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NORTH AMERICA MULTILATERAL INVASIVE SPECIES PROJECT INVENTORY

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THE ISSUE

Invasive species represent one of the most significant threats to ecosystems, human and animal health, infrastructure, the economy, and cultural resources. By nature, the range and impacts of invasive species are not limited by our international borders and can spread across ecosystems and even continents.

Executive Orders 13112 and 13751, the 2016–2018 National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Management Plan, and commitments by North American leaders at the 2016 North American Leaders' Summit call for both ecosystem-level coordination and international cooperation to “address the introduction of invasive alien species, identify non-native species of particular concern, and protect vulnerable shared ecosystems” (North America Leaders' Summit 2016). To support these objectives, Action 2.5.3 of the Management Plan calls for a survey of existing transboundary invasive species projects and initiatives.

THE PROJECT

The North America Multilateral Invasive Species Project Inventory aims to survey recent and/or ongoing initiatives regarding invasive species management that share two or more government project leads from Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The inventory will be used to identify opportunities for further collaboration and could potentially inform the development of a North American Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan.

The survey was conducted through the NISC Secretariat, Mexico's National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO), and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Data calls for submissions of multilateral invasive species initiatives were sent internally to relevant government agencies and to various invasive species professional listservs and networks, such as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Great Lakes Commission, Island Conservation, and others.

The survey identified sixty-three initiatives and included information on their scope, target invasive species, impacts, and lead contacts, among other information.

This is a living document and updates are provided periodically. Please contact the NISC Secretariat at invasive_species@ios.doi.gov to contribute updates or new information on multilateral invasive species projects in North America.

SOME PROJECT EXAMPLES...

- The Nature Conservancy's California Islands Biosecurity Program works to prevent the arrival and establishment of invasive species in the Channel Islands.
- The Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States of America and Canada addresses the control of Asian carp and sea lamprey in the Great Lakes basin and tributaries.
- The Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management works to address environmental issues of continental significance, including invasive species.
- The full project inventory is available on the NISC website: on.doi.gov/2WKFExa

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