

GB Stakeholder Forum 2024: progress since 2023

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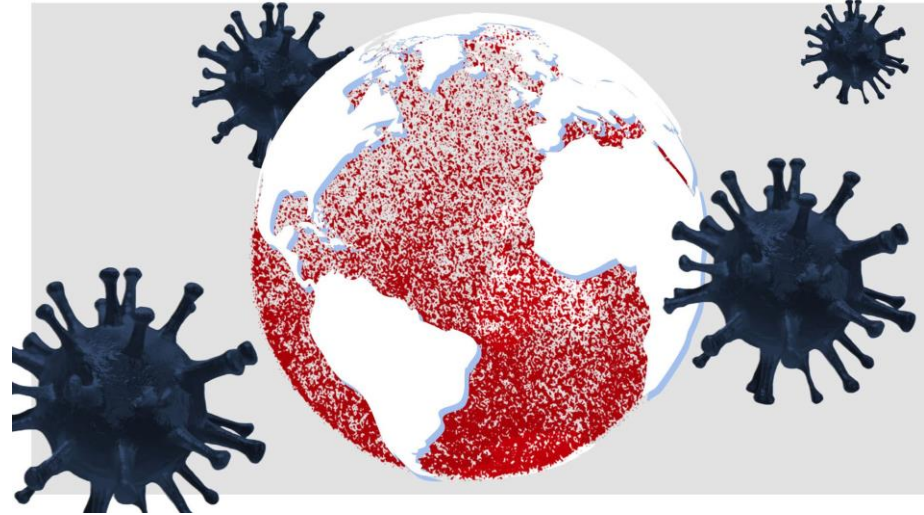


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Agency

Impeccable timing



CBD hierarchical approach

Prevention

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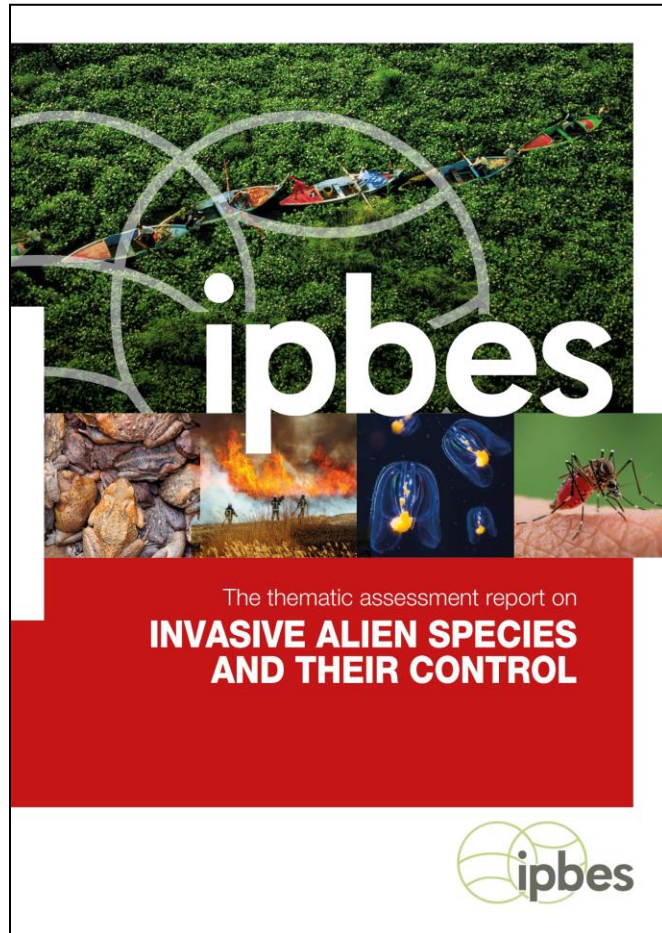
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Rapid response

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IPBES



Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services



Negotiation of Summary for
Policy Makers, September 2023

- >80 experts from over 40 countries
- Ambitious progress can be made with an integrated and whole-of-society approach.

CBD - Global Biodiversity Framework

- INNS Global Target (6) being integrated into policy ...



The Great Britain Invasive Non-Native Species Strategy

2023 to 2030

Date: February 2023


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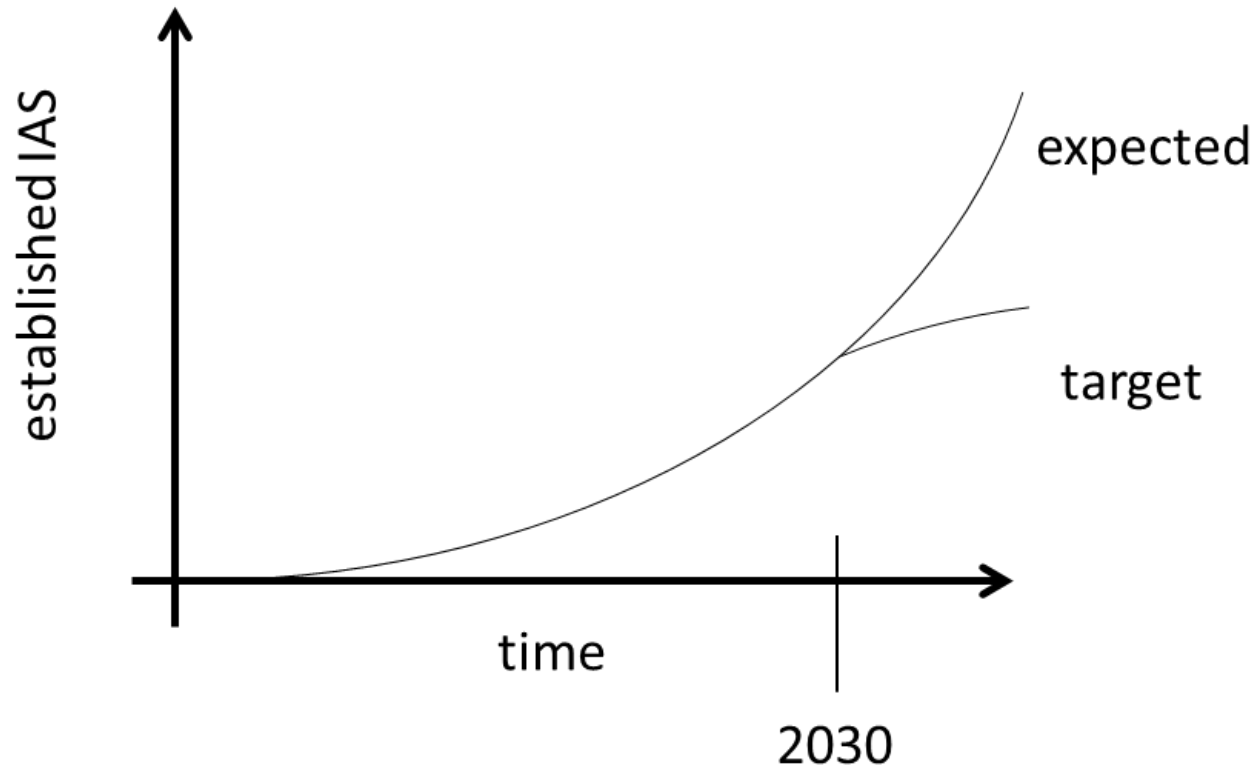

