

San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project

Preserving native wetlands



Monitoring a Declining, Hybridizing Weed Ingrid Hogle Monitoring Program Manager

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Outline

- Invasive Spartina Project (ISP)
- GPS for Monitoring
- GIS for Monitoring
- GIS for Mapping
- GIS for Decision Support
- Q & A

What is invasive Spartina?

Spartina is a cordgrass that grows in salt marshes, mudflats and brackish channels

Four introduced species of Spartina invading San Francisco Bay





Spartina alterniflora and hybrids

Spartina densiflora

Spartina anglica

Spartina patens



One native species (*Spartina foliosa*) occurs in San Francisco Bay marshes

Occupies specific niches in the marsh, balanced with the other important parts of the ecosystem (unvegetated mudflats, healthy channels, pickleweed mid-marsh, etc.)

Why is non-native Cordgrass a Problem ?

Degrades endangered species habitat Hybridizes with native Pacific cordgrass

Fills in restoration sites

Degrades flood control capacity

The Invasive Spartina Project

- Created in 2000 by the Coastal Conservancy and the USFWS
- Coordinate Estuary-wide Spartina monitoring and control efforts
- Long term goals: eradicate (eliminate) invasive Spartina from the San Francisco Estuary.











Monitoring Program

- Genetic testing
- Inventory and mapping
- Treatment efficacy monitoring

Annual Challenges

- 1. Monitoring Design
- 2. Spatial Data Preparation/Collection
- 3. Identification of Hybrids
- 4. Data Processing, Viewing, Editing
- 5. Map Production
- 6. Decision Support

Monitoring Design

- Annual Inventory
 - New Features Every Year
 - Points, Lines & Polygons
 - Spatial Grids
- Annual <u>Sampling</u>
 Permanent Plots





Genetic Testing

Spatial Data Collection Methods

- Handheld GPS units or Tablet PC
- ArcPad or TerraSync Software
- Map of past years' data
- Customized data dictionary
- Points, lines & polygons
- Grid cells





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Spatial Data Collection Methods

- Land
 - Foot, Bicycle
- Water
 - Kayak, Airboat, Power boat
- Air
 - Airplane, Helicopter
- Office
 - Digitizing Tablet & GIS



Aerial Photo Interpretation



Oro Loma Marsh, Hayward Regional Shoreline

Helicopter Monitoring



Data Processing

- Transfer from GPS to Desktop
- Differential Correction (or not)
- Load or Checkin to Geodatabase(s)

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Map Production

- Interactive map (used in house...a LOT)
- Field maps (to inform monitoring)
- Reporting maps (to share with partners, others)



Reporting Maps





Decision Support

- Maps
- Lab results
- Summary data

Where to Treat

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What to Treat: Lab Results



Legend: Genetic Results

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- S. foliosa lab ID, unknown spp field ID
- h Confirmed S. alterniflora/hybrid
- S. alterniflora/hybrid lab ID, unknown spp field ID
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 - S. alterniflora/hybrid lab ID based on lack of a single S. foliosa marker

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