

# Non-native Species Inspectorate Update

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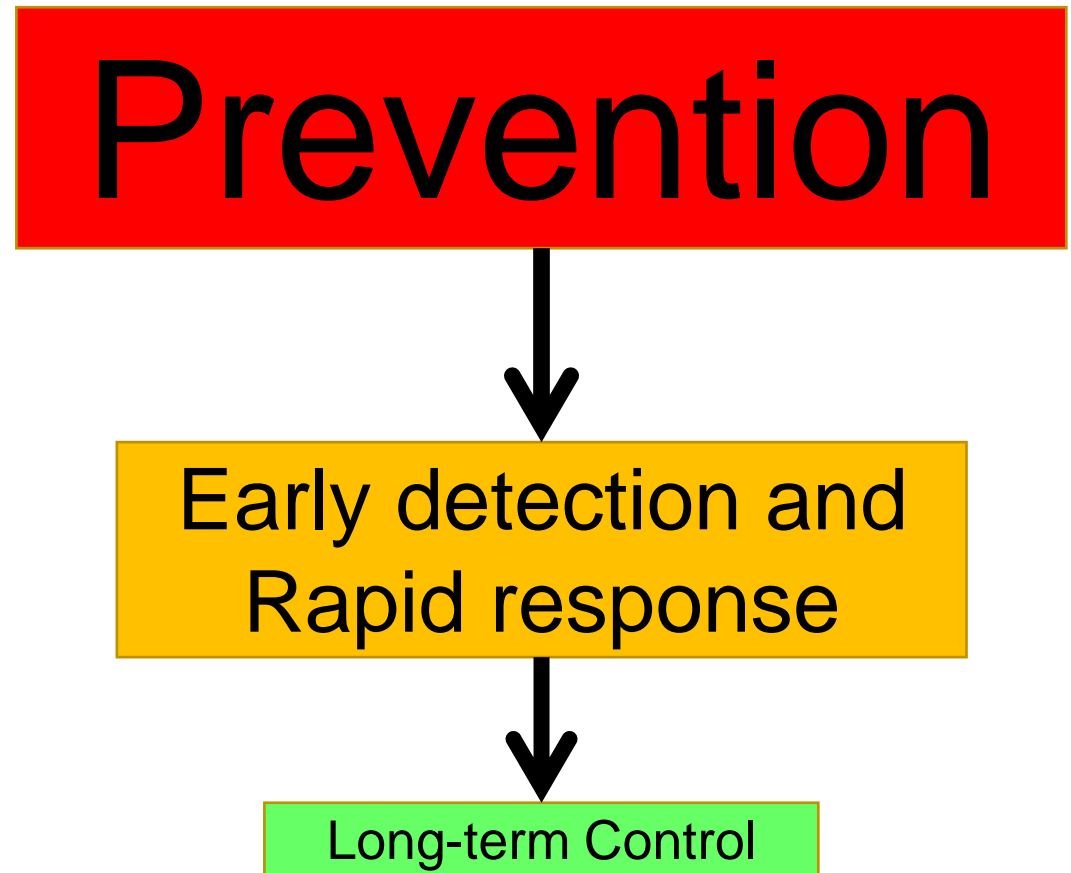
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# Background

- Prevention and EDRR
  - GBF Target 6
- Upping our game:
  - Strategy review
  - EAC
    - Resourcing
    - Dedicated inspectorate



# Why do we need an inspectorate?



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- First ban on sale 2015 (WCA)
- Subsequent, 2016, 2017, 2019 (EU IAS Reg)

Are people aware of and compliant with  
the law?

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What are the risks of introduction?



