

The Florida Invasive Species Partnership

Working Together to Achieve Success

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Think Locally, Act Neighborly
Invasive exotic species know no boundaries!

How FISP Evolved

- 2001 Invasive Species Working Group
 - Federal & state agencies one strategic plan for prevention and management of all biological invasions in Florida
 - Primarily *public* lands
- 2006 Private Land Incentive Group
 - Invasive species management on *private* lands
 - *Promoted partnerships* between public land managers, resource managers and private land managers
- 2008 The Florida Invasive Species Partnership
 - Public *and* private lands
 - Maintains same partnership focus



FISP Mission

Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of preventing and controlling invasive non-native species through partnering to increase communication, coordination and use of shared resources in order to protect wildlife habitat, working agricultural and forest lands, natural communities and biodiversity in Florida.



FISP Goals

1. Encourage voluntary partnerships to increase effectiveness and decrease costs of comprehensive invasive species management;
2. Provide tools and resources that enable the development of unified approaches, bridging the gap between private landowners' and land management agency invasive species efforts; and,
3. Encourage the development, implementation and sharing of new and/or innovative approaches to address the threat of invasive species.

FISP Goal 1

1. Encourage voluntary partnerships to increase effectiveness and decrease costs of comprehensive invasive species management:

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas

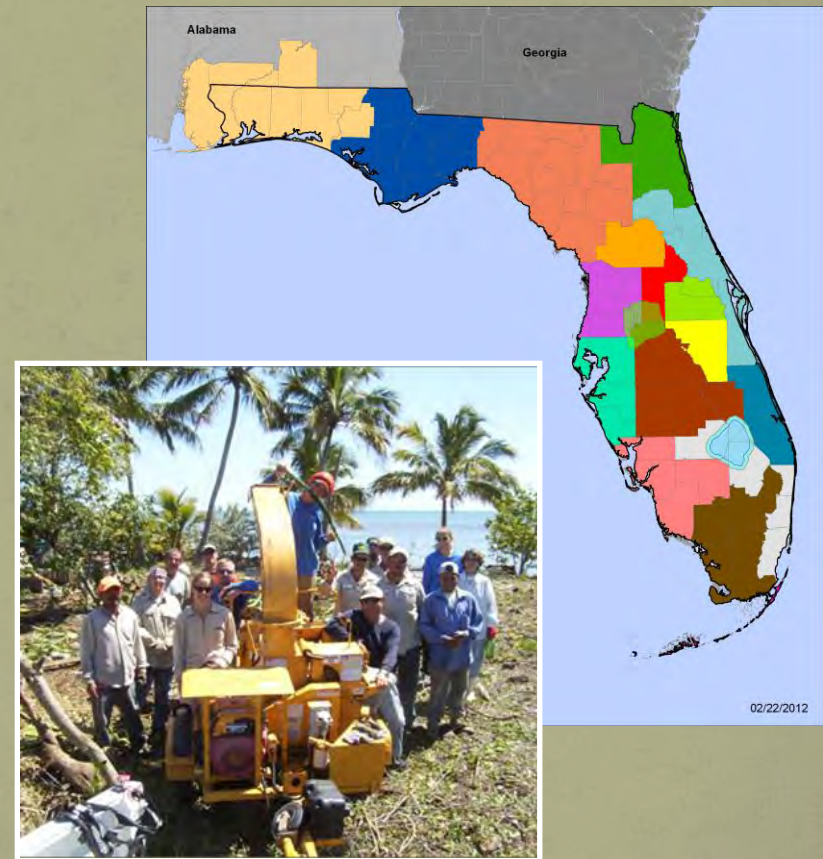
a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals and various interested groups that manage invasive species in a defined area.

Crossing Boundaries, Meeting Challenges

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas

- Improve effectiveness
 - Work across landscape
 - Share common visions
 - Build Community Awareness
- Improve management across landscape
 - Develop BMPs
 - Implement EDRR Network
 - Combine Efforts: 1+1=3
- Improve availability of resources
 - Secure and coordinate funding
 - Share and leverage limited resources
 - Reduce individual costs

97% of Florida Covered by CISMAs!



FISP Goal 2

2. Provide tools and resources that enable the development of unified approaches, bridging the gap between private landowners' and land management agency invasive species efforts:

www.FloridaInvasives.org

Landowner Assistance Database



How To ...

Report & Map Invasives

Landowner Assistance

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Florida CISMAs

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Florida Invasive Species Partnership

Invasive species know no boundaries – neither do we



Public and private land managers in Florida agree that invasive non-native species are a statewide problem with high ecological and economic costs. The [Florida Invasive Species Partnership \(FISP\)](#) is a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies along with non-government organizations, all with a

stake in managing invasive non-native species in Florida. Because species can spread beyond fence lines, our goal is to connect private landowners and public land managers with invasive species expertise and assistance programs across boundaries. All stakeholders, both public and private, can benefit from collaborative efforts to reduce the threat. FISP increases communication, coordination and the sharing of resources to protect Florida's natural landscape.

FISP:

- Encourages voluntary partnerships, such as [Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas](#)
- Provides information and contacts on [incentive programs for private landowners](#)
- Connects to [tools and resources](#)
- Enables the [reporting and mapping of invasive species](#)

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas

CISMAs are an alliance of stakeholders addressing invasive species management in geographic regions




Landowner Assistance Database

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Florida Landowner Incentive Programs

28 Records

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Invasive Species of Interest:

Cost-share Required?

