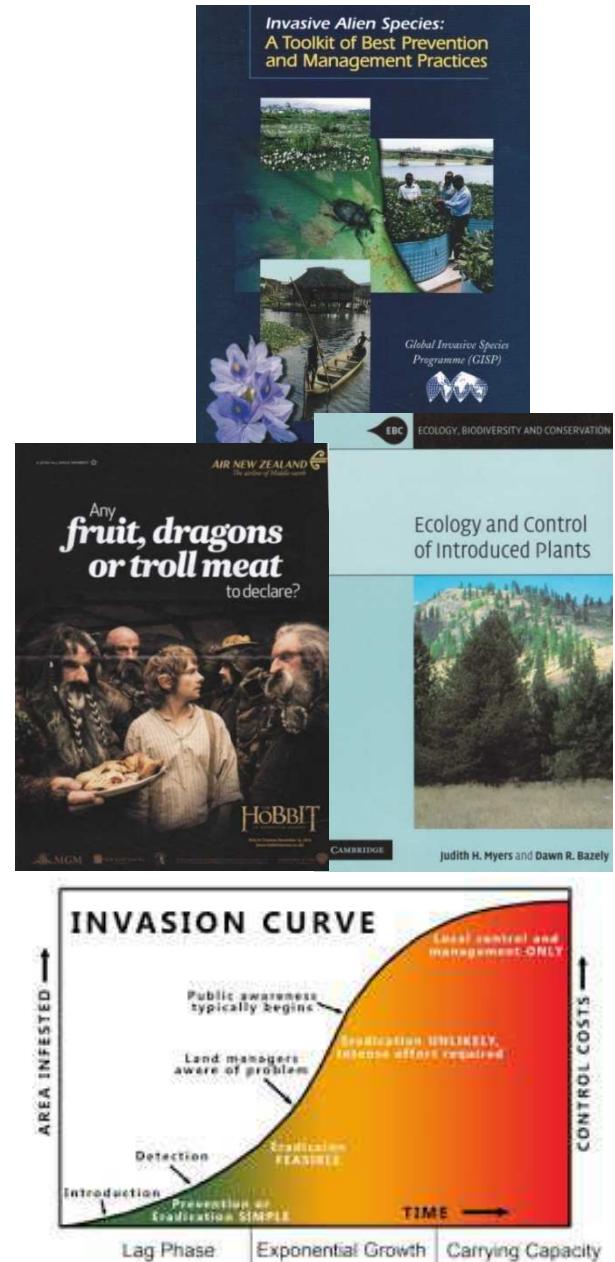


# Invasive alien species management

- Control methods (manual, mechanical, chemical, biological, IPM...) and strategies (from eradication to containment and mitigation)
- Prevention, detection & surveillance (biosecurity/quarantine measures, WRA, monitoring...)
- Legislation (laws, rules, codes of conduct, « noxious » species/« black » lists...)
- Research (biology, ecology, genetics, economy, social sciences...)
- Communication & education (public awareness, curricula, media...)



# Invasive plants vs animals control



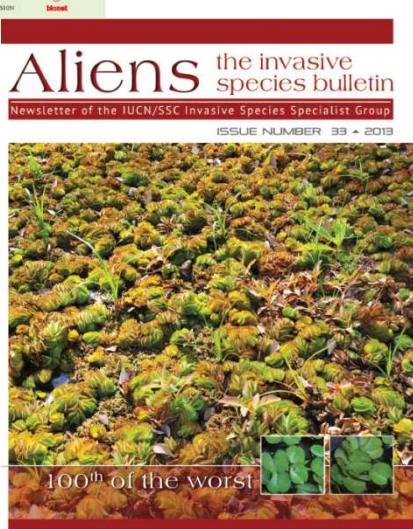
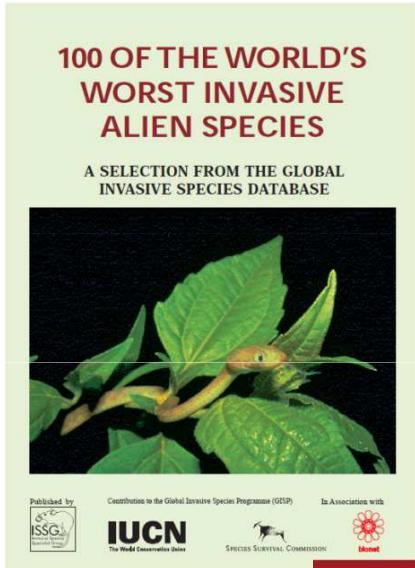
- Plants don't move!
- Plants don't think!
- Plant's don't scream!
- Plants are not furry and funny!



- Vegetative reproduction (cuttings, resprouts, bulbils ...)
  - Strong reproductive capacity (up to millions of seeds/yr)
- BUT...      ➤ Long-distance dispersal (minute seeds, spores, winged-seeds, pappus-bearing achenes...)
- High seed longevity/life span (> 10-100 yrs)
  - Beautiful and/or useful!

They represent a high proportion of IAS

**37% of aquatic and land plants**



# The cause homogenization of island biota

## Critical issues and new challenges for research and management of invasive plants in the Pacific Islands

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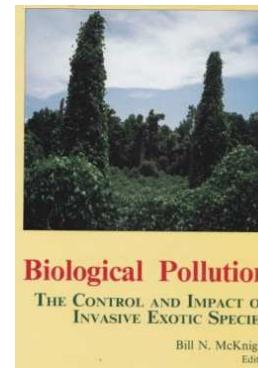


Table 1. Comparison between native and alien flora (flowering plants and ferns) in selected Pacific tropical islands (by size of terrestrial area) and number of naturalized and invasive alien plants (including dominant or major IAP).