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CBD - Global Biodiversity Framework

Eliminate, minimize, reduce and or mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystem services by:

- identifying and managing pathways of the introduction of AS,
- preventing the introduction and establishment of priority IAS,
- reducing the rates of introduction and establishment of other known or potential IAS by at least 50 per cent, by 2030,
- eradicating or controlling IAS especially in priority sites, such as islands

How will we track progress towards the target?



- Identifying priority species
- For other species:
 - Modelling
 - Action focussed metric

G7 statement on IAS

- Enhancing international cooperation towards managing invasive alien species and their impacts



Workshop in November 2023



Pathway Action Plans

1. Hull fouling ✓
2. Horticultural escapes ✓



Pet PAP taken forward following 2023 Forum

4. Ballast water ~
5. Fishing equipment ✓
6. Zoos and botanic gardens ✓



Marine Task and Finish Group

- Action 3.8: Establish a task and finish group to review the coordination of prevention work and make recommendations to tackle marine INNS.
- Focussing on practical action we can take.



Contingency response – Asian hornet



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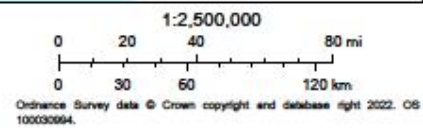
Asian Hornet - Track and Trace Live Data Web Map



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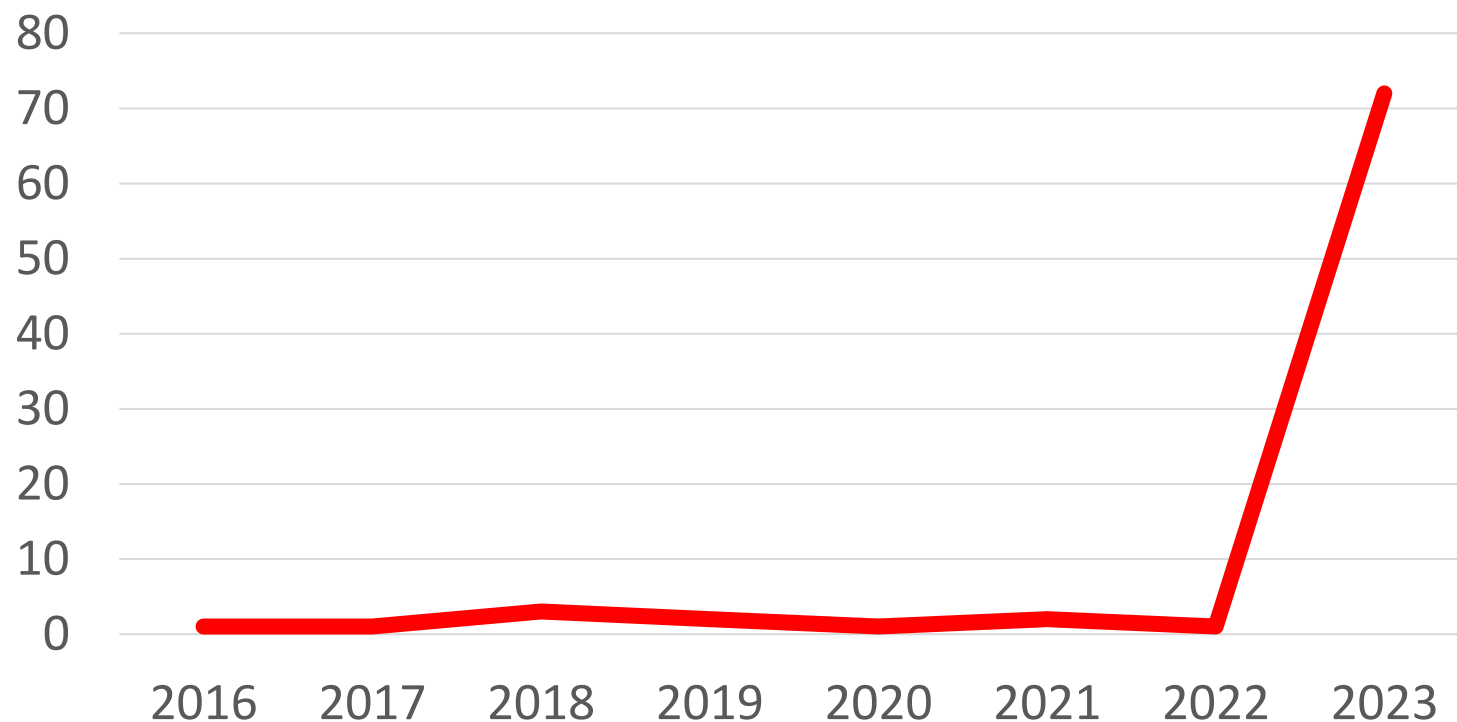
Confirmed Nest Location