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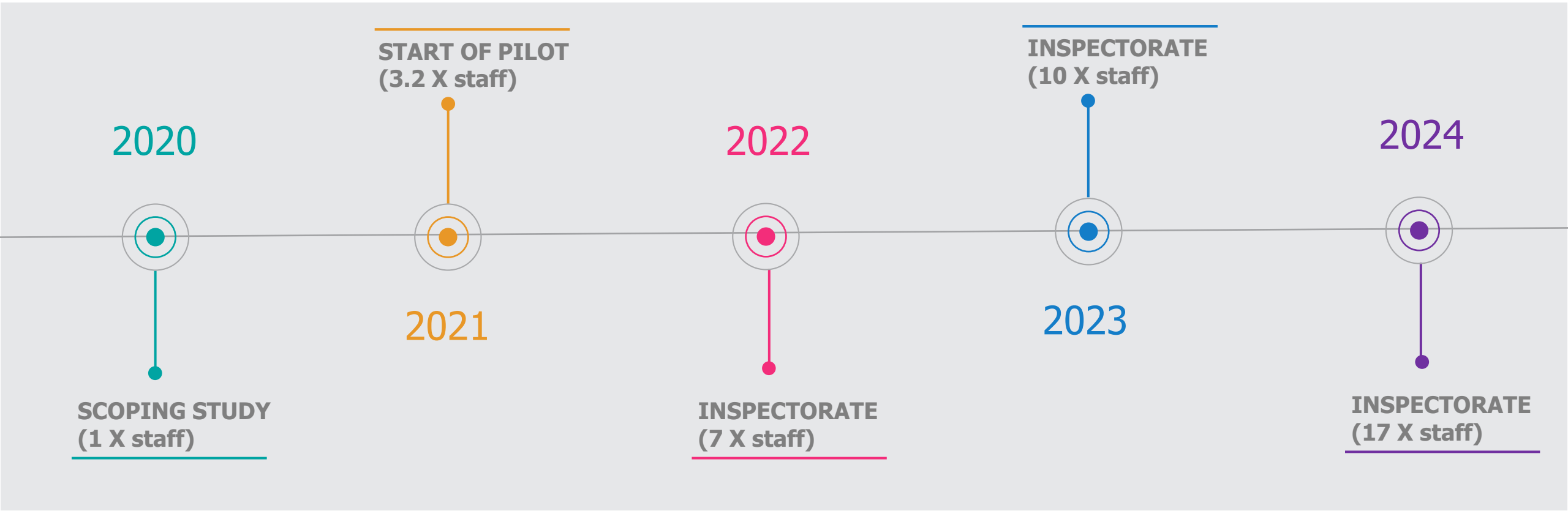
Supporting awareness raising, behaviour change and LAGs

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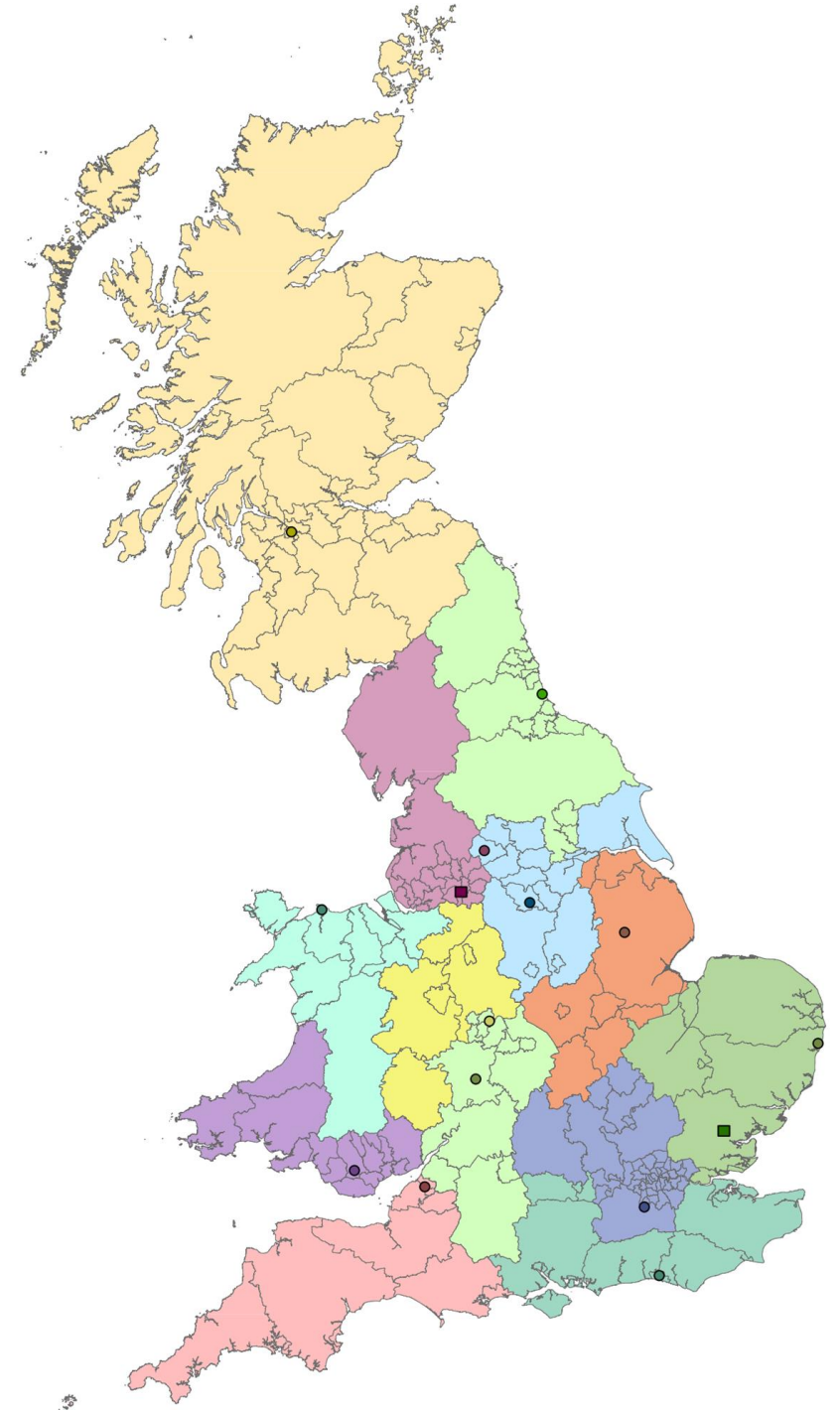
Responding to outbreaks

