

Collecting and utilising IAS observational data

## 4. Review invasive species observations in town plan or construction sites during the planning stage



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*It is good to map and remove any invasive species from the area prior to commencing the construction stage.*

*IAS control measures performed during the construction stage increase the risk of spreading the species and can cause delays and increased costs on the site.*

### Benefits of the action

Avoid expenses during the construction stage and risk of spreading IAS with the staff, machinery, tools or transferred land masses.

### Do this

Find out the IAS situation in the planning area and its perimeter as a separate survey or as part of other nature investigations.

Finish any necessary IAS control work prior to commencing the construction stage and ensure that construction work does not cause IAS to spread e.g. through transferring soil.

### More information

More information on IAS investigations as part of nature investigation in Finnish Environment Institute's guide book:

[Guidebook \(SykeRa 47/2021\) \(in Finnish\)](#)

