

## *Sansevieria trifasciata*

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Liliales	Liliaceae

**Common name** bowstring hemp (English), African bowstring hemp (English), lengua de suegra (English), konje hemp (English), chanvre d'Afrique (French), kitelel (English, Palau), tigre (English, Guam), mother-in-law's tongue (English), langue de belle-mère (French), snakeplant (English), ngata (English), sansevieria (English), riri (English, Cook Islands), viper's bowstring hemp (English), 'alelo (English)

### Synonym

### Similar species

### Summary

Native to tropical Africa *Sansevieria trifasciata* is now widely cultivated and naturalized. In Hawai'i, it has spread vegetatively from areas where it has been cultivated.



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### Management Info

Preventative measures: A [Risk Assessment of \*Sansevieria trifasciata\* for the Pacific Region](#) was prepared by Dr. Curtis Daehler (UH Botany) with funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program and US Forest Service. The alien plant screening system is derived from Pheloung *et al.* (1999) with minor modifications for use in Pacific islands (Daehler *et al.* 2004). The result is a high score of 9 and a recommendation of: "Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawai'i and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawai'i and/or other parts of the world."

### Principal source:

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### ALIEN RANGE

[1] ANGUILLA	[2] AUSTRALIA
[1] BERMUDA	[2] BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
[1] CHRISTMAS ISLAND	[5] COOK ISLANDS
[4] ECUADOR	[1] FIJI
[12] FRENCH POLYNESIA	[1] GUAM
[2] KIRIBATI	[3] MARSHALL ISLANDS
[4] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF	[1] NAURU



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FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Sansevieria trifasciata*

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[1] NEW CALEDONIA	[1] NIUE
[4] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	[7] PALAU
[1] SAINT LUCIA	[2] SAMOA
[1] SOLOMON ISLANDS	[3] UNITED STATES
[3] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	[1] WALLIS AND FUTUNA

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