Can you detect and destroy the Alien species?

Alien species are starting to take over along the river where you live! There have been 2 American mink, 2 clumps of Japanese knotweed, 2 patches of Himalayan balsam and 1 stretch of nasty Giant hogweed spotted.

Can you find and remove the invasive alien species? But the game is on, you need to find and remove your opponent’s invasive species before they find yours!

You will need:
- Two printed copies of the grid sheet (one sheet for each player).
- Pen/pencil

How to play:

1. On your river grid draw on your invasive species:
   - 1 stretch of Giant hogweed (5 squares)
   - 2 patches of Himalayan balsam (4 squares)
   - 2 clumps of Japanese knotweed (3 squares)
   - 2 mink (2 squares)

   The plants need to be on the land (or can be on the edge of the river in a half land/half water square).
   The mink can be on land or in the water.

   Keep your grid hidden from your opponent!

   Note:
   - Plants and mink can be vertical or horizontal (but NOT diagonal)
   - Invasive species must not touch or overlap and there must be at least one empty square between invasive species.

2. Take it in turns to survey your opponent’s grid – guess a square, have you found an invasive species?

3. If it’s a hit you must tell your opponent it’s a hit but not what it is - they need to figure that out in later surveys.

4. Mark correct guesses on your second grid with a circle and your misses with a cross - so you know where you’ve checked.

5. The first person to find all the invasive plants and all the mink is the winner.
Invasive species battleships

Mark on your river:

1 x stretch of Giant hogweed (5 squares)
2 x patches of Himalayan balsam (4 squares)

2 x clumps of Japanese knotweed (3 squares)
2 x American mink (2 squares)

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Your river

Your opponent’s river