

Invasive Alien Predators

*Policy,
research and
management
in Europe*

Invasion by non-native (alien) species has been recognized as one of the main threats to global biodiversity. Among introduced species, predators have had the largest effect on native fauna globally. Today, the impact of invasive alien species (IAS) is a major concern throughout the world and their management and control will continue to be a huge challenge for conservation biologists and managers during the coming decades.

With this conference we want to demonstrate successful management of IAS, with a main focus on invasive predators, to both relevant authorities and the public by presenting European IAS projects as case studies. Gathering policy makers, authorities and managers from the EU-level down to the regional level will also provide an opportunity to discuss and share what needs to be done, by whom, how it should be done and how to pay the bill.

More specifically the aims of the conference are;

- to raise awareness on the policy context (regional, national & international level) that frames the legal requirements for the management of IAS.
- to share knowledge and experience on the management of IAS (in particular mammalian predators), and put it into a larger perspective
- to present research that helps the management of IAS and to pinpoint knowledge gaps where more research is needed
- to disseminate knowledge and awareness to the public

The conference is organized by the LIFE+ project “Management of the invasive Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries – MIRDINEC LIFE+/09/NAT/SE/344”. The project will be presented as a case study along with other European IAS projects. We hope that after the conference participating national authorities, in particular Nordic authorities, will seriously consider a formalized and common cooperative agenda regarding IAS, similar to what the Raccoon Dog Project has demonstrated during the last years.

Target audience:

- European managers and authorities (with Nordic focus), policy makers and scientists/researchers in the field of IAS, and conservation biologists.
- Local hunters and the public.

When Sunday 16/6 – Wednesday 19/6 2013

Where Nordkalotten Hotell, Luleå, Sweden, <http://en.nordkalotten.com/>

Registration and call for speed presentations
<http://www.jagareforbundet.se/mardhund-conference>

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Program

Day 2 – Monday the 17th of June

- 09:00 Arrival and registration
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12:30 Opening conference
Per Risberg, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- 12:50 Invasion biology – Where did it come from, where is it going, and why is it so controversial?
Daniel Simberloff, University of Tennessee

Session 1 Research, management and international cooperation

- 13:50 Toward a coordinated policy to prevent and manage biological invasions – an analysis of the global, European and national contexts
Piero Genovesi, Chair IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group
- 14:40 Coffee
- 15:10 Managing IAS
Sugoto Roy, National Wildlife Management Centre, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, UK
- 15:45 Adaptive management and international cooperation in IAS management
Fredrik Dahl, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management/Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
- 16:20 Discussion
- 16:40 Dinner

Session 2 Practical examples of managing Invasive Alien Species

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Please register under Conference info. Session will be simultaneously translated to Swedish.

- 18:00 Management of the invasive raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries. LIFE09/NAT/SE/344
Per-Arne Åhlén, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management
- 18:45 “A needle in a haystack” – the challenges and lessons learnt in eradicating foxes in Tasmania
Craig Elliot, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania
- 19:30 Mink control and eradication: Why nothing matters
Jonathan Reynolds, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, UK
- 20:15 Landscape scale grey squirrel control: Lessons from the UK
Craig Shuttleworth, European Squirrel Initiative
- 22:00 End of day

Day 1 – Sunday the 16th of June

Pre Excursion. Visit to the Raccoon Dog Project in Sweden and Finland

- 11:00 Departure with common bus from Nordkalotten hotel
- 18:30 Arrival back at Nordkalotten hotel

Day 3 – Tuesday the 18th of June

Session 1 Continued...

- 08:00 Strategies to improve landscape scale management of mink populations in the west coast of Scotland: lessons learned from the Uist mink eradication 2001–2006
Sugoto Roy, National Wildlife Management Centre, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, UK
- 08:35 Fighting invasive species – habitat recovery in the Atlantic islands
Pedro Geraldès, Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds (SPEA)
- 09:10 Control of the invasive alien species *Lamprolaima setigera californica* on the island of Gran Canaria. LIFE10NAT/ES/000565
Ramón Gallo Barneto, GESPLAN
- 09:45 Life+ Return of rural wetlands
Mikko Alhainen, Finnish Wildlife Agency

Session 3 Speed presentations

- 10:20 Speed presentations and Poster session
- 12:00 Lunch

Session 4 From international policy to national management

- 13:00 Aims and objectives of the EU legislation on IAS – the perspective from a Member State viewpoint
Melanie Josefsson, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- 13:30 National policies and goals with IAS management
- 14:30 Coffee
- 15:00 Panel discussion
- 16:30 Closing ceremony
Daniel Ligné, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management
- 18:00 Conference Dinner

Day 4 – Wednesday the 19th of June

Post Excursion. Cultural excursions in the region