 Previous years



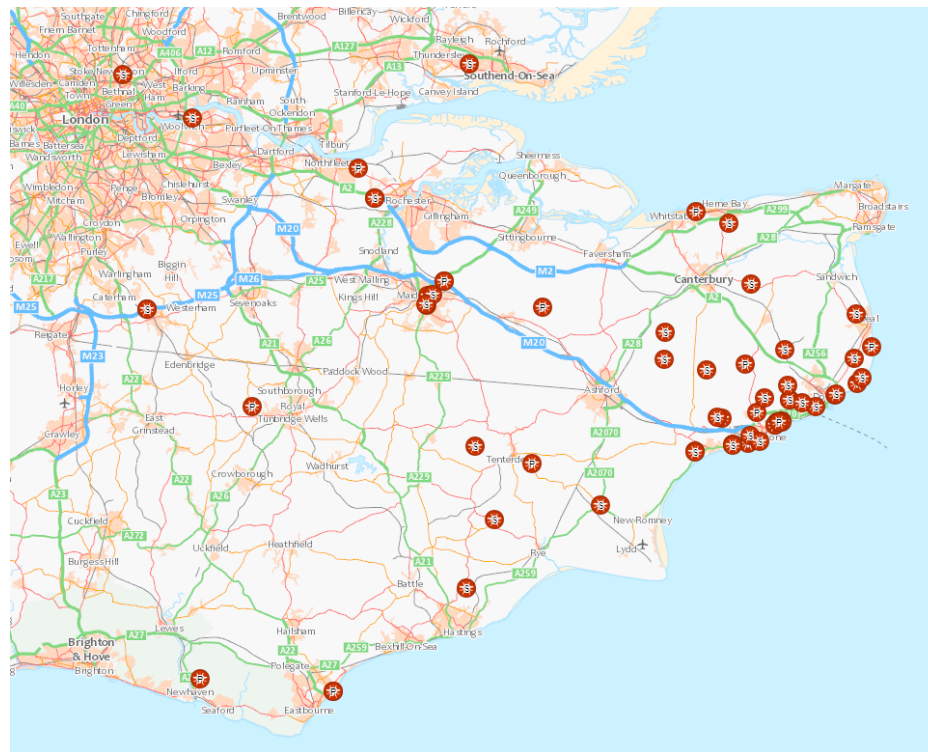
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Asian hornet nests 2016 - 2023



2023

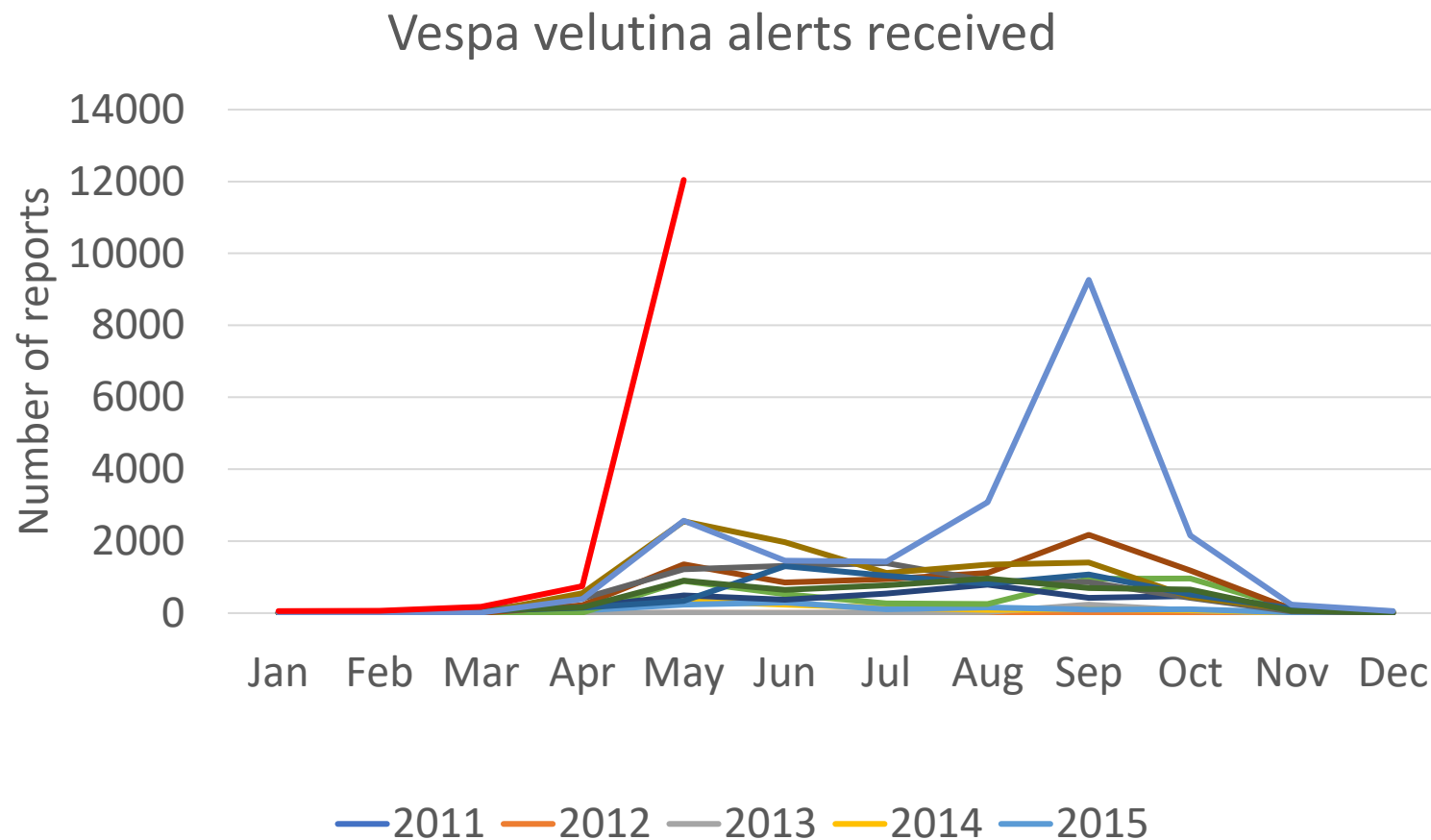
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72 nests

