



SNAKEHEAD FISH

What To Do If You See a Snakehead Fish

- DO NOT put it back in the water.
- Kill it, freeze it (double bag) and make note of exact location of capture.
- Notify your installation's natural resources manager.
- Take caution! – When leaving any body of water, thoroughly clean and dry all equipment to prevent the spread of eggs.

PREVENTION

For more information, please visit:
www.afpmb.org or
<https://www.dodlegacy.org>



Keep America Free of Snakehead Fish

The snakehead fish was introduced to the U.S. through aquarium owner release and the live food fish trade. Native to China, Korea and Russia, the snakehead fish is a voracious predator of other fish, crustaceans and reptiles. Their predatory behavior and rapid reproductive cycle can drastically disrupt the balance of an ecosystem.

Snakehead fish are characterized by:

- Long dorsal and anal fins with truncated tail; canine-like teeth; dark, irregular blotches along their sides.
- Up to 40 inches long.
- Infests bodies of water with mud and aquatic vegetation.

