What's the Harm About Asian Carp?

Learning the facts about Asian Carp and why it is harmful to the Great Lakes ecosystem. Asian Carp is a category of fish native to China that has been introduced to other areas as a food source. There are 12 different types of Asian Carp, and scientists are unsure about how many of these are present in the Great Lakes.

The Four Common Types of Asian Carp:
- Silver Carp
- Black Carp
- Common Carp
- Grass Carp

Silver Carp
- The largest of the Asian Carp species
- Their presence could cause serious harm to ecosystems

Black Carp
- Medium-sized carp
- Known for their strong swimming abilities

Common Carp
- Smaller than Silver Carp
- Widely distributed in freshwater systems

Grass Carp
- Known for their preference for grasses in their diet

Here Asian Carp Invaded The Great Lakes?

The map illustrates the spread of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. The most common species are the Silver Carp and Grass Carp, which have been introduced to the Great Lakes through aquaculture operations and the disposal of fish feed.

Asian Carp Fact Sheet

- Size: Up to 6 feet long and 200 pounds
- Diet: Invasive species such as zebra mussels
- Impact: Potential damage to the Great Lakes ecosystem

The Harm Asian Carp Can Cause

- Competition with native species
- Ecological imbalance

FAQ

Is the Asian Carp "Terrorist" frequently discussed in the general populous?

Asian Carp is often referred to as the "Terrorist" due to its potential impact on the Great Lakes ecosystem, but the term is not widely used in everyday conversation.

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