



INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
“Managing Invasive Species in Urban Areas”

November 12 – 14, 2014

Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 217 N. St. Mary’s Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

Introduction and Purpose of Meeting: We have a large and growing understanding of invasive species that impact areas that are maintained in a natural condition. However, less is known about protecting the built environment and human communities and landscapes from invasive species. Invasive species can impact urban forests, parks, yards, gardens, lakes, and streams. In some cases they can be in peoples’ homes and impact their health directly. Invasive species cause costly damage to buildings and landscapes. The Austin, San Marcos, and San Antonio areas in Texas are experiencing rapid growth. These communities have invested a great deal in their built environments, homes, public spaces, and parks. They are creating new ways to protect that investment from invasive species. In addition, Texas shares a large international border with Mexico, and trans-border cooperation is critical to addressing invasive species. This meeting will provide ISAC members a unique opportunity to learn from people from the U.S. and Mexico who are working with invasive species that impact people and the places where they live.

AGENDA

DAY 1 – Wednesday, November 12, 2014

8:00 – 8:15 AM	Overview of Meeting Purpose, Agenda and Desired Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Minutes from December 2011 Meeting 	Bob Wiltshire, Invasive Species Action Network (ISAC Chair)
8:15 – 8:30	MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS	ISAC Members
8:30 – 9:00	WELCOMING REMARKS	Stuart W. Kuehn State Plant Health Director-Texas USDA-APHIS-PPQ
9:00 – 9:45	NISC Staff Reports and NISC Response to ISAC Recommendations	Chris Dionigi, Acting NISC Exec. Director and Designated Federal Officer
9:45 – 10:15	NISC Member Department Reports (including legislative and Federal budget updates)	NISC Member Department Liaisons
10:15 – 10:45	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:30	PRESENTATION Texas Invasive Species Institute	Jerry Cook, Sam Houston University (ISAC Member)
11:30 – 12:15	PRESENTATION Integrating Science, Agro-ecosystems, Conservation of Nature and Public Policy in Managing Harmful Invasive Species	Lawrence Gilbert, University of Texas at Austin

DAY 1 – Wednesday, November 12, 2014 (cont.)

12:15 – 1:15	WORKING LUNCH (<i>catered for ISAC members only</i>) Members' Forum (<i>Individual members highlight invasive species developments in their areas and summarize issues of concern for the full ISAC</i>)	ISAC Members
1:15 – 2:45	SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK TEAM MEETINGS (Group 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention• Communication, Education and Outreach• Control and Management	
2:45 – 3:00	BREAK	
3:00 – 4:30	SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK TEAM MEETINGS (Group 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and Information Management• Early Detection Rapid Response• Organizational Collaboration	
4:30 – 4:45	Review of Day 1 Action Items (<i>if any</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Trip Overview <i>Chris Dionigi and Damon Waitt</i>	
4:45 – 5:30	PUBLIC COMMENT	
5:30	End of Day 1	

***Members will participate in day-long field trip on Thursday, November 13, 2014.
General session will resume on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 8:00 am.
Due to safety concerns and space limitations, the field trip is closed to the public.***

DAY 2 – Field Trip, Thursday, November 13, 2014

6:45 – 7:00 AM Bus arrives at hotel for pick-up

7:00 SHARP Bus departs

8:00 AM **STOP #1: Texas State University (San Marcos, TX)**

Welcome Remarks

9:30 SHARP Bus departs

10:30 AM **STOP #2: Lady Bird Lake (Austin, TX)**

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John Clement, City of Austin

11:40 SHARP Bus Departs

12:00 AM **STOP #3: Brackenridge Field Lab**

Lunch

1:55 SHARP Bus departs

2:00 PM **STOP #4: Walsh Landing and Lake Austin**

Clean, Drain and Dry Your Boat Campaign
Monica McGarrity and Darcy Bontempo, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Duck Tour
Earl Chilton, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

4:10 SHARP Bus Departs

5:00 PM **STOP #5 – Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**

Center Tour and Reception
Damon Waitt, University of Texas at Austin (ISAC Member)

7:00 SHARP Bus departs for hotel

8:45 PM **ARRIVE AT HOTEL**

DAY 3 – Friday, November 14, 2014

8:00 – 08:15 AM	Opening Announcements, Review of Day 1	
8:15 – 9:15	SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK TEAM MEETINGS (Group 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention• Communication, Education and Outreach• Control and Management	
9:15 – 10:15	SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK TEAM MEETINGS (Group 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and Information Management• Early Detection Rapid Response• Organizational Collaboration	
10:15 – 10:45	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:15	PRESENTATION North American Invasive Species Network	Don Schmitz, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
11:15 – 11:45	PRESENTATION National Invasive Species Strategy for Mexico & Collaboration with NAISN	Isabel González Martínez, National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO)
11:45 – 1:30 PM	WORKING LUNCH / DISCUSSION <i>(General Session reconvenes at 12:00)</i> <i>Subcommittee Reports and Discussion</i>	Subcommittee Chairs
1:30 – 2:00	PRESENTATION Endocides: A New Technology for Invasive Species Control	Dr. Shiyu Li, Stephen F. Austin State University
2:00 – 2:20	PRESENTATION Summary of LEAF Alumni Tree Health Tracking Summer Internship Program	Bill Toomey, The Nature Conservancy (ISAC Member)
2:20 – 2:30	PRESENTATION Update on Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)	Brian Said, Davey Tree Expert Company
2:30 – 3:00	PRESENTATION Intergovernmental Panel on Ecosystem Processes (IPBES)	Philip Cowan, Landcare Research (ISAC Member)
3:00 – 3:15	BREAK	
3:15 – 3:45	DISCUSSION ISAC Housekeeping	NISC and ISAC Members

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3:45 – 4:45

GROUP DISCUSSION

*Final Adoption of Recommendations/Action Items
Planning for Next ISAC Meeting*

4:45 – 5:30

PUBLIC COMMENT

5:30 PM

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