



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Natural Resource Program Center
National Wildlife Refuge System

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Invasive Plant Management

Giselle Block
Inventory and Monitoring Program
Pacific Southwest Region

The National Wildlife Refuge System

President Theodore Roosevelt:
Pelican Island NWR, 1903

>560 NWRs, 5 national marine
monuments, and other
protected areas

>150 million acres of land and
water from the Caribbean, to
the remote Pacific, and the
Arctic



The National Wildlife Refuge System

MISSION

"to preserve a national network of lands and waters for the conservation and management of the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States for the benefit of present and future generations."



The Invasive Plant Threat



THE CHALLENGE

Never enough resources.....

How can we be more

strategic... (well-thought out)

adaptive... (monitor, evaluate, adjust)



Strategic and Adaptive Invasive Plant Management

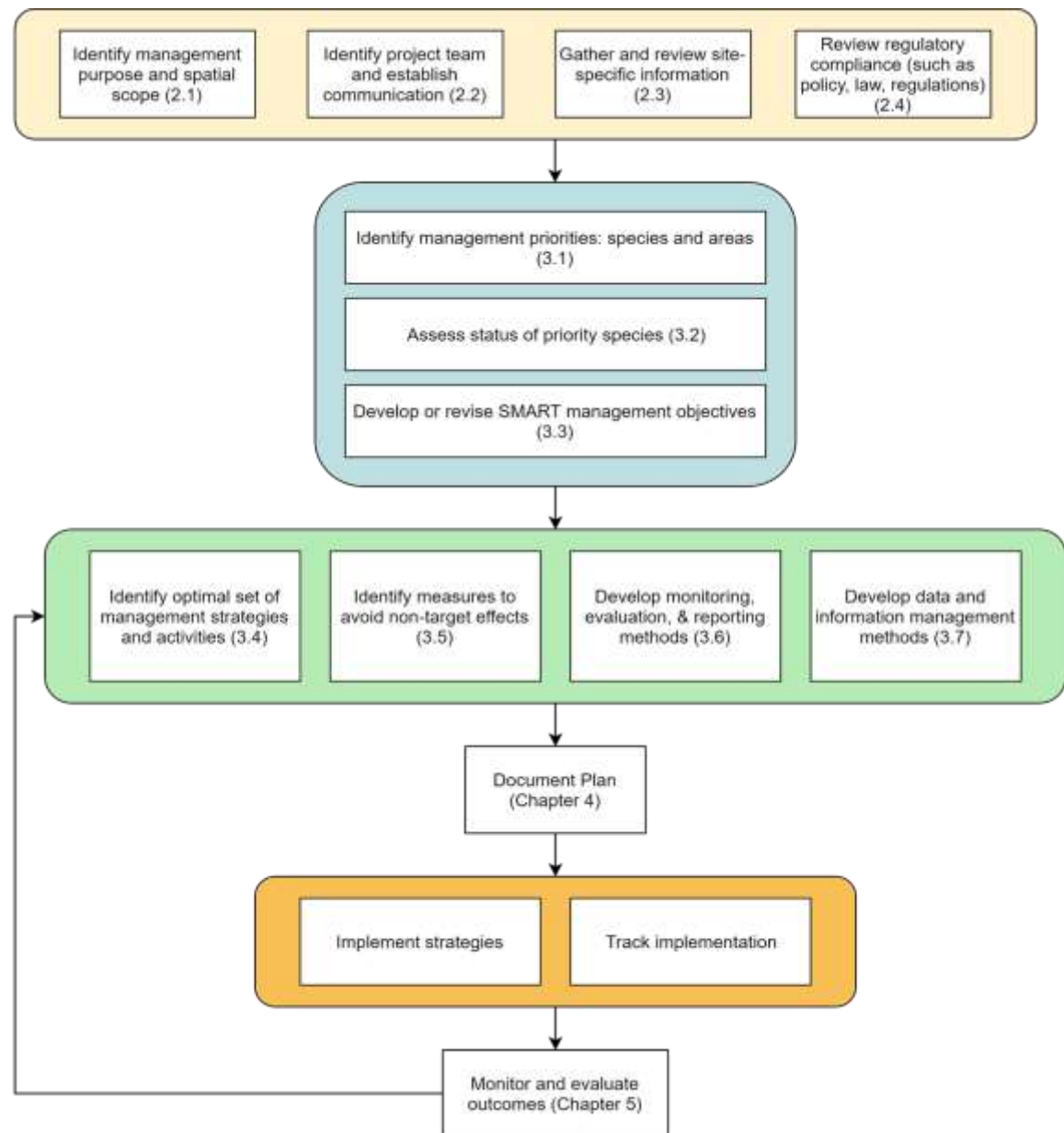
Clear process that lays out a strategic and adaptive approach.....

even when resources are extremely limiting

Identify existing tools and put them in the hands of refuges

Create new tools where there are gaps

On-the-ground support





Land Manager's Guide to Developing an Invasive Plant Management Plan

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