

# *Ceratophyllum demersum*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **1.08**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hydrophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **25.48**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-September**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.74**

Dispersal mode: **Epizoochory**

Dispersal distance class: **6**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Native**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Water**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **6.2**

Moisture indicator value: **11.9**

Reaction indicator value: **7.8**

Nutrient indicator value: **7.8**

Salinity indicator value: **0.3**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.6**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.6**

Disturbance severity: **0.27**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.27**

Mowing frequency: **0.05**

Grazing pressure: **0.02**

Soil disturbance: **0.02**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [NB \(POT\) Potamogetonetea](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [N1J Mediterranean and Black Sea moist and wet dune slack](#), [P3b Fresh-water small pleustophyte vegetation](#), [P3c Fresh-water large pleustophyte vegetation](#), [P3d Fresh-water submerged vegetation](#), [P3e Fresh-water nymphaeid vegetation](#)

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Dominant species of EUNIS habitats: [P3d Fresh-water submerged vegetation](#), [P3e Fresh-water nymphaeid vegetation](#)

### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Aquatic, Wetland**

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **8**