

## 12. Encourage private citizens to engage in IAS control or mapping for a fee



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*IAS control work in Finland started up as action by citizens who were aware of the negative impact of IAS and concerned about their nearby nature.*

*Their engagement and knowledge of local conditions is a remarkable asset.*

### Benefits of the action

A formal grant motivates people to work and is cheaper than procuring control work as an outsourced service or as the municipality's own work.

Consider utilising experienced and committed activists on sites where e.g. the terrain makes it hard to perform IAS control by machines.

### Do this

The municipality chooses and limits the target species or sites and agrees on methods of combating IAS and processing IAS waste with the private citizen or association in charge of IAS control.

Draft an agreement and remember that it should also address work-related insurance coverage.

The municipality pays a formal grant to a private citizen for work agreed and approved.

### More information

The City of Tampere allots financial grants on the basis of applications to private citizens and associations for voluntary environmental protection work.

[About applying for the grants on the website of the City of Tampere](#) (in Finnish)