Island or island group	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Native flora (number of indigenous species)	Alien flora (number of introduced species)	Naturalized alien plant species	Invasive alien plant species	Dominant IAP
New Caledonia	19 060	3 261 <sup>a</sup>	2 008 <sup>b</sup>	597 <sup>b</sup>	97 <sup>c</sup>	67 <sup>b</sup>
Fiji	18 270	1 622 <sup>d</sup>	977 <sup>d</sup>	461 <sup>d</sup>	107 <sup>e</sup>	30 <sup>f</sup>
Hawai'i	16 880	1 138 <sup>g</sup>	8 134 <sup>h</sup>	1 104 <sup>i</sup>	469 <sup>i</sup>	86 <sup>j</sup>
Galápagos	7 900	550 <sup>k</sup>	870 <sup>l</sup>	229 <sup>l</sup>	109 <sup>l</sup>	22 <sup>l</sup>
French Polynesia	3 519	885 <sup>m</sup>	> 1 700 <sup>n</sup>	593 <sup>n</sup>	-	57 <sup>n</sup>
Cook Is.	238	296 <sup>o</sup>	997 <sup>o</sup>	333 <sup>o</sup>	76 <sup>p</sup>	12 <sup>q</sup>
Rapa Nui (Easter Island)	166	48 <sup>r</sup>	370 <sup>s</sup>	180 <sup>s</sup>	-	36 <sup>s</sup>
Wallis et Futuna	142	351 <sup>t</sup>	338 <sup>u</sup>	151 <sup>u</sup>	-	18 <sup>u</sup>

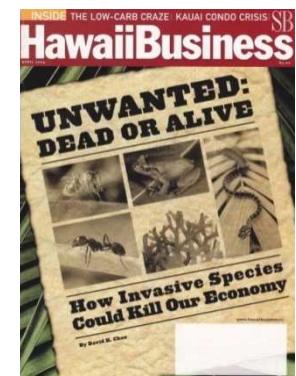
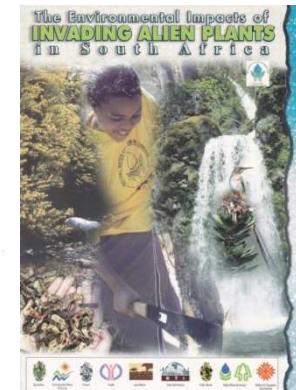
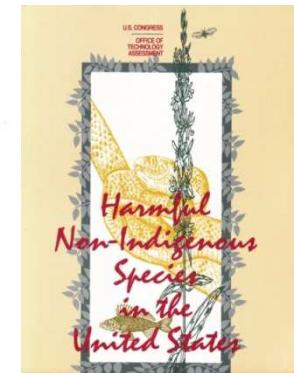
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# They cause huge economical costs

BOX  
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## INDICATIVE COSTS OF SOME INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES (COSTS IN US\$)

SPECIES	ECONOMIC VARIABLE	ECONOMIC IMPACT	REFERENCE
Introduced disease organisms	Annual cost to human, plant, animal health in USA	\$41 billion per year	Daszak et al., 2000
A sample of alien species of plants and animals	Economic costs of damage in USA	\$137 billion per year	Pimentel et al., 2000
Salt Cedar	Value of ecosystem services lost in western USA	\$7-16 billion over 55 years	Zavaleta, 2000
Knapweed and Leafy spurge	Impact on economy in three US states	\$40.5 million per year direct costs \$89 million indirect	Bangsund, 1999; Hirsch and Leitch, 1996
Zebra mussel	Damages to US and European industrial plants	Cumulative costs 1988-2000 = \$750 million to 1 billion	National Aquatic Nuisances Species Clearinghouse, 2000
Most serious invasive alien plant species	Costs 1983-92 of herbicide control in Britain	344 million/year for 12 species	Williamson, 1998
Six weed species	Costs in Australia agroecosystems	\$105 million/year	CSIRO, 1997 cited in Watkinson, Freckleton and Dowling 2000
<i>Pinus</i> , <i>Hakeas</i> , and <i>Acacia</i>	Costs on South African Floral Kingdom to restore to pristine state	\$2 billion	Turpie and Heydenrych, 2000
Water hyacinth	Costs in 7 African countries	\$20-50 million/year	Joffe-Cooke, cited in Kasulo, 2000
Rabbits	Costs in Australia	\$373 million/year (agricultural losses)	Wilson, 1995 cited in White and Newton-Cross, 2000
Varroa mite	Economic cost to beekeeping in New Zealand	\$267-602 million	Wittenberg et al., 2001



# They can transform natural ecosystems

Fire regime



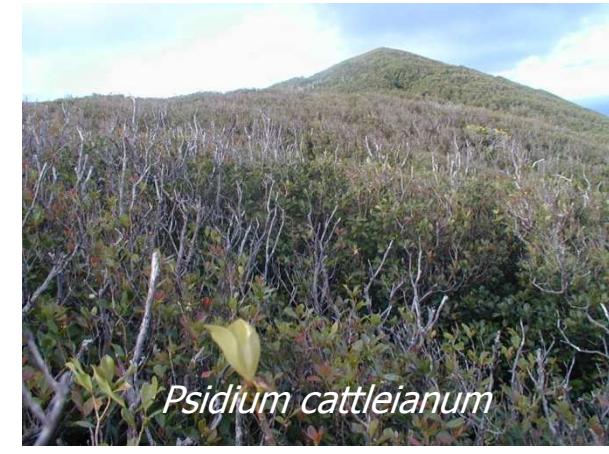
*Melinis minutiflora*

Light availability & soil erosion



*Miconia calvescens*

Light & water regime



*Psidium cattleianum*

Nutrient cycling



*Falcataria moluccana*

Plant succession



*Pinus caribaea*

Water flow & quality



*Eichhornia crassipes*

# ...and it's just the beginning!

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## SLEEPER WEEDS

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## Beautés fatales: Acanthaceae species as invasive alien plants on tropical Indo-Pacific Islands

