

# 1. Identify and monitor financial costs incurred to the municipality due to invasive species



*The spread of IAS causes costs to municipalities, of which the control costs are usually the most significant ones.*

*Identifying and recording costs and expenses incurred due to IAS, and their monitoring in bookkeeping, is important information for the planning of cost-effective IAS activities.*

### Benefits of the action

By identifying and monitoring expenses due to IAS and their management in the municipal economy, it is possible to lead more cost-effective and cost-preventive operations.

### Do this

Start recording all costs incurred due to IAS on the bookkeeping of the municipality or of the unit responsible for these activities. Include IAS activities as part of the budget.

Find out if it is possible to reduce the control costs, for example, by prioritising control sites, utilising voluntary work, or reducing the need for IAS waste transportation by scheduling control measures earlier in spring.

### More information

Many municipalities and cities take IAS work into account in their IAS strategies and budgets.

Unfortunately, there is not yet a guide book based on best practices to identify IAS-related costs and to utilise such data.

