9. Always integrate IAS mapping as part of nature and other surveys by the municipality

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An accurate image of the IAS occurrence situation is a prerequisite for achieving effective and sustainable IAS control outcomes as well as measures preventing the spread of IAS.

Municipalities have had IAS mappings done by e.g. environmental consultants and students preparing their theses.

Do this

Make a list of areas in need of invasive species mapping and categorise them according to the urgency or importance of the investigation.

Reflect on whether each area needs its own mapping, the mapping should be integrated into other future investigations, or it is enough to call for local citizens to report their IAS observations.

Benefits of the action

Municipalities can save time, money and effort in the long term by utilising IAS location information for control and prevention of spread.

More information

The City of Tampere have published their policy on ordering IAS mappings in their diversity programme:

Procedure 91: collecting IAS data in nature investigations (in Finnish)

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