# 10. Utilise the "traffic light" model in prioritising and choosing control measures for target sites

*In the so-called traffic light model utilised by the City of Riihimäki, the situation at each target site is indicated by a colour code that corresponds to data collected for monitoring.*

## Do this

Indicate the situation at the target site as follows:

Dark green: no IAS detected

Light green: only some individual plants detected

Orange: growth has diminished by 60% to 90%

Red: growth has expanded or diminished only slightly

Grey: no visits to the site/no confirmed IAS observations

## Benefits of the action

Traffic light analysis helps to cost-effectively target control resources to sites that benefit most from control measures.

## More information

The City of Riihimäki has adopted a so-called traffic light model for monitoring the situation of IAS target sites (from p. 3)

[Report on control of Himalayan balsam in 2022](#) (pdf, in Finnish))

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