

11. Consider sheep grazing as a control method for invasive alien plants on large, easily confined target sites



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During the 2020s, numerous municipalities have started to utilise sheep pastures for invasive alien plant control.

Sheep have proven efficient against the Himalayan balsam, for example, and are also very popular among visiting crowds and media.

Benefits of the action

Sheep grazing works very efficiently in combating the Himalayan balsam, for example. Sheep increase the living comfort of citizens, and they can be utilised in building IAS awareness.

Do this

Get to know other municipalities' experiences in utilising and placing pastures.

Contact local sheep farmers and find out annual costs for establishing and maintaining the practice (e.g., building an enclosure and monitoring the sheep's well-being).

Also plan related events that can attract visiting crowds and media.

More information

Sheep grazing as a means to combat IAS on the Sustainability Leap database:

[Fact sheet on sheep grazing at Vehkalampi park, Jyväskylä](#)

