

What do we know about the ecology of aquatic *Isoëtes* species? Data gaps and opportunities to improve the global protection of truly iconic plants

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