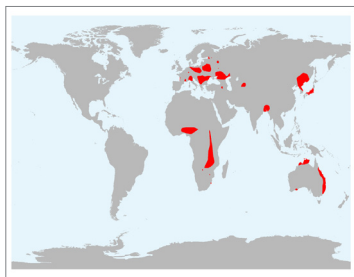




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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Waterwheel

The **Waterwheel**, *Aldrovanda vesiculosa*, is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Historically, this carnivorous aquatic plant occurred widely throughout northern and eastern Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. Today this species is known in only 50 isolated populations that are spread across its historic range.

There are various threats facing the Waterwheel including the degradation of its wetland habitat which has been driven by residential and commercial development as well as agriculture. Acidification, canalization, drainage, eutrophication, deforestation, mining, pollution, and hydrological modification are additional threats that have been identified in Europe.

The Waterwheel is protected by law in virtually all countries in which it is found, and this species is also known to occur in some protected areas. The degree of protection afforded by these areas varies from unfenced game and nature reserves to carefully monitored and well-maintained national parklands and biosphere reserves, however all provide a degree of crucial habitat security. The Shatskyi Biosphere Reserve in north-west Ukraine harbours over 50% of the global Waterwheel population.

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