56 locations

Contingency response – Asian hornet



Species proposed for delisting

- Animals

- *Herpestes javanicus*, small Asian mongoose
- *Nasua nasua*, coati
- *Plotosus lineatus*, striped eel catfish

- Plants

- *Cardiospermum grandiflorum*, Balloon vine
- *Ehrharta calycina*, perennial veldtgrass
- *Eichhornia crassipes*, water hyacinth
- *Parthenium hysterophorus*, whitetop weed
- *Pennisetum setaceum*, crimson fountaingrass
- *Prosopis juliflora*, mesquite
- *Pueraria montana*, kudzu vine



Species being considered for listing

- Plants:
 - *Acer rufinerve*, Snake-bark maple
 - *Akebia quinata*, Chocolate vine
 - *Amelanchier spicata*, Thicket shadbush
 - *Arundo donax*, Giant Cane
 - *Sarracenia purpurea*, Purple pitcher-plant



Species being considered for listing



- Animals:

- *Cipangopaludina chinensis*, Chinese mystery snail
- *Didemnum vexillum*, Carpet sea-squirt
- *Dikerogammarus bispinosus*, an amphipod



**Risk assessments for all species at:
www.nonnativespecies.org**

- *Psittacula eupatria*, Alexandrine parakeet
- *Sinanodonta woodiana*, Chinese pond mussel
- *Solenopsis richteri*, Black imported fire ant
- *Wasmannia auropunctata*, Electric ant
- *Urosalpinx cinerea*, Atlantic oyster drill



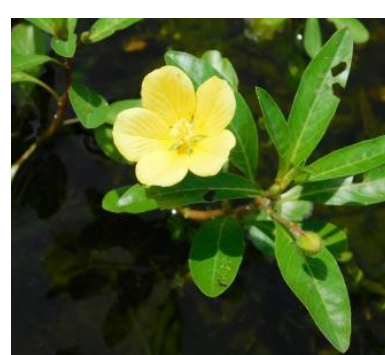
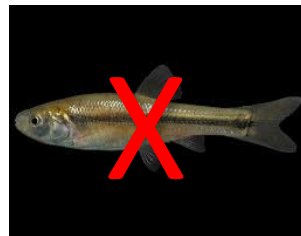
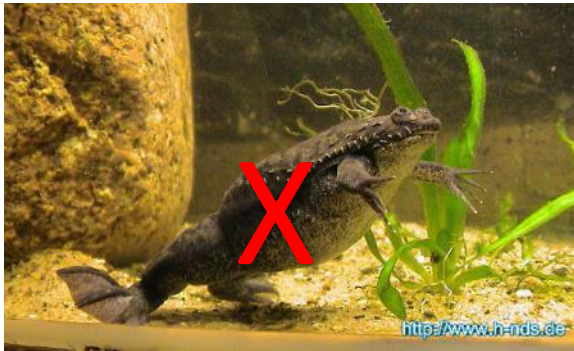
Non-native Species Inspectorate

- Full capacity (17 staff)