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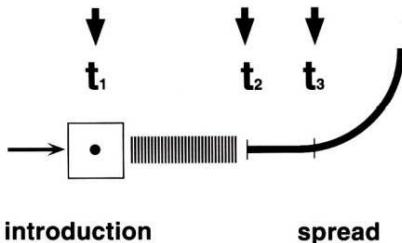


Fig. 1. The process of biological invasions including two kinds of lag phases: (a) the period between the first introduction to an area and the first spread ( $t_2-t_1$ ), (b) the period preceding the switch to a significantly higher rate of population growth ( $t_3-t_2$ ).

PALMS

Meyer et al.: Invasive Palms

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## Time Bombs in Gardens: Invasive Ornamental Palms in Tropical Islands, with Emphasis on French Polynesia (Pacific Ocean) and the Mascarenes (Indian Ocean)

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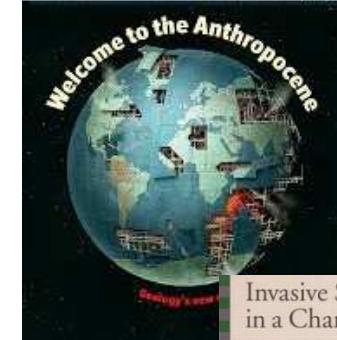
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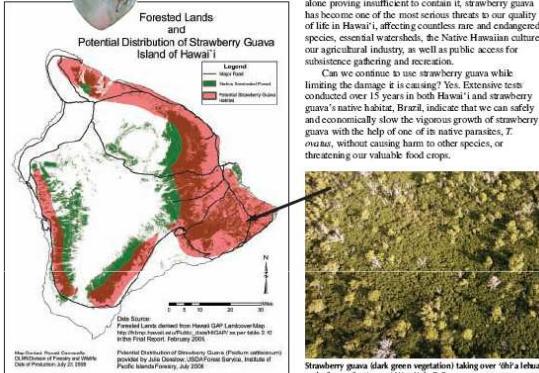


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# They are a source of conflicts...



## CALL TO ACTION



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November 7, 2017

Invasive species could be turned into renewable energy

By Ioana Tupa'i , 31 October 2017

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LA PLAINE-DES-PALMISTES DU 4 AU 6 JUIN

## Le goyavier fait la fête

*La fête des goyaviers démarre. Elle se déroulera du 4 au 6 juin sur le nouveau site du Bassin Cadet, à La Plaine-des-Palmistes. Plus de place, moins d'embouteillages et davantage d'animations.*

Fervent défenseur du goyavier, Jean-Luc Saint-Lambert faisait hier l'éloge de l'embûche de sa commune, lors d'une conférence de presse. D'abord, il présente le nouveau cadre de la manifestation qui se déroulera au Bassin Cadet, près de la saline des fibres, avec vue imprenable sur la cascade Biberon.

Ensuite, il rappelle que l'association Goyavier, cultures et traditions fait des mains et des pieds pour promouvoir une filière en perspective. Il rappelle que des stands sont consacrés sur la mise en place d'une unité de production de pulpe et de pré-transformation. « Ce fruit rapporte davantage que la canne. Une tonne de goyaviers rapporte mille euros ! » insiste le maire. Mais il ne voit pas que le volet économique puisque

c'est l'occasion pour son village d'accueillir des visiteurs de toute l'île. Il se vend des tonnes et des tonnes de fruits pendant ces journées festives qui cette année auront lieu du 4 au 6 juin.

Un plateau artistique de choix a été concocté avec la part belle aux artistes locaux encore méconnus mais qui selon les organisateurs attirent un public nouveau. Manèges, animations, stands, produits du territoire servent à l'heureux pendant les trois journées.

L'édition 2005 n'a pas entamé que déjà le maire se prend à rêver de celle de l'année prochaine qu'il verrait bien devenir « indienocéanique ». Avec une invitation de Maurice et de Madagascar.

M.L.



La fête des goyaviers : l'occasion pour le maire de promouvoir ce fruit qui représente pour lui une filière d'avenir pour son village. (Photos M.L.)

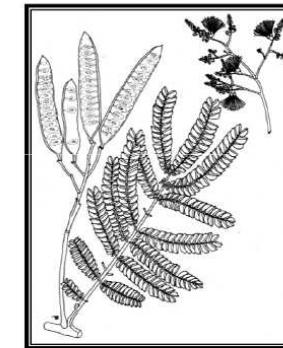


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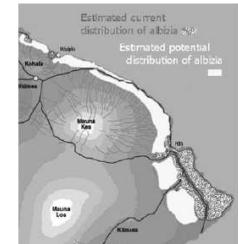
## ALBIZIA

THE TREE THAT  
ATE PUNA

November 2005



(*Falcatoria moluccana*; synonyms *Albizia*, *falcata*, *Paraserianthes falcata*)



Distribution of albizia on the island of Hawaii (above). The trees are most readily identified as those forming the "tree tunnel" near Lava Tree State Park (below).



