

Protecting Wild Spaces Through Invasive Species Management

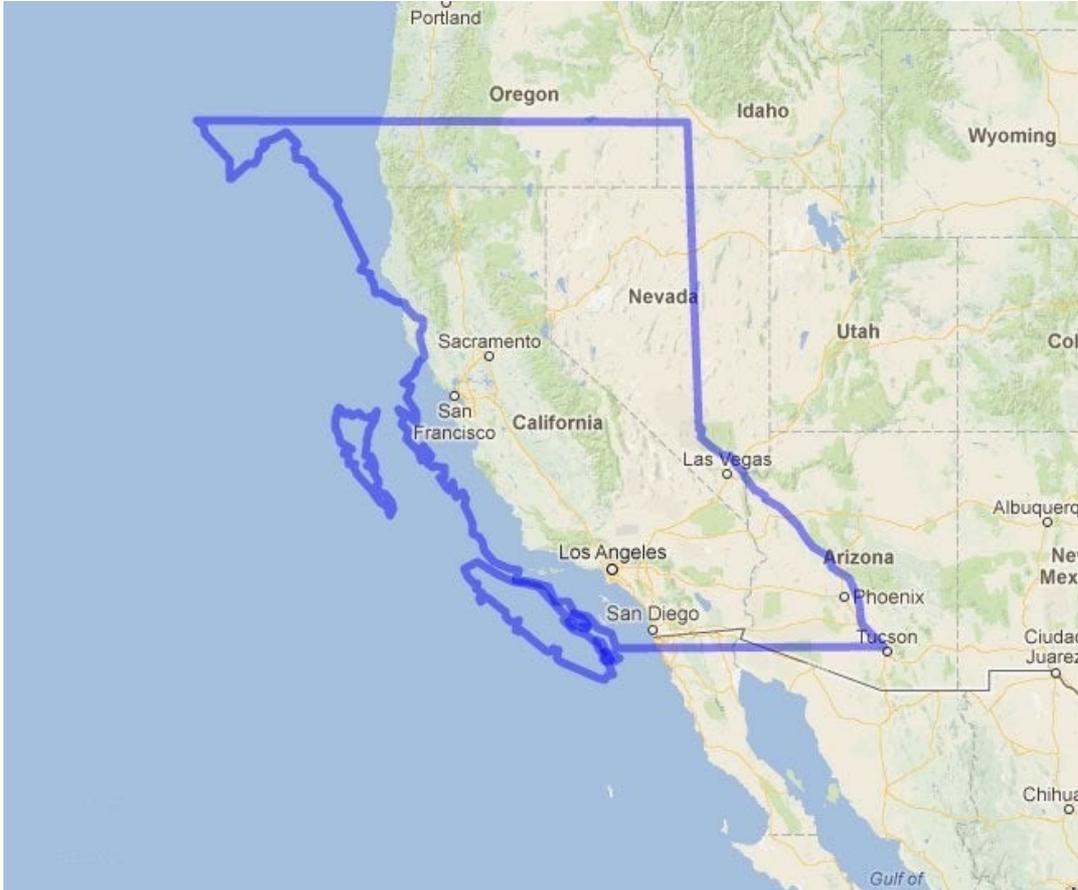
A Case Study from British Columbia

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Overview of ISCBC and British Columbia

British Columbia



- 2.23x size of California
- 587,031mi²
- Diverse climate and geography
- Diverse Invasive Species!

Take action to build healthy landscapes,
habitats and communities in British Columbia
through education and responsible practices to
prevent the spread of invasive species.

- Largest provincial invasive species charity in Canada
- Focus: education, outreach, training, cross-border collaboration across Canada and internationally
- Founding member, co-chair of the Canadian Council on Invasive Species
- Networks to communicate across BC





Building Best Practices

Prevention is a critical aspect of IPM that can be enhanced by
public campaigns and **school programs**

- Collaboration
- Pathways of Introduction
- Prevention
- Industry and individuals
- Consistent messaging
- Take Action!



- Behaviour change program promoting informed choices for growers and gardeners.
- Replace invasives with native species.
- Choose non-invasive alternative species



