

Everglades CISMA

Outreach & Education Subcommittee Update


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- Task 1
Develop a consistent ECISMA messaging style for use in public communications





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Boynton Beach, Florida – Resource managers from the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA) will converge at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday, July 8, for the 6th Annual Everglades Invasive Species Summit. This year's two-day event will bring together representatives from various federal, state, local, and tribal governments, private industries, and community organizations responsible for controlling the spread of invasive species. The summit provides an open forum for professionals to share successes and strategies, and provides opportunities to plan for future operations. The event will provide updates on recent partner operations, insight on new species of concern, and information about new control technologies.


The summit will kick off with a keynote address by Don Thayer, Director of Vegetation and Land Management for the South Florida Water Management District. Don has devoted his entire career to battling invasive exotics in South Florida and was an early promoter for the establishment of the ECISMA.

The ECISMA aims to better coordinate the activities of partner agencies, and help facilitate a rapid response against new nonnative introductions, which can pose a serious threat to the health and integrity of south Florida's natural environments through direct competition with native plants and wildlife. ECISMA partners actively work to help stem the proliferation of numerous invasive plant and animal species.


The ECISMA is a formal partnership between federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals, and various interested groups that manage invasive species and is defined by a geographic boundary.




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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Getting Rid of Pesky Plants

Miami Herald
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Miami, FL - They're purging plants at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Yup, its true. Away with the Senegal date palm, a foreign black mangrove and a pretty shrub named *Jacquinia aurantiaca*. Turns out, they're invasive exotics- capable of setting up housekeeping in our hammocks and mangroves.

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- Task 2
Develop a training module for use by ECISMA partners at outreach events.
- Currently in development
- Emphasis on early detection, rapid response & reporting
- Using FIATT's Draft Priority List of Invasive Animal Species



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- Task 3
Conduct at least three outreach presentations using the ECISMA training module.
- Once training module is complete (Fall 2009), will be distributed to ECISMA partners for use in conducting training workshops



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- Task 4
Develop invasive animal ID decks for South Florida and incorporate into IFAS weed deck sets.
- Project has not yet begun.
- If summit attendees still think this effort worthwhile, we can continue to pursue this as a task for the near future.
- Should the animal cards be created to supplement the current IFAS cards, or created as a supplement to the training module?



Priority Animal Species

- Task 5
Implement Improvements to the annual Invasive Species Summit.
- Greater representation for a variety of interests
- Updates and breakout sessions from committees
- More thorough and descriptive operational updates