Guidelines on Biofuel  
Invasive Species



# ...and scientific debates!

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## ARE INVASIVE SPECIES THE DRIVERS OR PASSENGERS OF CHANGE IN DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS?

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## Social perceptions of the impacts and benefits of invasive alien species: Implications for management

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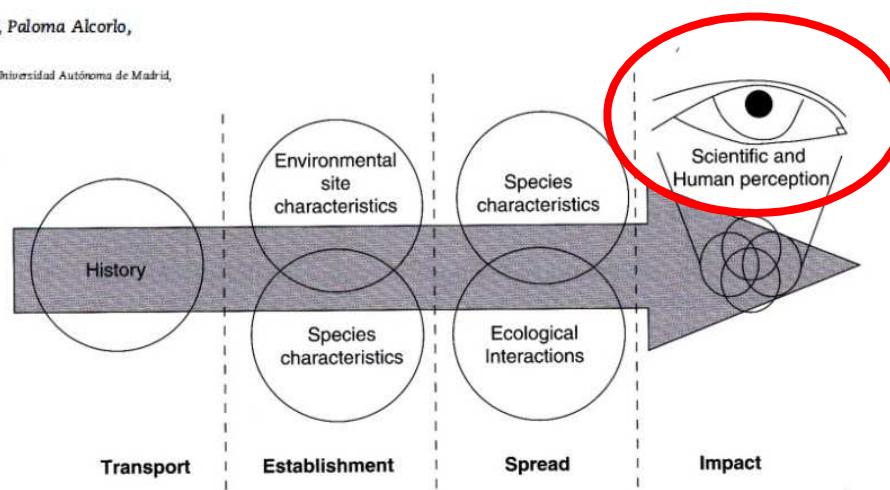
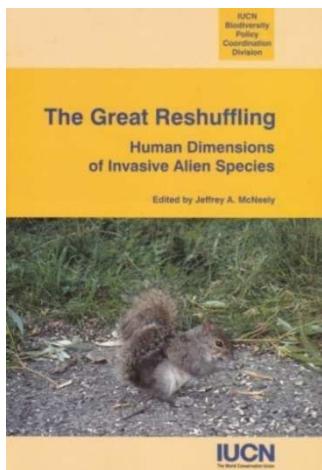
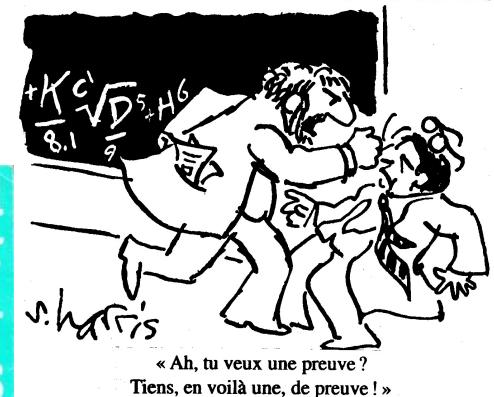
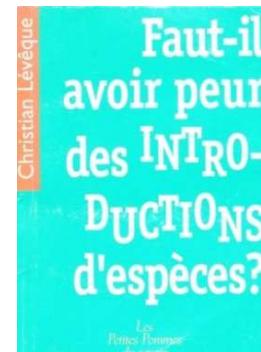


Figure 10.4 Success at each stage may depend on several types of factors, may affect subsequent stages, and will affect impact. Final impact is also dependent on our perception. This figure combines the Venn diagram of Figure 10.1 and the concepts from Equation 7.3.



## Don't judge species on their origins

Conservationists should assess organisms on environmental impact rather than on whether they are natives, argue **Mark Davis** and 18 other ecologists.

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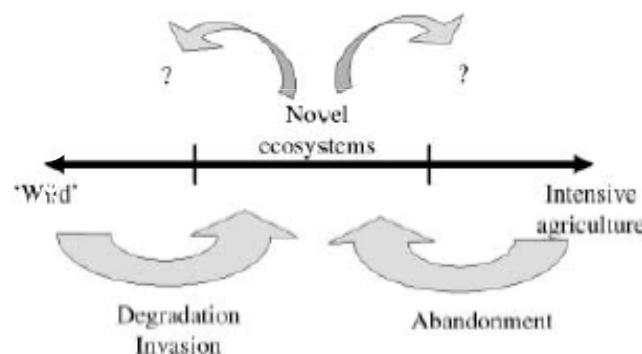
# Novel ecosystems: a new paradigm in ecology?

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## Novel ecosystems: theoretical and management aspects of the new ecological world order

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Tim Low is on a crusade to unblock our ears and 'raise the ecological IQ'  
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Review

## The Potential Conservation Value of Non-Native Species

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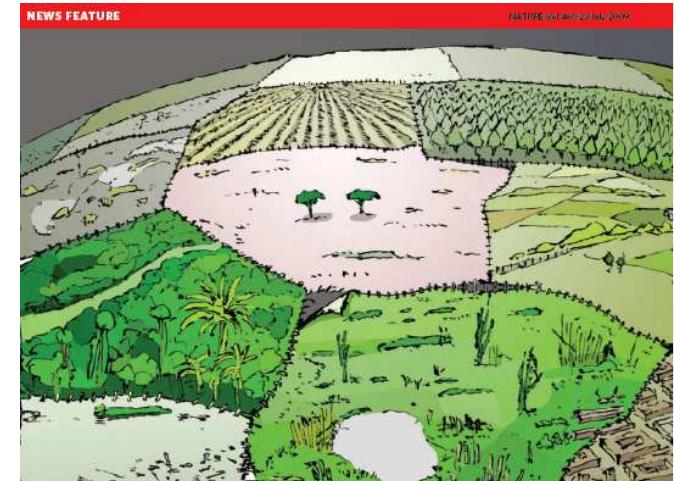
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# THE NEW NORMAL

As though working through the five stages of grief, more and more ecologists are reluctantly accepting that we live in a human-dominated world. And some are discovering that patchwork ecosystems might even rival their pristine counterparts.