# Development of the NNSI



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- Seventeen staff, 13 regions





# Sectors

- Sixteen sectors
  - Priority pathways that may use INNS
  - Not covered / partially covered by other inspectorates

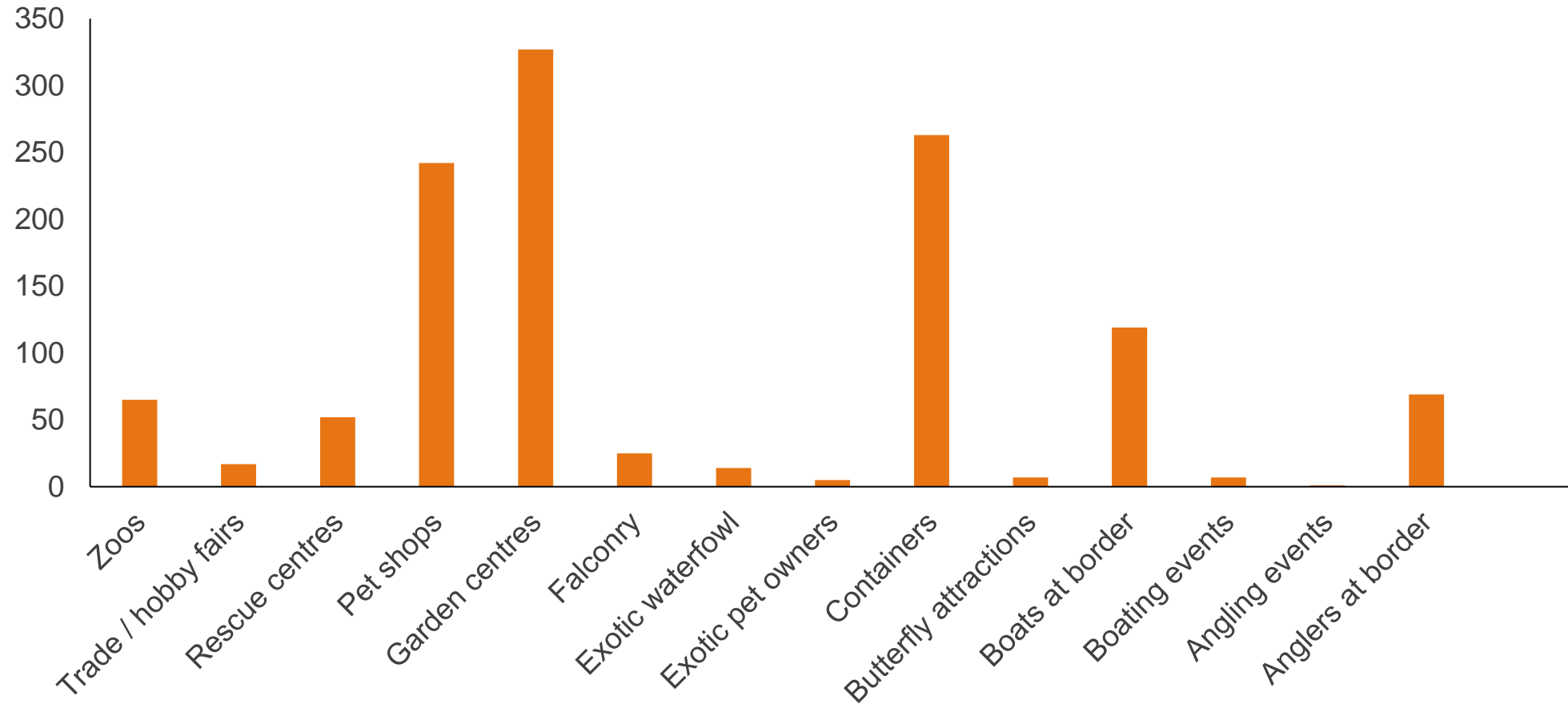


# Inspections over time

- Total >3000 inspections to date
- Types of inspection:
  - Systematic
  - Intelligence led



