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Indigenous Community Toolkit for Managing Invasive Species

A PROVINCE-WIDE COLLABORATIVE CALL TO ACTION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

Indigenous communities have collectively called for action on invasive species prevention, management and control across the area now known as British Columbia. There are many reasons for concern about invasive species, as they can have potentially devastating effects on Indigenous ways of life.



KEY GOALS

- » Provide Indigenous communities with the tools and resources to manage and control invasive species on their territories
- » Prevent the spread of further invasive species introduction

HEALTHY LANDSCAPES AND COMMUNITIES FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Across all of the diverse Indigenous cultures in BC there is a deep connection to stewardship of the land. It is this passionate connection that drove the creation of the original version of the Toolkit in 2011, created to provide tools and resources for Indigenous communities to manage and control invasive species on their land.

The toolkit was updated this year in partnership with the Indigenous Invasive Species Network (IISN) and the Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC), with the financial support of the Department of Indigenous Services Canada. The IISN is a working group brought together by the ISCBC to provide direction and guidance on invasive species issues relevant to Indigenous communities and represents Indigenous communities from across the province.

The Toolkit explores current legislation, agencies involved in invasive species management in BC, and Pest Management Plan Referrals. Top priority invasive species as identified by the IISN are highlighted throughout the document, and key contacts are included for federal, provincial and regional invasive species concerns.

For more information on the Toolkit and training and outreach opportunities for Indigenous communities, please contact the ISCBC.

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TOOLKIT HIGHLIGHT

One of the highlights of the Toolkit are the Case Studies submitted by a number of Indigenous communities, to share their challenges and successes as they navigate invasive species management on their territories.



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