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## RAGAMUFFIN EARTH

A small group of ecologists is looking beyond the pristine to study the scrubby, feral and untended. Emma Marris learns to appreciate 'novel ecosystems'.

# They are difficult to eradicate!

- Remote and inaccessible areas
- Persistent soil seed bank => Re-establishment
- Re-invasion by other weeds!

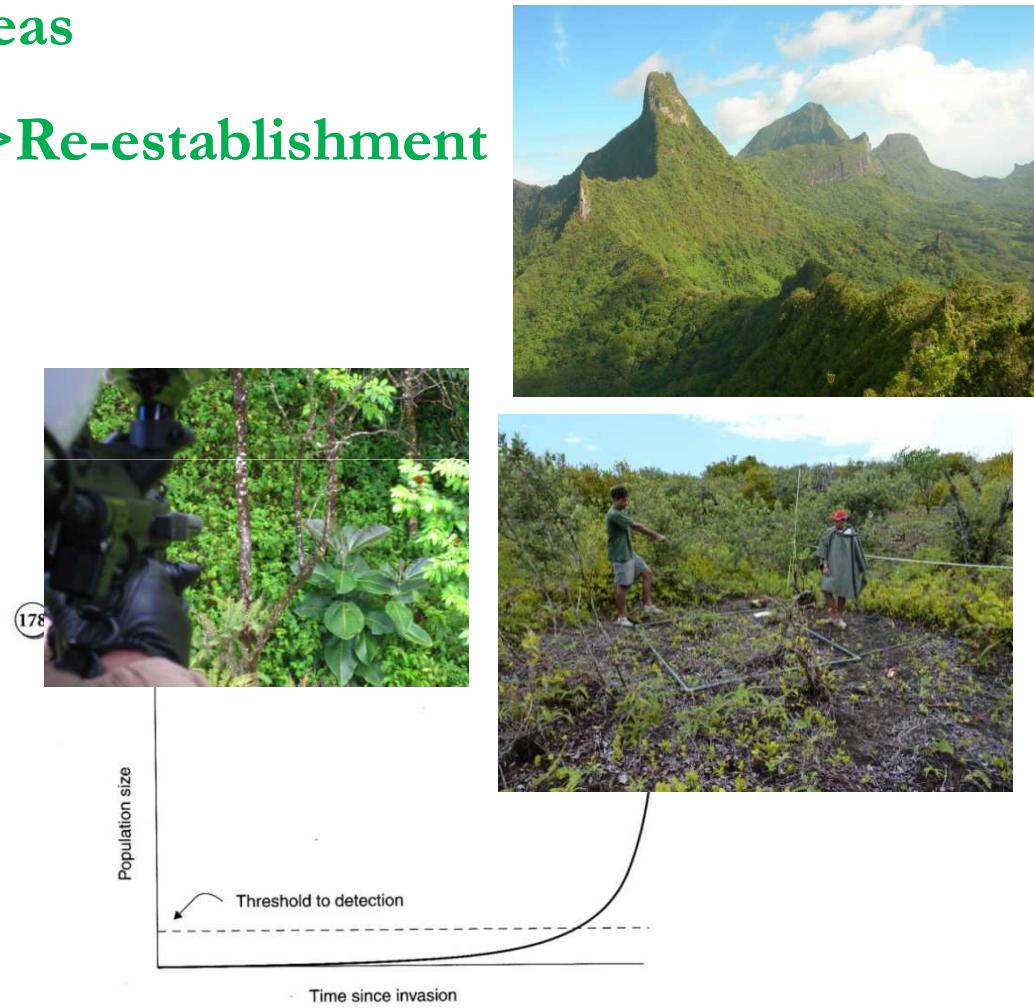
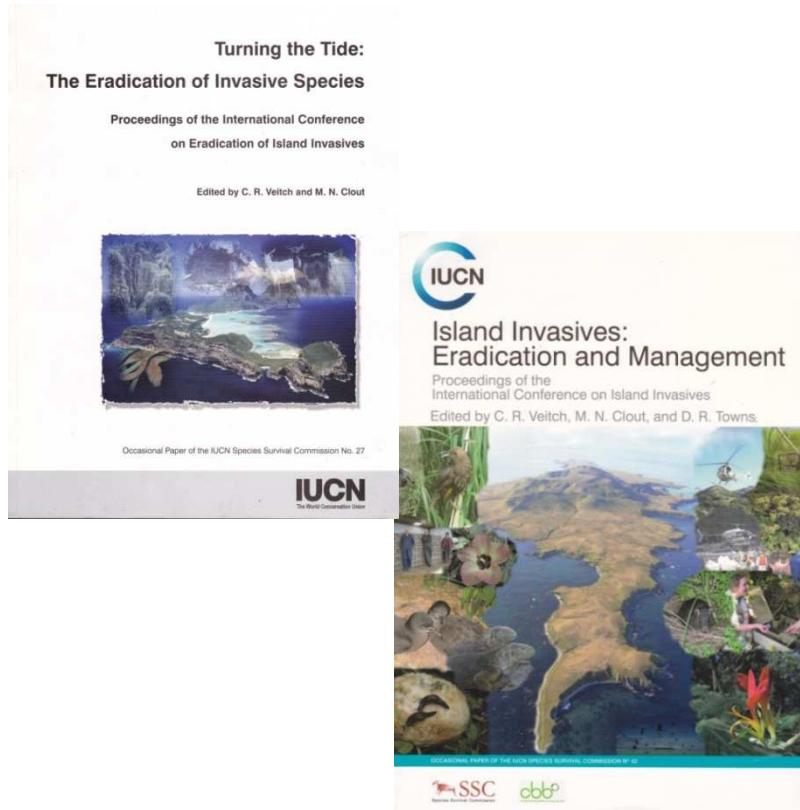
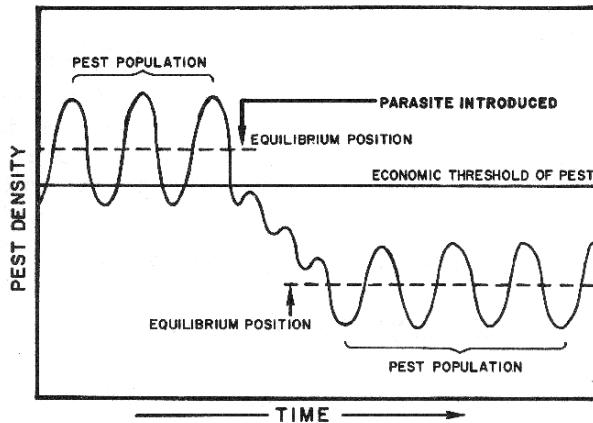


