# Giant African Snail

* The Giant African Snail is one of the world’s most invasive pests.
* It is also one of Australia’s most unwanted plant pests.
* If this snail was to establish in Australia, it could impact on more than 500 plant species, ranging from fruit and vegetables, to ornamental plants and native plants.
* It is a significant threat to our valuable industries, environment, and even human health, as they can carry pathogenic bacteria and parasites.
* The adult Giant African Snail is six times larger than the common garden snail, and their shells can be up to 20 centimetres long.
* It is a hitchhiker pest that is found in imported cargo attached to shipping containers, machinery or motor vehicles.
* Giant African Snails can lay thousands of eggs per year. Eggs can also be carried into Australia on soil with imported goods.
* We have import conditions and measures at the border to manage the risk of these snails arriving in Australia.
* But importers, farmers and members of the public have a role to play too.
* Make sure you follow our conditions when importing to Australia and keep an eye out and report any potential biosecurity pests.

(TEXT AT THE END: Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)