

Organizing to Succeed Against Invasive Plants and Strategies to Take Control and Restore

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Major Types of Invasive Species....



Mullocks



Fish



Invasive
Plants



Forests

Over 3,500 PLANT SPECIES
HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED
THAT ARE FREE LIVING



Insects and Diseases



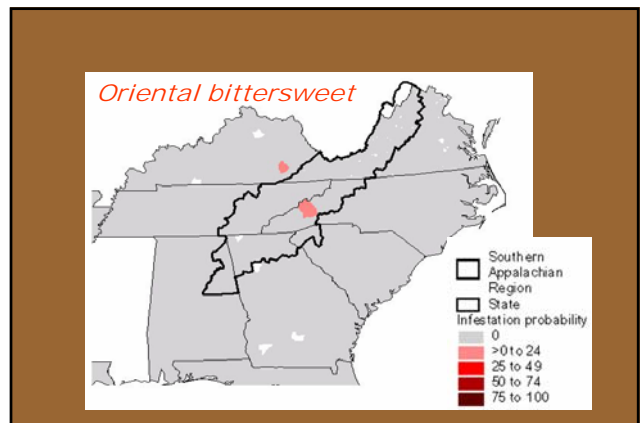
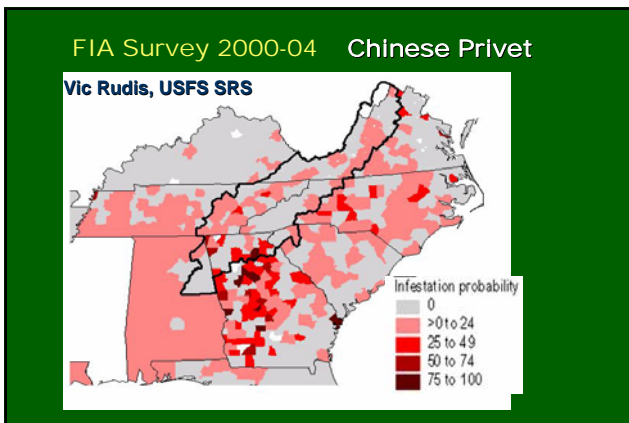
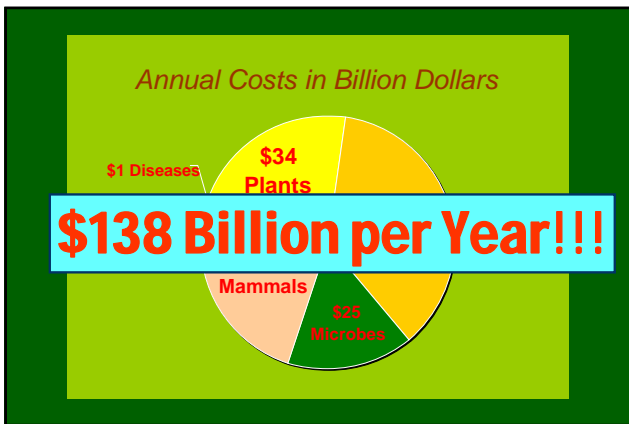
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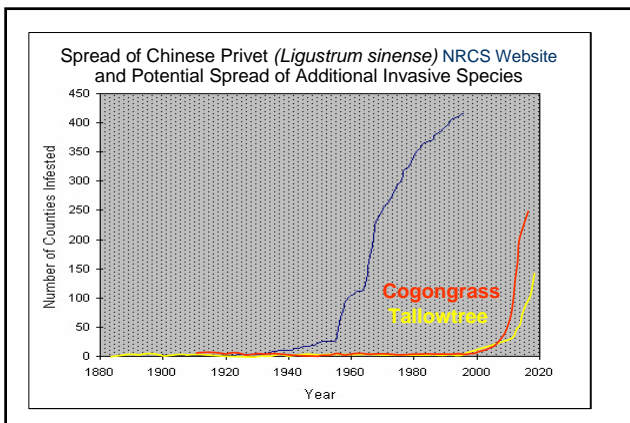
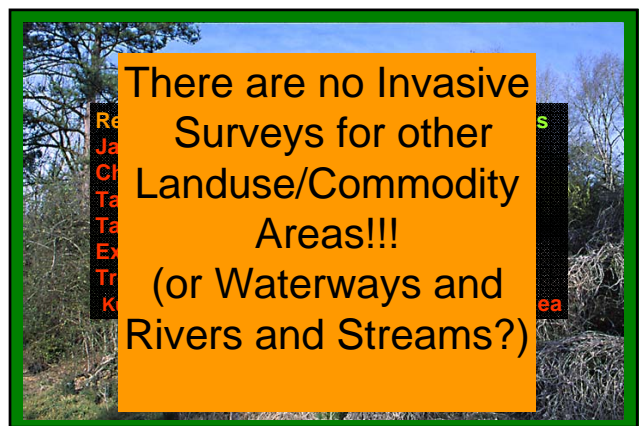
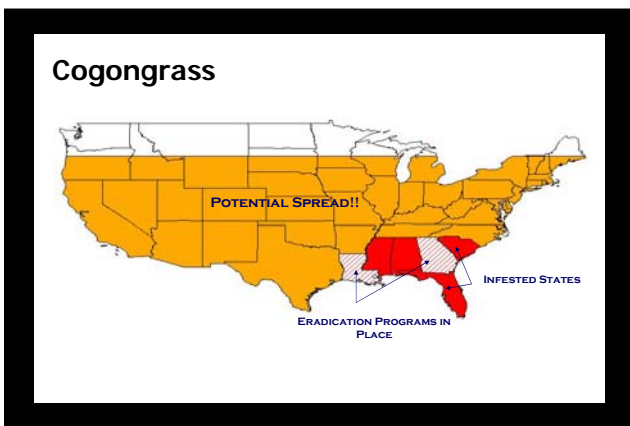
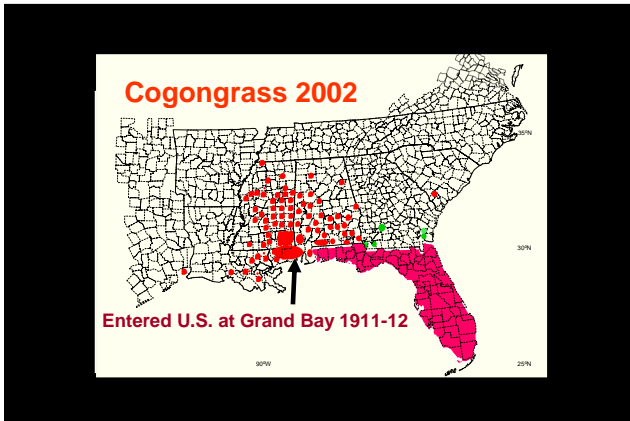