Figure 8.8 Illustration of how geometric/exponential population growth can lead to a lag time. The time between arrival and the surpassing of the detection threshold is the lag. Notice that a constant per capita rate of increase may take a long time to reach noticeable proportions (threshold population size) and then appears to explode. The dynamics are the same at all points, but the abundance of organisms makes per capita growth much more noticeable after many years.

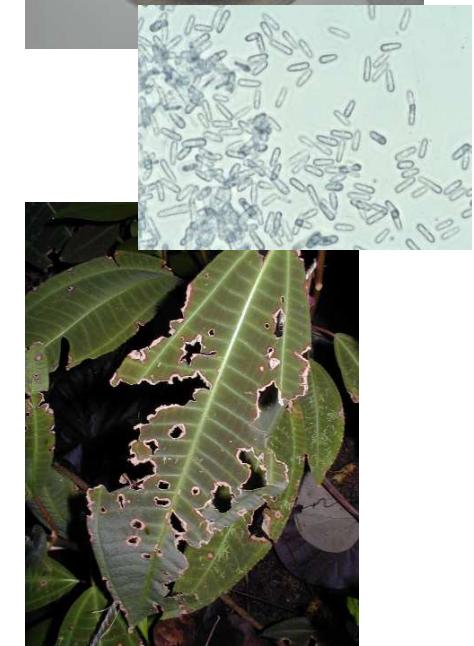
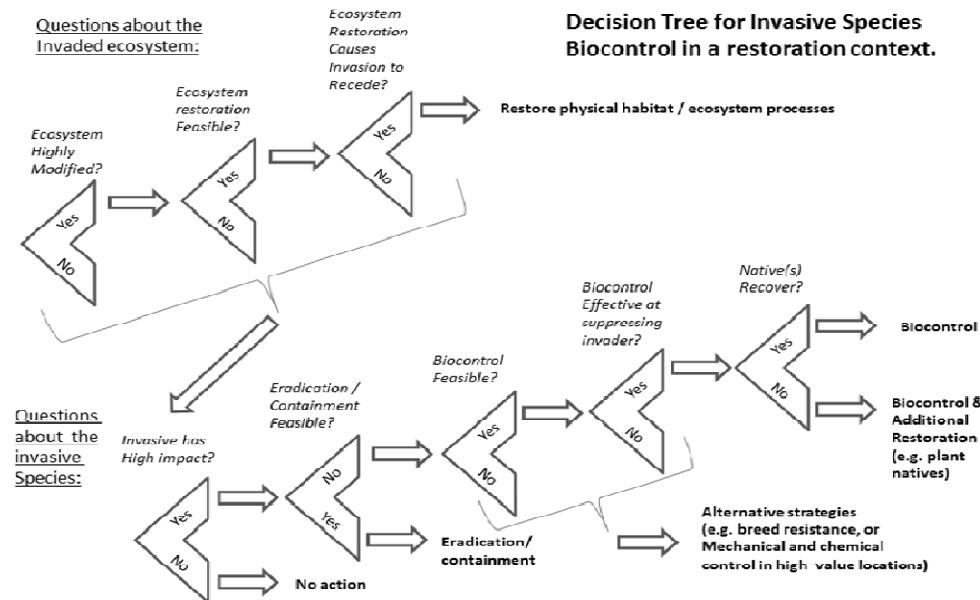
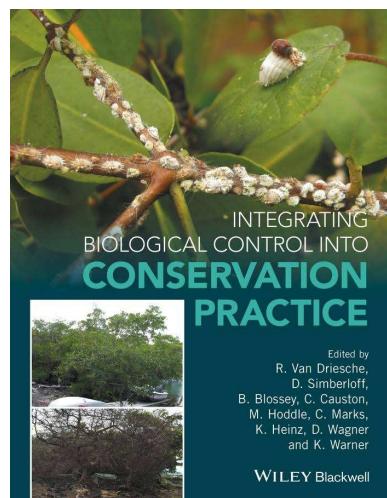
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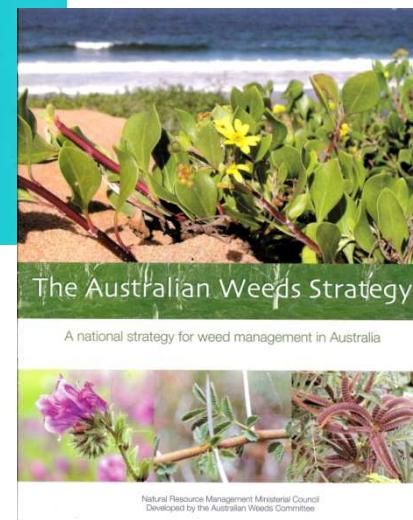
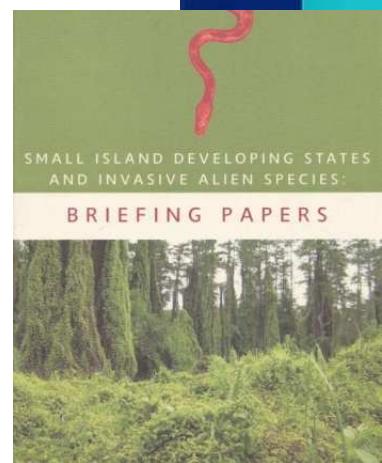
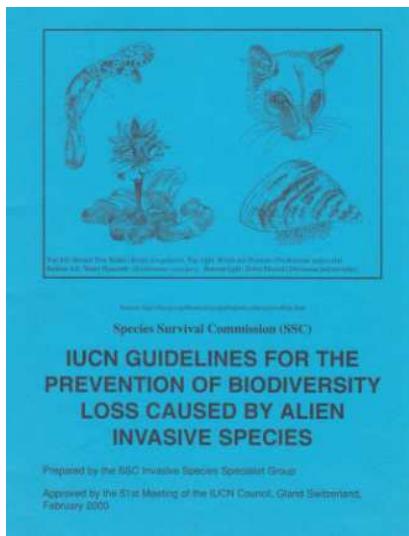
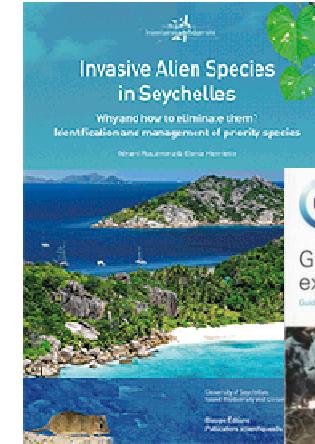
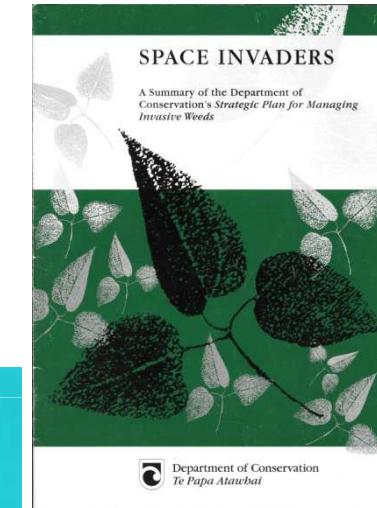
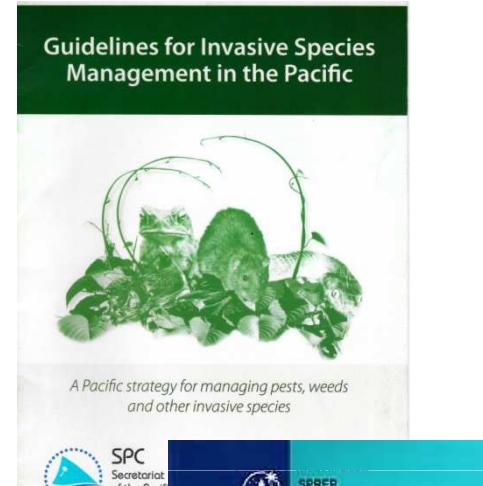
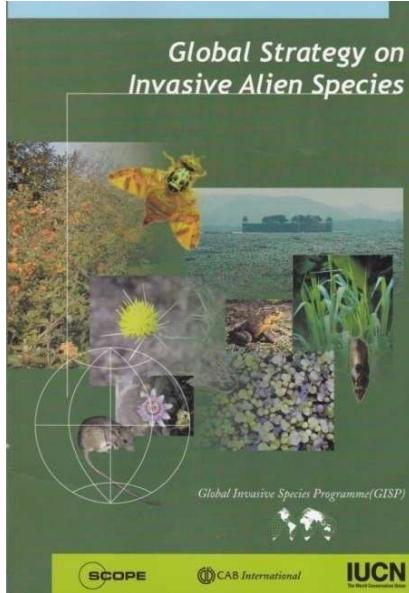
