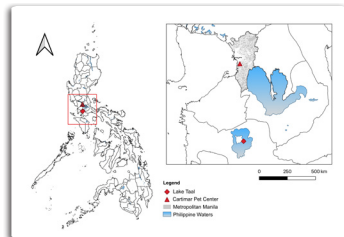


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The image shows the Philippine map locating Lake Taal in Batangas, the risk assessment (RA) area of the 25 non-native freshwater fish species collected from the Cartimar Pet Center in Pasay City. Of these 25, 11 were screened as potentially highly invasive, 13 with medium risk, and one with low risk by means of basic risk assessment. The number becomes seven as potentially highly invasive, 15 with medium risk, and three with low risk when complemented by climate change assessment. These findings highlight the need for more RAs of these exotic species that enter the country through the aquarium and aquaculture industry, as well as improved public educational campaigns and comprehensive regulatory and management policies to prevent their future invasion. To learn more, go to pages 833–841.

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