Reptiles



Rangelands





The inevitable....or not, if we choice

- What we do *or not do* in the next decade will determine the extent and severity of change forever to our current "natural" communities and production ecosystems being wrough by Alien invasive plant species

.....as well as by our destruction of soils & habitats.

We Must Have Developments in....

1. Awareness and Knowledge
2. Organization
3. Funding
4. Resolve and Commitment

Fragmented and Disturbed Landscapes with Mixed Land-use, Water-use, and Right-of-ways



Increased Awareness and Knowledge of the Problem and Solutions

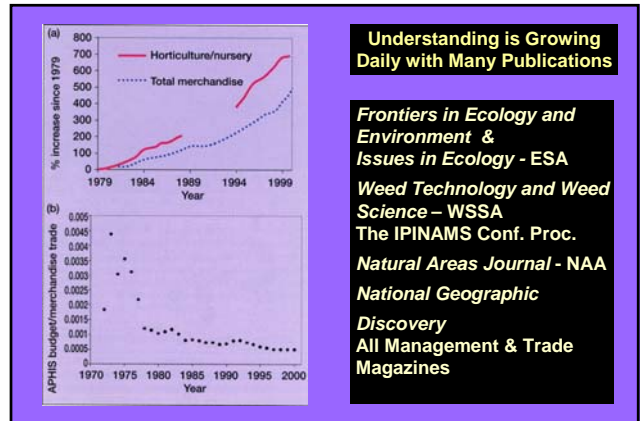
The Need for Enhanced Knowledge Networks and Connectivity

