

## 2008-2012 NISC National Invasive Species Management Plan

**Executive Order (EO) 13112:** Invasive species<sup>1</sup> are plants, animals, or pathogens that are non-native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to harm economy, environment, or harm human health. EO 13112, issued in 1999, charged all federal departments and agencies to prevent and control invasive species and created the National Invasive Species Council (NISC).

**NISC National Management Plan:** The 2008-2015 National Invasive Species Management Plan approved on August 1, 2008 revises the 2001 National Management Plan and sets out five Strategic Goal areas:

**PREVENTION:** Prevent the introduction of invasive species.

- Screen intentionally introduced species.
- Address high risk pathways of introduction.
- Improve standards & guidelines.

**EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE:** Find and stop new invasive species.

- Enhance monitoring.
- Make taxonomic information more available.
- Develop EDRR tools.
- Enhance planning.
- Fund rapid response efforts.

**CONTROL & MANAGEMENT:** Stop the spread and minimize impacts.

- Evaluate capabilities & identify gaps.
- Reduce spread & harm.
- Develop workforce competencies.
- Enhance ecosystem recovery.

**RESTORATION:** Restore native species and habitats; rehabilitate high-value ecosystems and processes.

- Include invasive species concerns in restoration projects.
- Restore selected high-value areas.
- Restore habitats at multiple scales.

**ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATION:** Maximize effectiveness and collaboration on invasive species issues.

- Improve understanding of legal and regulatory tools.
- Expand coordination.
- Improve federal research.
- Enhance policy & regulatory processes.
- Strengthen coordination.
- Enhance outreach
- Enhance data standards and quality.

**2008 -2012 Plan Information:**

The Plan has:

- 5 Strategic Goals
- 87 Performance Elements
- 38 Agencies & Programs involved
- 138 Lead roles identified
- 407 Participant roles identified
- 209 Actions called for

<sup>1</sup> see Invasive Species Definition Clarification White Paper ([www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/council/isacdef.pdf](http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/council/isacdef.pdf))