



Islands and Invasive Species: Urgent Issues and Opportunities for Action

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Summary

Islands are among the most vulnerable places worldwide to the impacts of climate change and invasive species. They represent a disproportionate concentration of endemic biodiversity relative to their size and are where the majority of species extinctions have occurred. This is primarily due to the effects of invasive predators, competitors, diseases, and habitat destruction. Fortunately, opportunities exist to reverse this trend. Invasive species management on islands is not only urgent but achievable within a relatively short time frame. Collaborative efforts offer hopeful success stories to scale up needed restoration work in larger, more complex landscapes, including continents. This webinar will feature stories of success and challenges faced by islands in the race to safeguard native species, cultural heritage, food security, and human health and wellbeing.



For more information

For more information on the Seminar, please contact the Office of Policy Analysis, ppa@ios.doi.gov. For more information about invasive species work at Interior, please visit <https://doi.gov/ppa/office-of-policy-analysis-invasive-species-coordination>.