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*Global Invasive Species Programme*



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

Its mission is to conserve biodiversity and sustain livelihoods by minimising the spread and impact of **invasive species**.

"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*



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# Invasive species... immense, insidious, increasing and irreversible.

**Invasive species** are non-native plants, animals or micro-organisms whose introduction threatens biodiversity, food security, health and economic development. The cost of damage caused by invasive species has been estimated to be \$1.5 trillion per annum - close to 5% of global GDP.

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