☒ Yes☐ No

Management Plan Required?

☒ Yes☐ No

Program	Agency
Bradford County Invasive Plant Control Initiative	Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District
Invasive Vine Strike Force	Department of Environmental Resources Management, Palm Beach County
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Pilot Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share Program	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry
Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Cost-Share Program	Florida Division of Forestry
Landowner Assistance Program (LAP)	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)
FNPS Conservation Grant Program	Florida Native Plant Society
Environmentally Endangered Lands Covenant	Miami-Dade County (DERM)
Bring Back the Natives	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
NOAA Restoration Center Community-based Program	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Conservation Stewardship Program	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Wetlands Reserve Program	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (USDA FSA)

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (PFW)

Includes specific program information

Agency Name	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Affiliation	federal government
Web Site	http://www.fws.gov/partners/
Project Annual Funding Level	varies
Range of Funding (Landowner)	Upto \$25,000 per landowner
Criteria for funding project	Property must be within focus area, benefits habitat for listed species, and links to other conservation areas
Geographic Coverage Area	All counties in Florida
Description of Program	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is a voluntary private lands initiative developed to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners and other partners who conduct habitat restoration and improvement activities on their land.
When are landowner applications accepted?	Projects are developed year round. To initiate the application process, contact a Partners biologist.
Match Required?	Yes 50%
Target Invasive Species?	FLEPPC - Category 1 plants
Any other Requirements or Eligibility?	Improves habitat for federal listed species
Agreement Required	Yes Minimum 10 years
Permanent Contact Person	Erin P. Myers
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contacted last	2009-08-03 00:00:00.0

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FISP Goal 3

3. Encourage the development, implementation and sharing of new and/or innovative approaches to address the threat of invasive species.

FISP Resolution

Private landowner incentive programs, White Paper

FISP Resolution

The undersigned recognize that invasive, non-native species can cause considerable damage to Florida's lands and waters, including native plant and wildlife habitat, farmland, forests, water resources, and scenic vistas.

WHEREAS, the undersigned recognize that if landowners and land managers, both public and private, wish to achieve long-term success in controlling and reducing the threat of invasive, non-native species in Florida, it is critical to:

- Form collaborative relationships with all stakeholders.
- Focus on comprehensive management of invasive species, including prevention, early detection/rapid response, control, applied research and outreach.

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Florida Invasive Species Partnership, declare that it is our desire to work together to protect Florida's lands and waters by furthering the FISP goals and objectives

FISP Resolution

The undersigned partners recognize that the commitments made herein are aspirational only and do not constitute binding legal commitments to program projects or expenditures.

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Florida Dept. of Transportation
- UF- Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
- Florida Native Plant Society
- The Nature Conservancy
- National Audubon Society
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Florida Division of Forestry
- Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
- National Park Service
- Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC)
- Southwest Florida Water Management District



Private Landowner Incentive Programs for Invasive Species Management: How Effective Are We?

Issue

- Multiple incentive based programs available
- Not as effective or efficient in addressing this threat



Action

- Identify weaknesses
- Provide recommendations to strengthen the programs' effectiveness



Private Landowner Incentive Programs for Invasive Species Management: General Weaknesses

- Outreach
 - Education
 - Threat of Invasive Species
 - Available incentive programs
 - Announcements
- Funding
 - Decreasing dollars
 - Per acre cost reimbursement
 - Does not support prevention
- Long term Monitoring
 - Part of program requirements
 - Diminishing agency support (staff time and money)
- Long term Maintenance
 - Pay and go away
 - Loss of landowner involvement

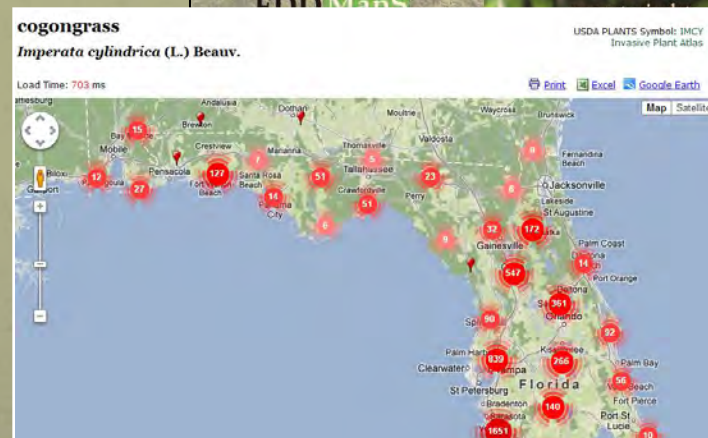
Recommendations

1. Teach them how to fish
2. Encourage ownership
3. Don't forget the stick
4. Change is good



EDDMapS: Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System

- EDDMapS for CISMAs throughout Florida
- A pocket-foldout on EDDMapS, early detection networks, Florida CISMAs
- [I've Got 1.org](http://IveGot1.org)
 - Connects to EDDMapS.org/Florida
 - Users can report sightings using EddMapS



Working Together to Achieve Success

Ingredients for long-term success:

- Multiple agencies and organizations in partnership
- Involve private landowners and interests
- Recognize differences and commonalities in missions
- Leverage conservation dollars



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Go to www.FloridaInvasives.org/CISMAs.htm to join CISMA Listserv