Launched April 2021, helping tourism operators adopt best management practices for invasive-wise tourism



eLearning

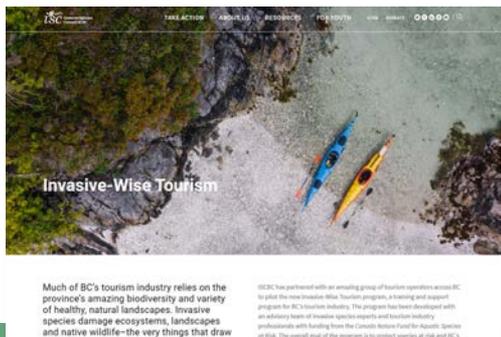


Training plan



BMPs

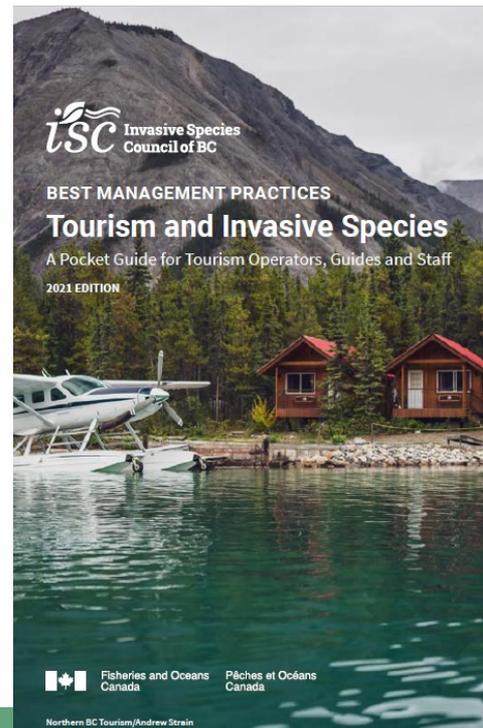
Invasive-Wise Tourism Resources



Web Content



Certificate



BMPs



Wallet & Rack Cards



Decals

Recreating Responsibly



**CLEAN
DRAIN
DRY**

Prevent the Spread of Aquatic
Invasive Species



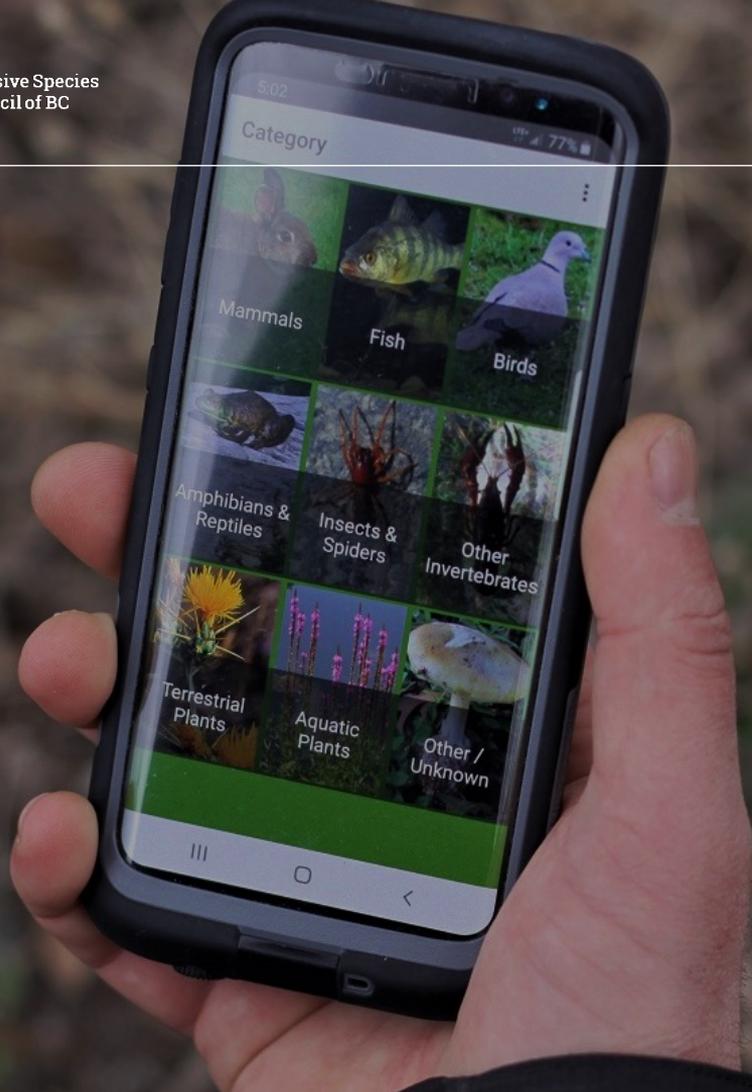
**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