Early detection and rapid response

GB rapid response



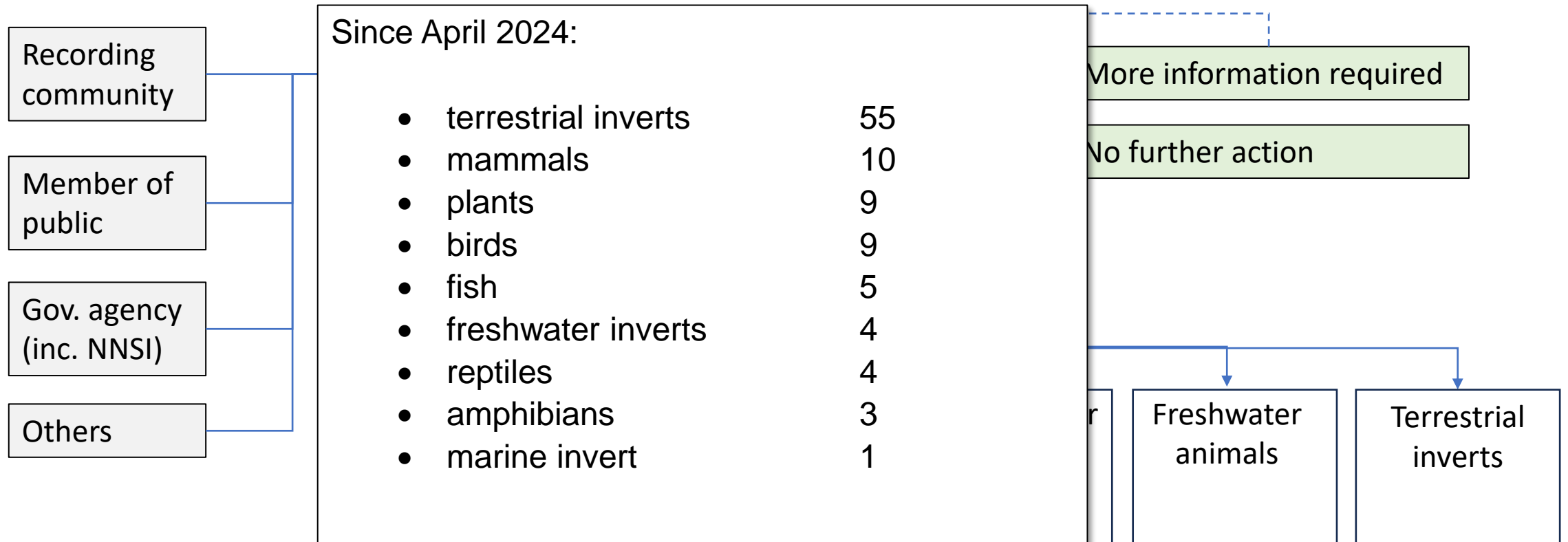
Revived RR Working Group

Key aim – upping the ante

- Independent review
- Costing new responses

GB rapid response

- Active decision making



Long-term management

Biocontrol



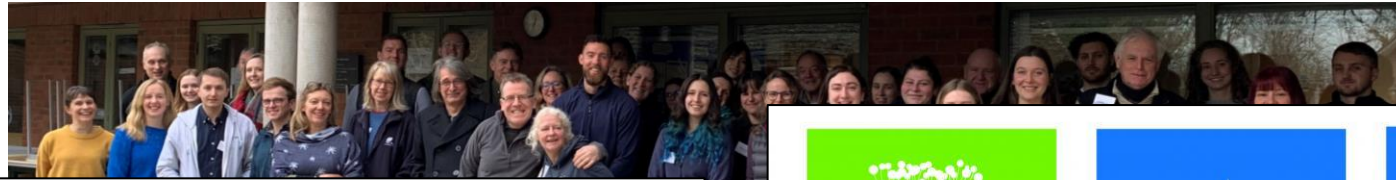
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Local Action Groups



WaREN

Rhwydwaith Ecolegol Gwydn Cymru
Wales Resilient Ecological Network

LAG Co

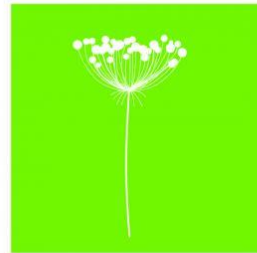
A Local Action Group (LAG) is a group or project focused on native species in a specific area. Whether you are a member or a partner, the following information is available to help you:

Find out more about Local Action Groups

- [What are Local Action Groups?](#) - find out more about what a LAG is and how it works.
- [Annual Local Action Group workshop](#) - updates from the annual workshop.

Get involved

- [Find a project near you](#) - view a list of Local Action Groups to find a group or project in your area.



Scottish Invasive Species Initiative

[List of LAGs](#) [Annual workshop](#) [Toolkit](#) [RAPID Life project](#) [Managing floating pennywort](#)



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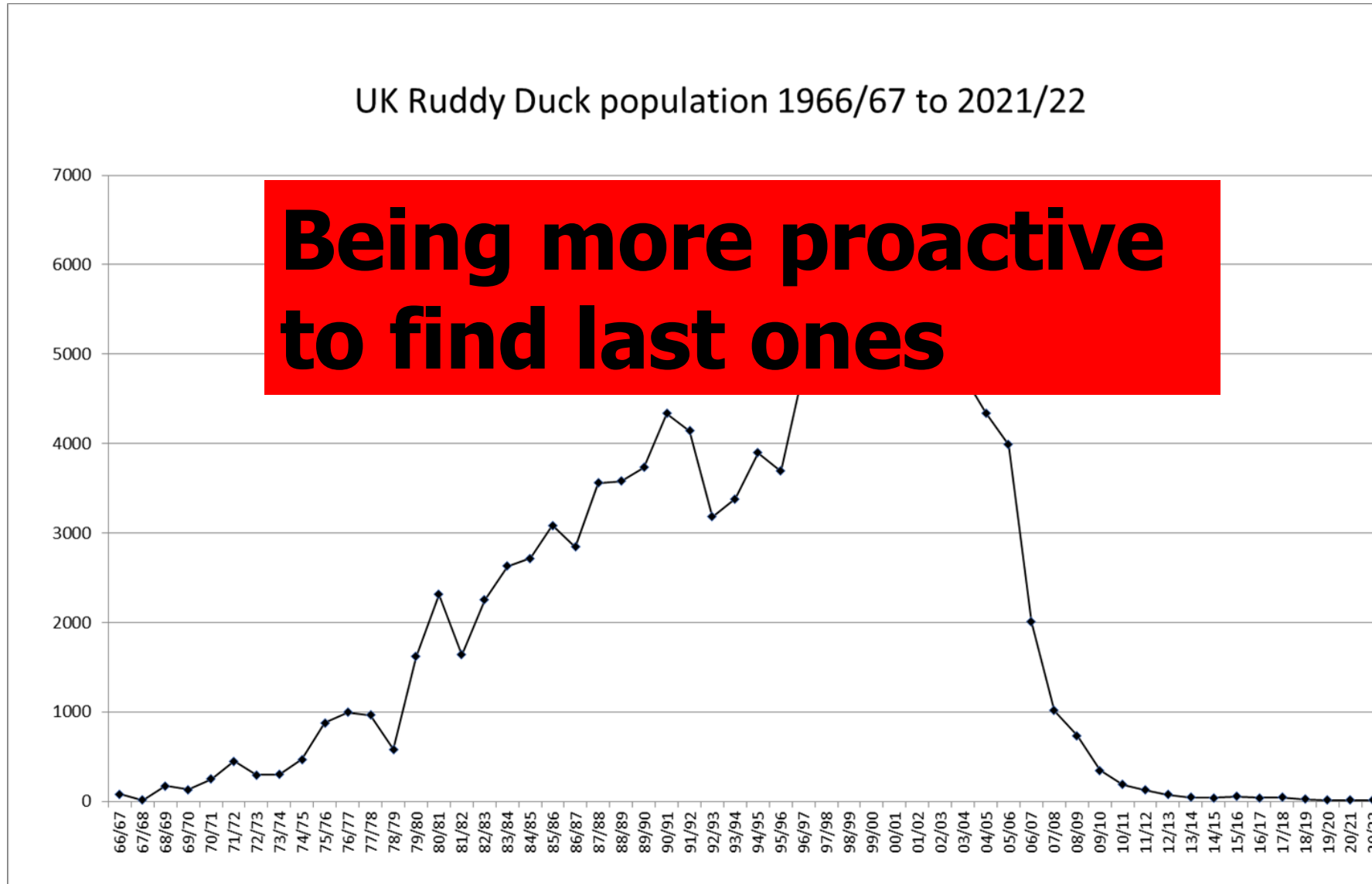
Countryside Stewardship plus