Adaptive Collaborative Restoration



Knowledge Networks

- Up-to-date Info
 - Invasive Species Categories of the Commodity group Landuse/water-
 - Detailed Identifi
 - "Real-time" Occ and Spread Pr
 - Cost-benefit/Ris
 - Control strategi and restoration
 - Service Provide Plants Sources
 - Pathway Preve
 - Ecological infor
- Recognizing We Will Always Be Operating with Incomplete Information, if we are to react in a timely and effective manner
- Individuals and State NGOs and work policies, ans; and EISs



Understanding is Growing Daily with Many Publications

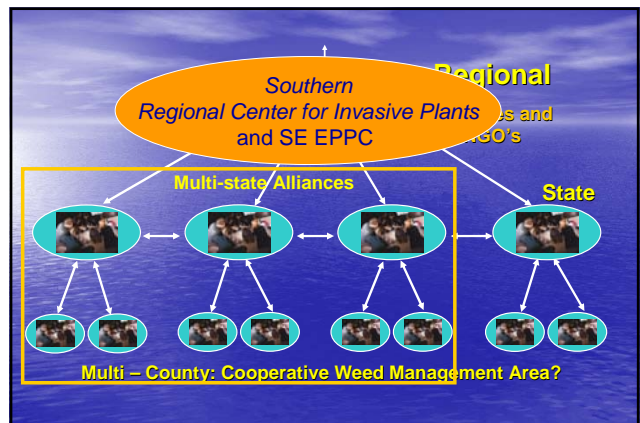
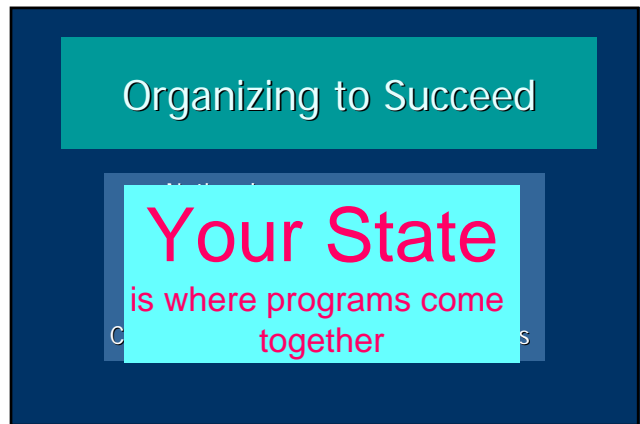
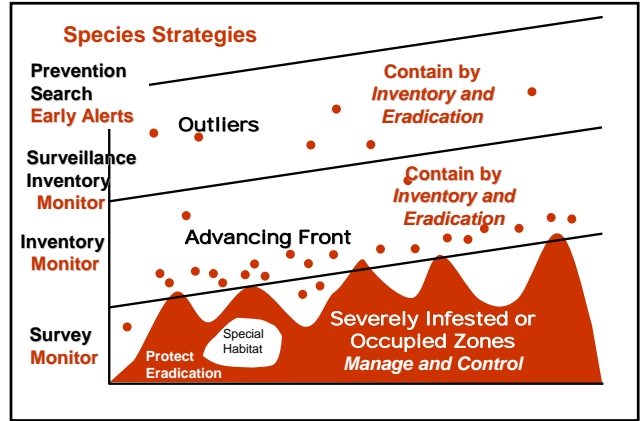
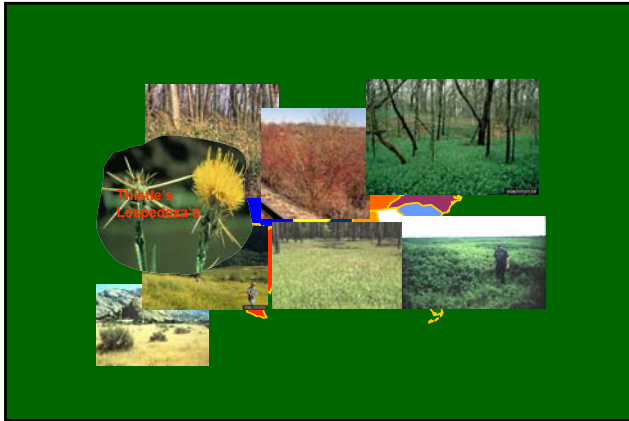
- Frontiers in Ecology and Environment & Issues in Ecology* - ESA
- Weed Technology and Weed Science* - WSSA
- The IPINAMS Conf. Proc.
- Natural Areas Journal* - NAA
- National Geographic Discovery*
- All Management & Trade Magazines

