Supplementary written evidence submitted by CABI

I should have mentioned the azolla weevil in my list of current activities as it is one of the biocontrol success stories nationwide.

One aquatic weed control success story is that of the azolla weevil which arrived in the 1920s from South America, presumably as a contaminant but which is not well climatically matched to the UK winters and shorter summers. Since the early 2005 CABI has been redistributing this “ordinarily resident” specialist weevil to great local effect. As a result of many years of redistribution azolla filiculoides is no longer the serious issue it once was and its control in the UK can be considered an on-going biocontrol success.

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