- Defra, EA, NE and FC worked to get more on INNS
- Overall 50 new actions...
- Including several for INNS control
 - SP4 – Invasive plant management supplement to action
 - SB6 – Rhododendron control – new action on top of capital
 - Mink control
 - Glis control

Ruddy duck



Ruddy duck – still nearly eradicated



Awareness raising



Chelsea Flower Show

75

events held, including:

- 17** talks and webinars
- 16** volunteer events
- 42** awareness raising events



INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK

2024

21

tonnes of floating pennywort, and

4,300

Himalayan balsam plants removed by Local Action Groups

44

blogs and

27

videos shared online





over 200

organisations involved



England
Wales
Scotland
Northern Ireland
Ireland
Jersey
Guernsey
Isle of Man



Working together to raise awareness of invasive non-native plants and animals and how everyone can help to prevent their spread





1 Chelsea Flower Show Gold medal



Images: Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Chelmer Canal Trust, New Forest Non-native Plants Project, APHA, Yorkshire Invasive Species Forum, Angling Trust, British Canoeing



Aquatic Biosecurity Partnership

Communications materials



Practical biosecurity



Border campaign

Training

Biosecurity training for paddling event organisers

Protect your waters from invasive non-native species and diseases



Biosecurity training for paddling clubs

Protecting your waters from invasive non-native species



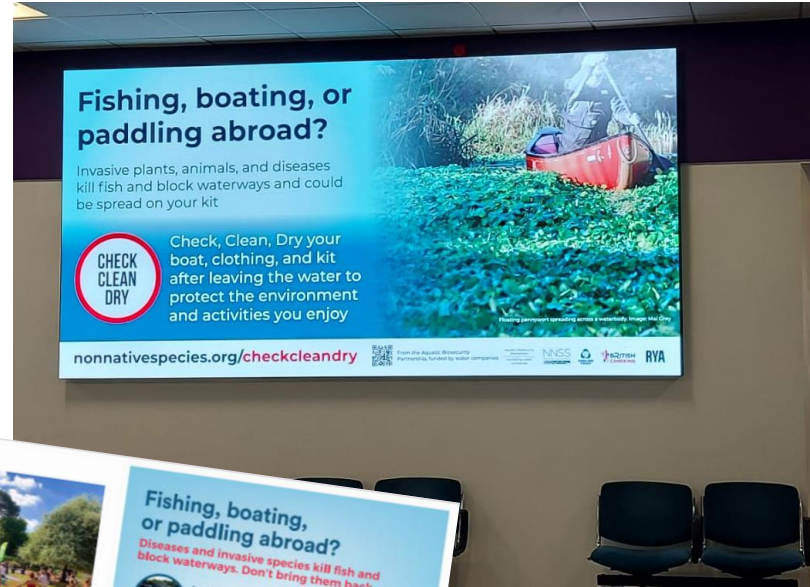
European work



- 2020-2025
- 9 water companies

Border biosecurity

2024: posters and adverts in onboard magazines covering 8 ports



Island biosecurity and eradications

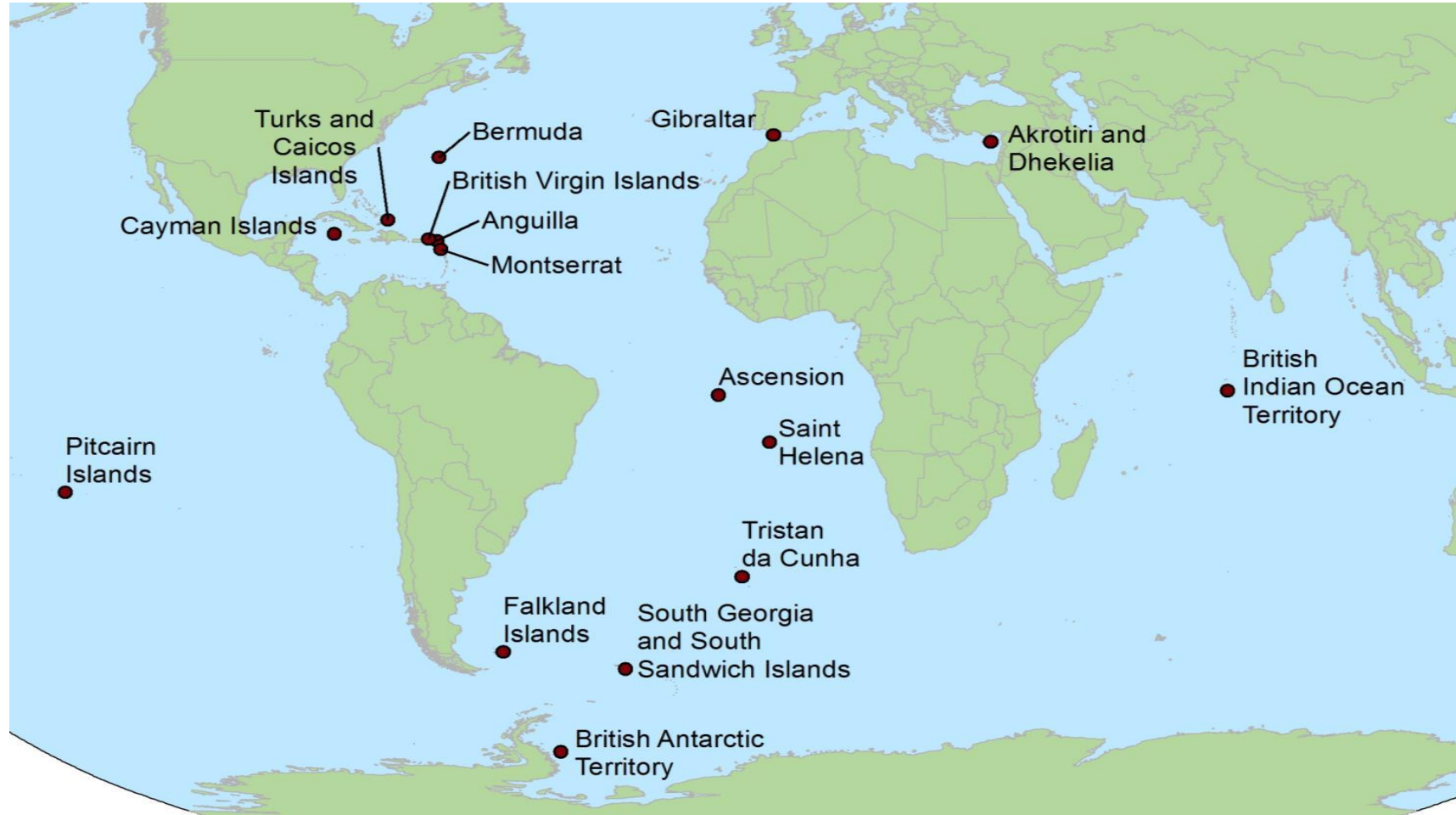


Research / Evidence Strategic Plan

- Back-to-back meeting with BES
- Register of experts / projects
- Exercise to map research landscape
- Evidence strategic plan

UK Overseas Territories

Biosecurity project – ongoing



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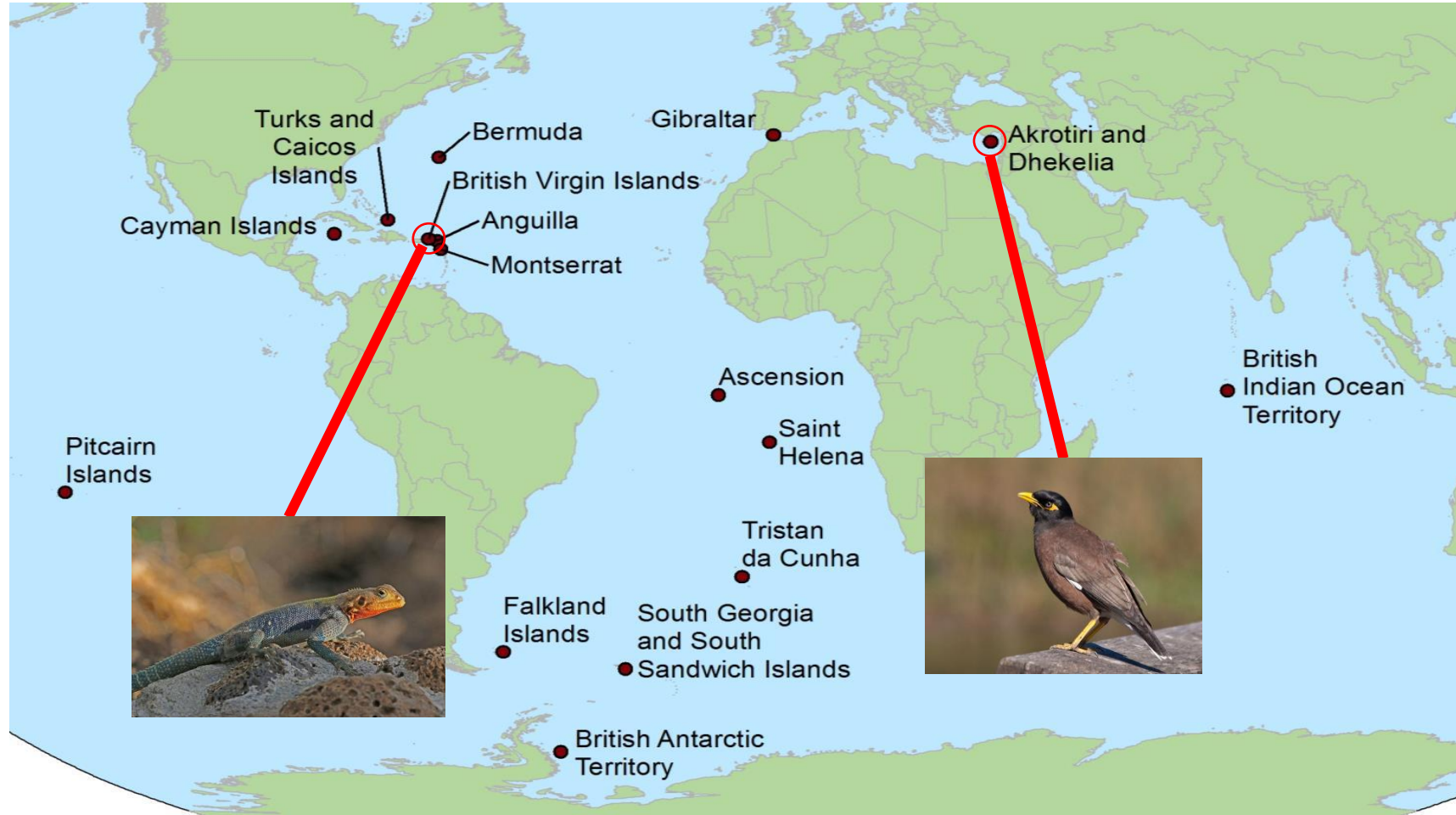