PlayCleanGo.ca



**BUY
LOCAL
BURN
LOCAL**

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

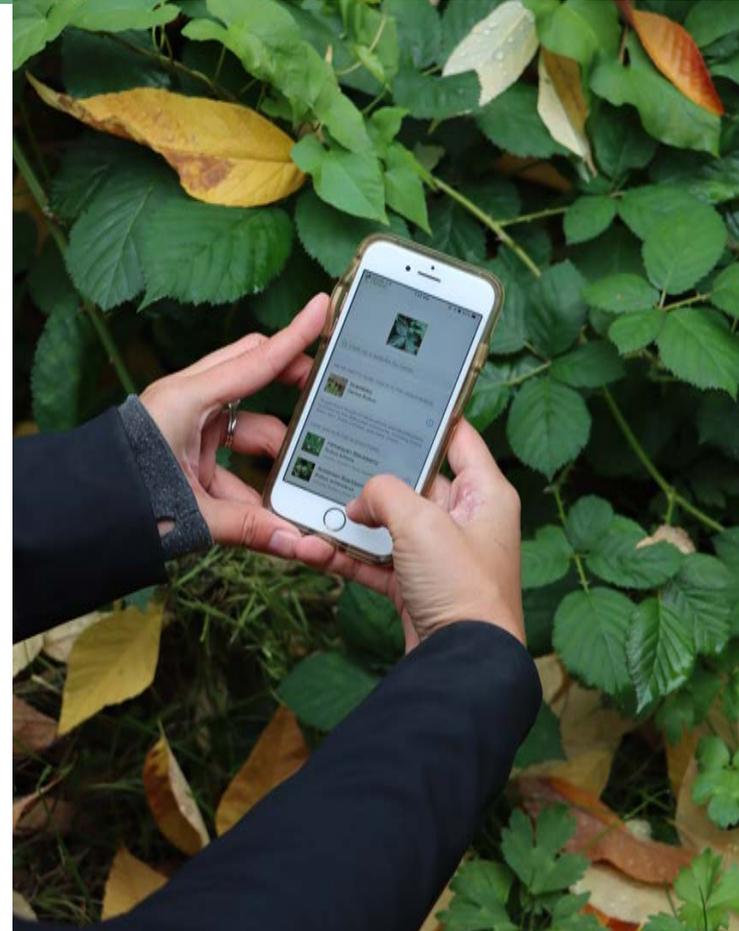


Early Reporting

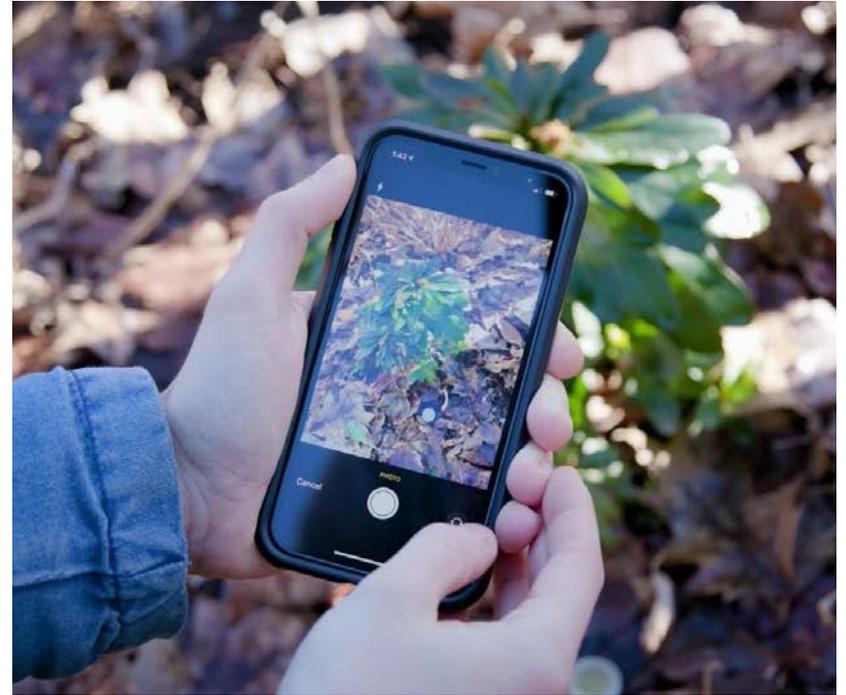
Community Science Network
to engage people across BC
to **take action** on invasive
species through **e-learning**
and online resources, local
action and **reporting**.



- **Volunteer networks** to leverage engagement and identification
- Apps such as **iNaturalist** and **ReportInvasives** to report and track
- Mapping / reporting can be done by trained volunteers!



iNaturalist project “**I Spy and Identify**” is building an active community of people observing nature and protecting Canada’s outdoor spaces from invasive species.



Invasive-Wise School Program

A virtual classroom-supported program

- Launched in schools across BC in October 2021
- New activities and resources
- Co-developed with volunteer teacher advisors



Examples of Our Work

- Indigenous Toolkit
- IP plan development
- Site surveys
- Training of community members
- Equipment provided



- Building a skilled invasive species work force
- Employment and skills training
- Supporting field work
- Surveys and management



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- Plan to link our programming and research more directly with climate change.
- Plan to consider traditional ecological knowledge in our work.
- Focus on creating online opportunities to engage citizens to get involved all around BC.
- Ensuring access to our programs and resources across BC.

Thank you!
Any questions?

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