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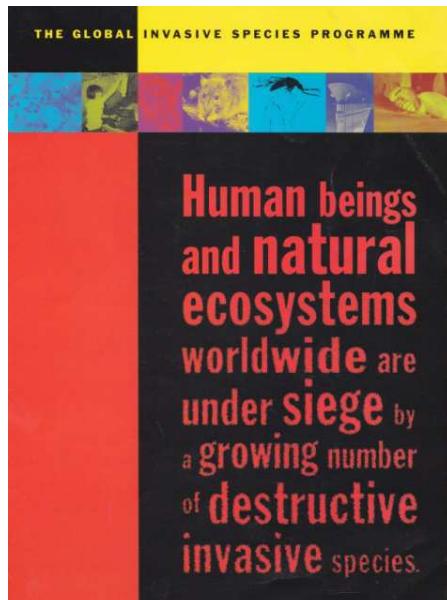
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# We have strategies & guidelines



# We are connected (networks & newsletters)



Invasive Species Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission

**ALIENS**

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*Introducing: ISSG's Newsletter*

Welcome to Aliens - newsletter of the newly-formed Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) of the IUCN Species Survival Commission. This group aims to "reduce the threats posed by invasive species to natural ecosystems and threatened species, through increasing awareness of invasive species and means of controlling or eradicating them". They have chosen the name Aliens to reflect to that mission. It illustrates the range of threats which invasive species pose to the biodiversity of our planet.

