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First Report of *Monochoria vaginalis* in Iran

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Monochoria vaginalis is a broadleaf weed disseminated in Asia, Africa and Ocenia. Samples of this weed were collected and identified from Amlash surroundings of Rudsar and was confirmed by Plant Pests and Diseases Research Institute, Botany Department. The plant is not only as a weed for rice fields but it is a new species for flora of Iran, and is the first species of pontederiaceae that is reported from Iran.

At present this weed is spread over nearly 500 ha. and it is the main noxious weed in that area .

It is not exactly known whether this weed is indigenous or exotic. So investigation is carrying out to distinguish its origin.

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