

# Invasive species...

immense,  
insidious,  
increasing and  
irreversible.

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**GISP**

*Global Invasive Species Programme*



**The spread of invasive species is now recognised as one of the greatest threats to the environmental and economic well-being of the planet.**

### Our mission...

GISP's mission is to conserve biodiversity and sustain livelihoods by minimising the spread and impact of invasive species.

GISP has responsibility under the Convention of Biological Diversity that calls on parties to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats, or species.

In order to address the damage that invasive species cause, GISP:

- raises awareness of invasives
- facilitates information exchange
- influences key decision makers
- supports governance and policy at a global level.

"GISP was established to look at the bigger picture of invasive species, co-ordinate responses to the threat and develop a global strategy for their management."

Sarah Simons, Executive Director, GISP



**The cost of damage caused by invasive species has been estimated to be \$1.5 trillion per annum - close to 5% of global GDP.**



### A partnership...

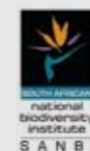
The partnership draws on the strengths of four organisations to help the world manage invasive species by influencing invasive species policy, raising awareness and providing vital information.



**CABI** is an intergovernmental organisation working to find affordable long-term solutions to invasive plants, insects and microbes around the world.



**IUCN** helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges.



**The South African National Biodiversity Institute** promotes the sustainable use, conservation, appreciation and enjoyment of the exceptionally rich biodiversity of South Africa, for the benefit of all people.



**The Nature Conservancy** is a leading conservation organisation working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.

**Invasive species are non-native plants, animals or micro-organisms whose introduction threatens biodiversity, food security, health and economic development.**

**The Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) is a partnership dedicated to tackling the threat of invasive species.**

**Join the fight against  
invasive species - contact  
GISP for advice and help on  
managing invasive species  
in your country.**

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