

## 4. Expand IAS work to regional level by combining resources with neighbouring municipalities



*Regional collaboration and shared resources in IAS control and prevention of spread enables more cost-effective and longer-lasting outcomes than with independent and separate municipal operations.*

### Do this

Find out if there is an opportunity for regional IAS work with neighbouring municipalities as a joint municipal authority, shared assignment or a project activity applied jointly, for example.

Monitor the outcomes and costs of the collaboration and develop the operations to maximise cost-effectiveness and longevity.

### Benefits of the action

By agreeing on regional collaboration for IAS mapping, control or monitoring, the municipalities can streamline the outcomes of their IAS work, combine resources, and share the operational costs.

### More information

The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation combated hogweeds on over 300 sites in collaboration with 12 municipalities in Southwestern Finland as part of the Invasive LIFE project.

[News article on Giant hogweed control work on FANC's website](#) (in Finnish)