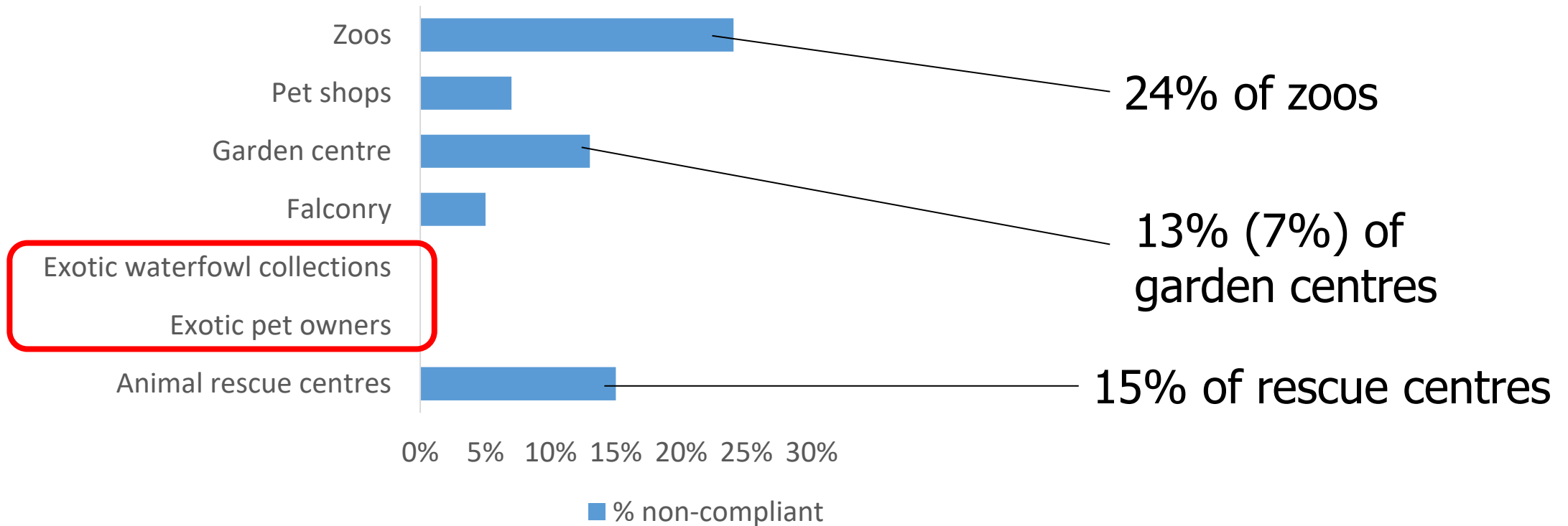
# Inspections by sector: 2023-24



# Non-compliance



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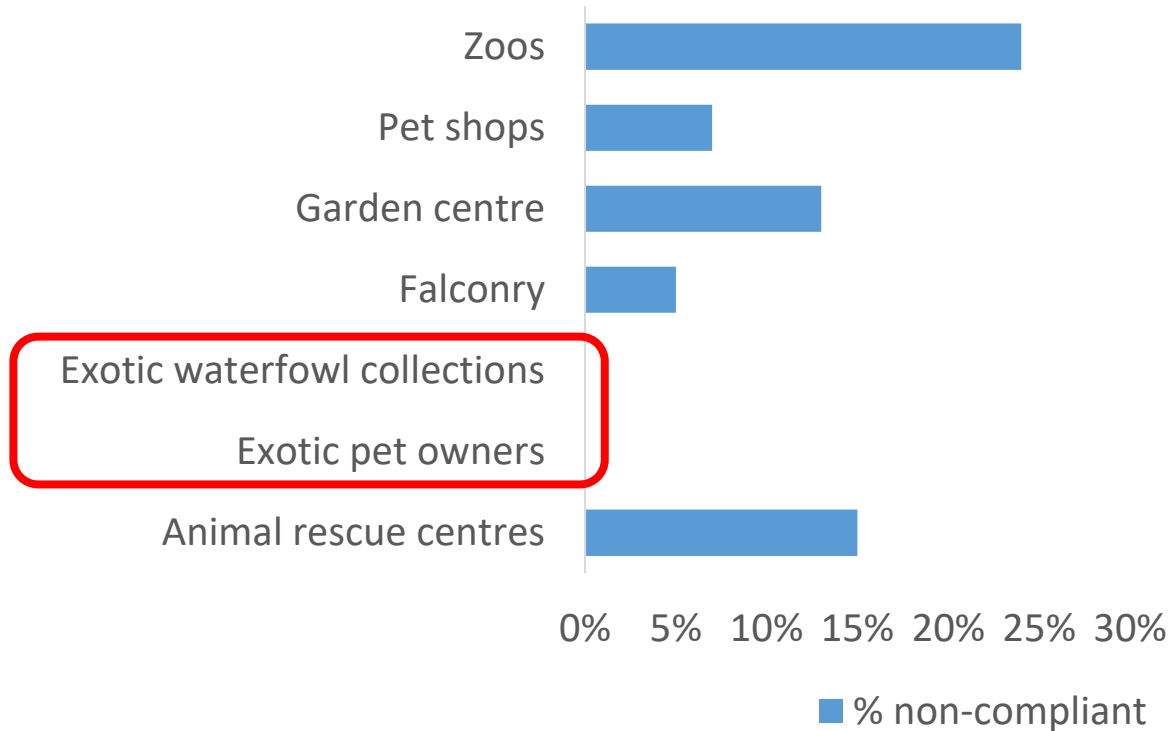




