

# Cape-pondweed

*Aponogeton distachyos*

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Invasive species native to South Africa. **Uncommon** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **fresh, stagnant** or **slow-moving** water often rich in nutrients



**Aquatic** plant with semi-persistent **floating leaves**, developing from a tuber. From 50 to 120 cm

Oval or narrow-lanceolate leaves with a colouration going from pale to dark green, with a pale distinctive central vein measuring from 5 to 30 cm



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Can form **dense mats** on the surface of the water



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The petioles and the peduncle are developed from a tuber buried in the mud

Veins arranged in marked perpendicular networks



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Forked inflorescence bearing white and vanilla-scented flowers

Tough, elongated and floating leaves, often with purple spots and with a very long petiole

## Not to be confused with

### *Potamogeton* spp. - Native

- Green to brownish flower spikes
- Oval, round or cordate leaf base. From 2 to 10 cm long
- Parallel veins



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### *Persicaria amphibia* - Native

- Pink flower spikes
- Oval or elongate leaves measuring from 5 to 15 cm



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