

# PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES



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## **DON'T RELEASE EXOTIC SPECIES INCLUDING PETS OR PLANTS**

Releasing non-native or exotic animals and aquarium plants into the environment causes harmful consequences to native fish, wildlife and flora populations by competing for food and habitat, spreading disease and enabling genetic contamination. Also state law prohibits releases of non-native species. Be environmentally responsible and contact the Maryland Association of Pet Industries at [www.mdapi.com](http://www.mdapi.com) for information on re-homing exotic species.

Illustrations of the marine toad, monk parakeet, and northern snakehead provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Deborah C. Kennedy.

