



Action Plan for Invasive Alien Terrestrial Plants and Plant Pests

To address the increasing threat of invasive plants and plant pests in Canada, the Government of Canada and its partners have developed an action plan that focuses on

- strengthening existing programs,
- identifying gaps and developing new initiatives, and
- coordinating the efforts of partner agencies and organizations at the federal, provincial and local levels.

The Terrestrial Plants and Plant Pests Working Group (TPPWG) was created to combat the introduction and effects of invasive plants and plant pests. It is comprised of the following members:

- federal departments and agencies
- provincial ministries of agriculture, forestry and natural resources
- municipal governments
- academia
- industry groups

Key Initiatives

Leadership and Coordination

Create a national invasive alien species (IAS) council to set priorities, coordinate activities and gather information on the management of IAS.



Legislation and Regulation

Establish a federal and provincial legal framework that builds on the existing mandates and activities of partner organizations to regulate activities that could lead to the introduction of invasive alien plants and plant pests.

A Canadian Invasive Plant Framework will be created to prevent the introduction of invasive alien plants and to manage those that are established.

Science

Improve the fields of advising, monitoring and information management to

- help conduct risk assessments,
- prioritize activities, and
- respond to plant and plant pest outbreak.

Develop, in partnership with other science professionals, an IAS surveillance network and strategy, as well as enhanced laboratory expertise and capacity.



Risk Analysis

Collaborate with national and international partners to improve risk assessment methodologies and programs to prevent further introductions of IAS. Areas of delivery include

- developing methods for conducting pathways analyses,
- enhancing data collection techniques,
- conducting training workshops,
- strengthening border control and post-entry containment initiatives,
- developing emergency response procedures for addressing newly introduced IAS, and
- investigating risk analysis tools that can predict the invasiveness of new plant species.

Education and Public Awareness

Coordinate public education and awareness activities among the federal government and non-governmental organizations to promote guidelines for the import, transport and sale of plants and plant products.

International Cooperation

Share pest information, risk assessments and research findings with foreign governments and develop harmonized policies to prevent the international movement of IAS, while still maintaining the movement of goods.

Develop harmonized policies and standards for prevention, detection and management of IAS.

Support existing initiatives and new practices from the North American Plant Protection Organization and the International Plant Protection Convention to reduce the international movement of IAS.

The success of this plan depends on the cooperation of the federal government, provincial governments, municipal governments, First Nations members, industry groups, volunteer groups and the Canadian public.