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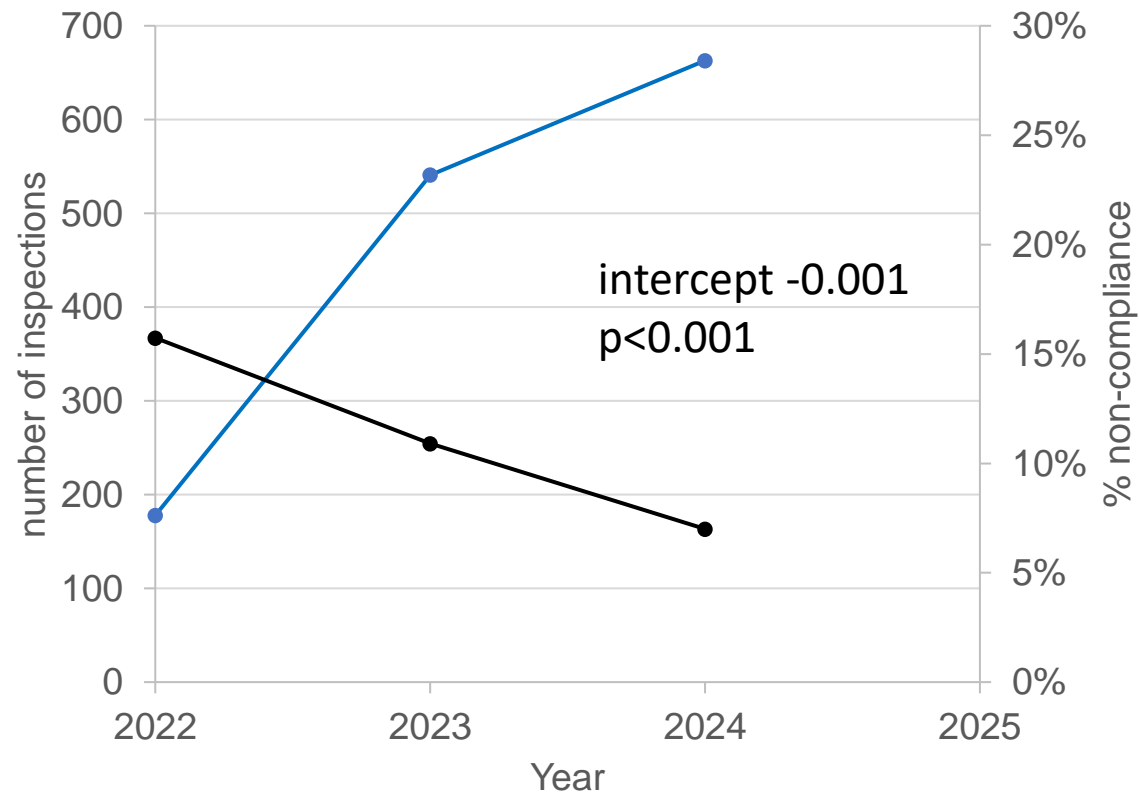
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Overall:  
7% of premises  
non-compliant  
1100+ premises

