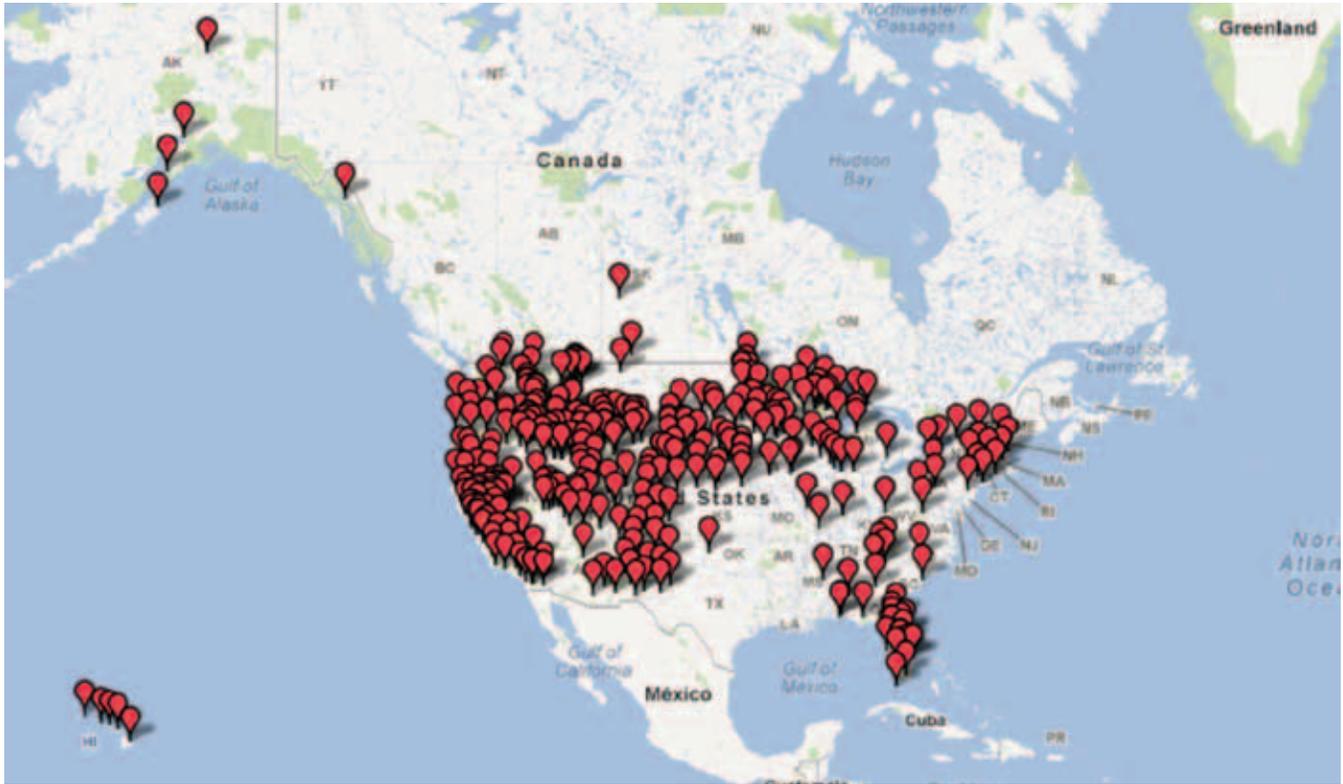


Strengthening Grassroots Partnerships: Summer 2011 Survey Results

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Points represent CWMA, CISMAs and PRISMs. Map provided by the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils (<http://www.naepcc.org/cismas.html#map>)

In summer 2011, participants from many states completed a short survey to help gather information about invasive species partnerships throughout the U.S. Partnerships included Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs), Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs) and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs). Thank you, one and all, for participating!

Results from the survey (see facing page) were used to help draft an agenda for the second Grassroots Invasive Species Forum & Webcast held on March 1, 2012 at the National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) in Washington, DC. (Visit www.nisaw.org/webcast2012.html to hear the recorded webcast.)

Partnership and cooperation between all stakeholder groups in a region—public and private, professional and volunteer, and regardless of political boundaries—is important for group sustainability and effective management of invasive species problems. In addition, working in cooperation with other groups across the nation provides a better picture of invasive species problems across the national landscape.

There are many ways to help with this effort: searching for solutions, providing reliable information, public outreach, control projects and funding are just a few of the ways you can contribute to the CWMAs/CISMAs/PRISMs or invasive species working group in your region. The National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils serves as a contact hub and can be found at www.naepcc.org.

People from many states participated in the survey. Many added their name and contact information to help us build a national listserv for CWMAs/CISMAs/PRISMs that will facilitate national communication and help local partnerships.

To be added to this list to be part of the conversation and receive information on future webinars and other events, please send your name and email address to Karan Rawlins at krawlins@uga.edu.

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