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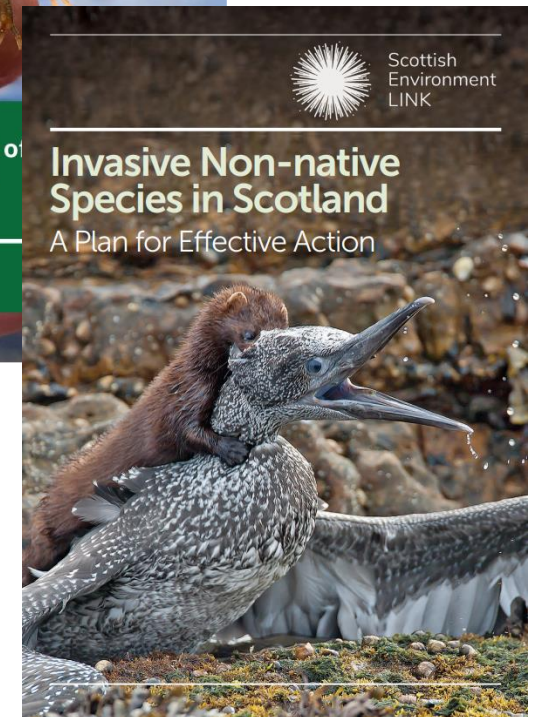
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Shared Ireland Initiative

- Strategic all-island risk assessment and trend analysis
- Biosecurity plan
- Pathway actions and contingency plans
- Citizen science invasive species programme



OEP and Environmental Standards Scotland



GB Strategy

- Extensive resource review
 - ... updating from 2018
- Preparation for spending review
- GB implementation plan

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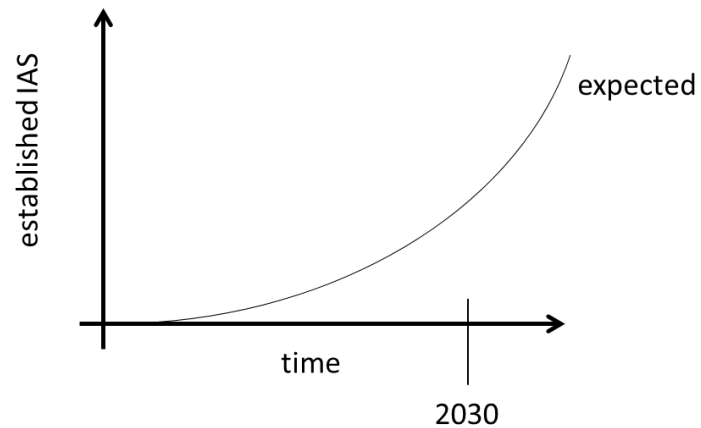
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- Priority species
 - horizon scanning x risk management

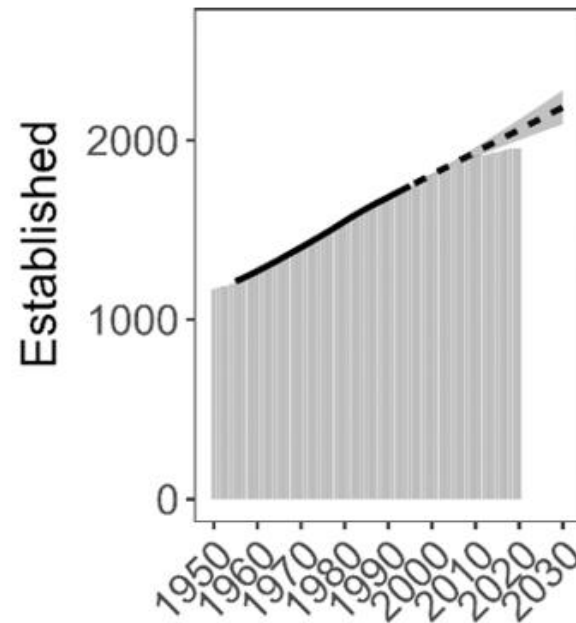
	Introduced?	Established?	Response	Current status
Example species <i>(example)</i>	Yes (2023)	No	Alert system in place, implementation of Pest Specific Contingency Plan	 Not established
Example species <i>(example)</i>	No	No	N/A	 Not established
Example species <i>(example)</i>	Yes	Yes	Eradication in process	 Established

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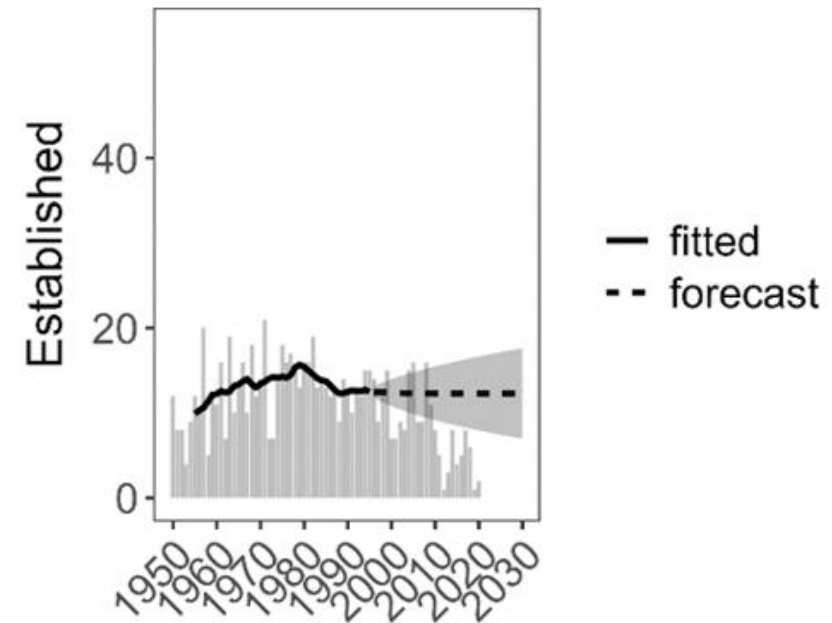
- Other species
 - Modelling approaches



Cumulative established



Number established



How will we track progress towards the target?

- Action focussed metrics
- Prevent [n] species from establishing