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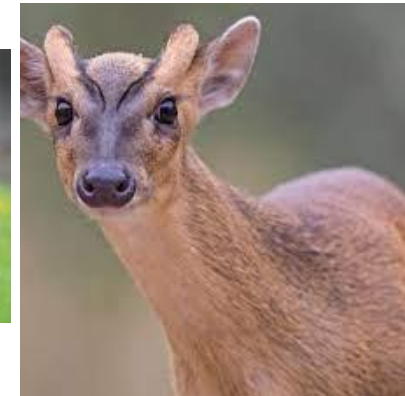
- Non-compliance is decreasing



Overall:  
16% 2021-22  
7% in 2023-24

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- What species?



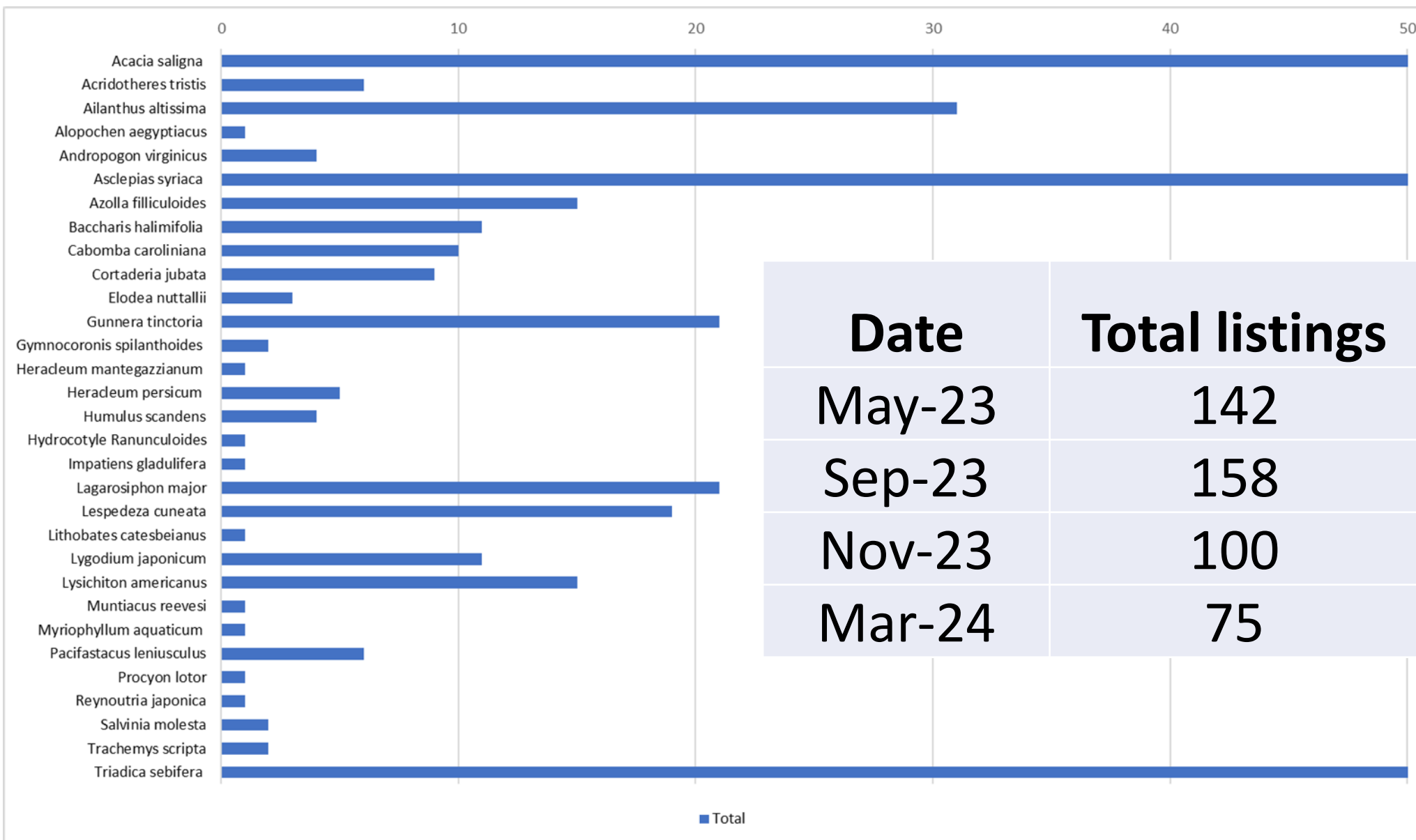


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- What species?







Date	Total listings
May-23	142
Sep-23	158
Nov-23	100
Mar-24	75

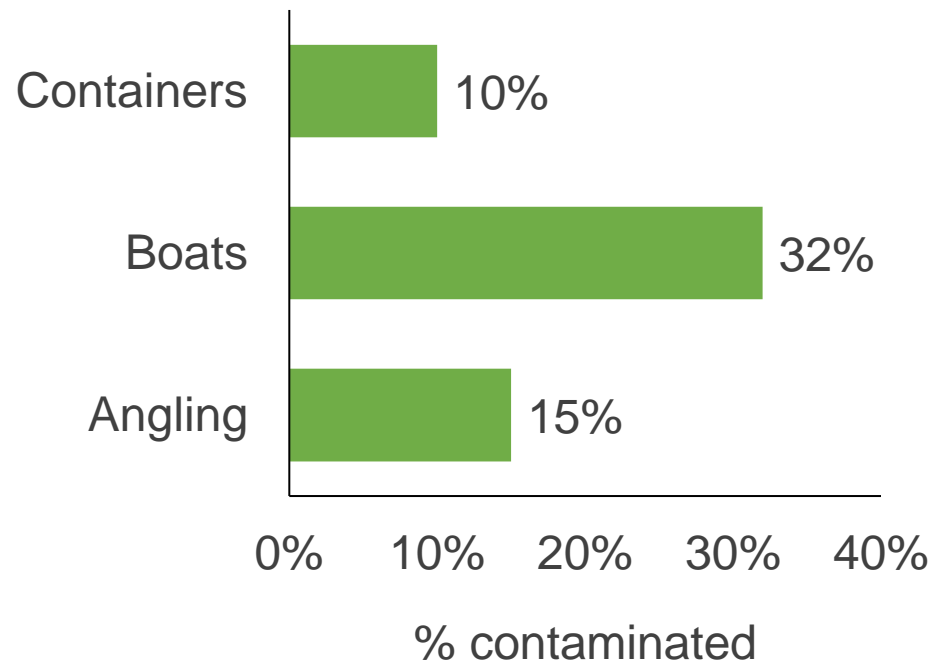
# Understanding unintentional pathways

- Pathway contamination rates



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- 2023/24 - 451 angling, boating and container inspections



Overall:  
c. 600,000  
contaminated  
units per year



# Comms and awareness raising





# Rapid response and eradication



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- Rapid response and eradication
- Frequent investigations and contingency response support



# The future

- Bringing down non-compliance
- Refining understanding of unintentional pathways
  - Aim to do more at the border
  - Consider actual INNS not just contamination
- Comms and awareness
- More on EDRR

**Thanks!**

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# Non-compliance

- By sector ...

Sector	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
<b>Garden centres</b>	21%	5%	7%
<b>Rescue centres</b>	75%	19%	15%
<b>Pet shops</b>	3%	10%	7%
<b>Zoos</b>	30%	44%	24%

