

Collecting and utilising IAS observational data

## 6. Actively monitor sites where IAS control is being performed and collect key data



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*Active monitoring of IAS control measures on control sites provides valuable information for the planning of future measures with maximised cost-effectiveness, such as choosing the best control methods or the processing method for plant waste generated.*

### Do this

Collect data and visual material at IAS control sites annually before and after performing control measures.

Key data include e.g. the total surface area of the site, surface area undergoing control measures, estimated number of plants, resources (monetary, time and human) spent on control measures, and whether the site requires further actions.

### Benefits of the action

Data helps assess matters such as the costs of IAS control; e.g the costs of mowing vs weeding the garden lupin in EUR/m<sup>2</sup> treated/year.

Also, collecting monitoring data is often one of the conditions for project funding.

### More information

Get to know and adopt an IAS control measures recording system for municipalities and authorities:

[Instructions on the website of Finnish Biodiversity Info Facility](#) (in Finnish)