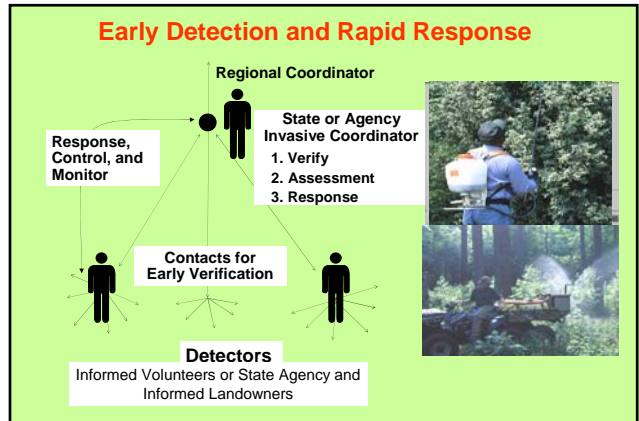
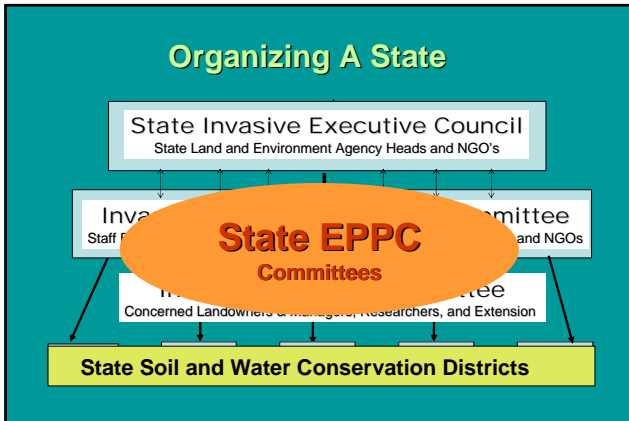
- ### LISTS Needed with Assessments for the Region and Each State
- Invasive Plants by Categories with Strategies
 - Invasive Plants produced and sold in the Trade
 - Recommended Replacement Species
 - Landscaping, gardens, and trees
 - Cutbank stabilization plantings
 - Special Habitats needing Protection by Categories of Priority

- ### TN EPPC Listing Categories
- **Rank 1 "Severe Threat"** Exotic plant species that possess characteristics of invasive species and spread easily into native plant communities and displace native vegetation; includes species that are or could become widespread in Tennessee.
 - **Rank 2 "Significant Threat"** Exotic plant species that possess characteristics of invasive species but are not presently considered to spread as easily into native plant communities as those species listed as Rank 1.
 - **Rank 3 "Lesser Threat"** Exotic plant species that spread in or near disturbed areas; and are not presently considered a threat to native plant communities.
 - **Watch List A** -- Exotic plants that naturalize and may become a problem in the future. At this time more information is needed, and there is no consensus about their status.
 - **Watch List B** -- Exotic plant species that are severe problems in surrounding states but have not been reported in Tennessee



- ### Documenting Occurrence, Treatment, and Progress
- Search and Surveillance
 - Survey – sample large area
 - Inventory- record each infestation
 - Monitor after Treatment and Document Control- Repeated Inventory





- ### Funding Funding Funding
- Presentations by Bean, Waitt and Taylor
 - Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act 2004
If appropriated, \$3 million/yr for 5 yr.
 - Farm Bill Programs
 - NRCS Environmental Quality Improvement Program
 - F&WS Wildlife Improvement Program
- Additional Funds for invasive plants will only come when we and our citizens demand them.



If you stand with these people?

STAND UP NOW

Together We Can...

- **Halt the Flood**
- **Stem the Tide**
- **Combat the invasion**
- **Counter the Bioterrorism in our Country**
- **Stand Firm and Make a Difference**
- **Give Back a Sustainable Future.**