Rattus norvegicus
Brown rat

General
1. Weighing up to 500g; 39cm long
2. Contributed to the extinction of hundreds of species globally
3. Occurs in agricultural areas, coastland, natural forests, planted forests, range/grasslands, riparian zones, ruderal/disturbed areas, scrub/shrublands, urban areas, wetlands

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: Believed to have originated in Northeast China
2. Habitats
   - Widespread generalists, though a preference has been shown for wetlands

Invasion Pathways
1. Unintentional dispersal on sea freight
2. Natural dispersal on land or by water (capable of swimming 1km comfortably)

Sources