The Invasive Species Specialist Group is a worldwide network of experts on the conservation impacts of invasive species. Membership is by invitation, but it is not necessary to be a full member to benefit from the work of the group. We invite anyone who wishes to contribute to the cause of reducing conservation threats posed by invasives.

We welcome advice on threats from invasives and control or eradication methods to IUCN members, conservation practitioners, and policy makers. The group concentrates on reducing

or preventing the adverse effects of alien invasions on conservation values.

Because of the vast scope of the activities of the group, our activities are focused in areas of special need. We envisage sub-groups dealing with ballast water, marine mammals, water weeds, terrestrial vertebrates, invertebrates, fishes, fish, marine invasives, microorganisms, genetically-modified organisms, international agreements and laws controlling invasives. There is a special overall focus within the group on the threats to biodiversity which invasive species pose to oceanic islands.

Projects planned by the ISSG include production of this newsletter, creation of a global database of invasive species, co-operation with the IUCN SSC on special workshops on invasives and technical publications on invasive species management.

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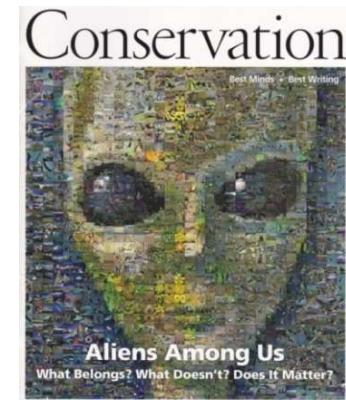
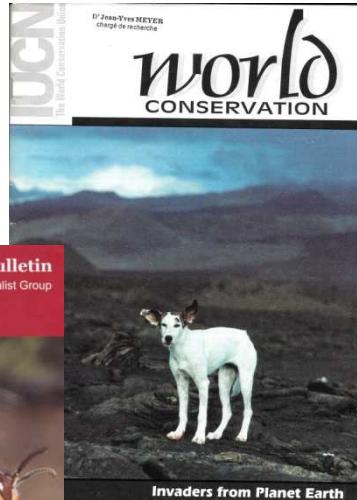
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# We have the info (databases & websites)

**GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE**

Standard Search Taxonomic

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# What did we learn and what do we need?

- Prioritization (target species, areas and ecosystems) is essential
- Long-term funding support is crucial
- People's commitment is paramount
- Collaboration between researchers and managers is important
  - We need a better understanding of island ecosystem dynamics (natural and human disturbances, biotic interactions...)
  - We need more studies on their ecological/socio-economical/health impacts (e.g. cost-benefit analysis)
  - We need to integrate invasive species management to ecosystem restoration and global changes projects
  - We need to have the full support of local communities and authorities!

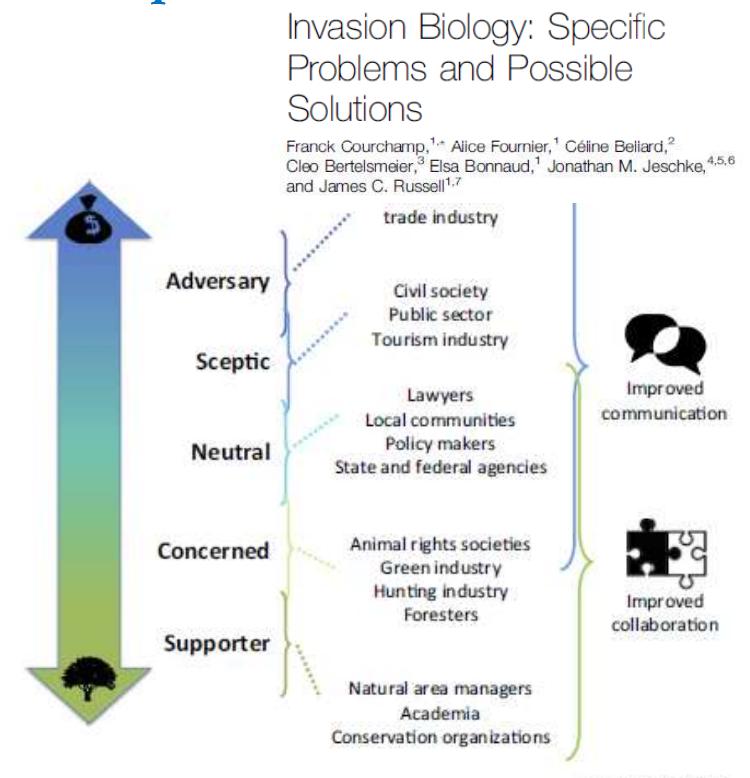


Figure 2. Different Types of Stakeholders with which Invasion Biologists interact. Their position regarding biological invasions is not always in consensus and can be context-specific.