aquatic Plants

---

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources  
2730 Fish Hatchery Road • West Columbia, SC 29172  
Phone (803) 755-2836 Fax (803) 755-0617

### Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*)

Water chestnut is an emersed or floating plant. The lower leaves are submersed, sessile, alternate, and cleft. The upper floating leaves are diamond shaped with distinct teeth along the leaf margins. The flower of water chestnut has 4 white petals with 4 green sepals. The fruit is a nut enclosed in a thorny calyx with 4 sharp spines.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR JUST NEED MORE INFORMATION OUR INTERNET ADDRESS IS:

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/envaff/aquatic/>

Email: [pagec@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:pagec@dnr.sc.gov) or call or write to the address at the top of the page