



The Invasive Alien Species Issue

Invasive alien species are those that become established in a new environment, then proliferate and spread in ways that are destructive to biodiversity and / or human interests.

The spread of invasive alien species (IAS) is now recognised as one of the greatest threats to the ecological and economic well-being of the planet. It is creating complex and far-reaching challenges that threaten both the natural biological riches of the earth and the well-being of our people. These species are causing enormous damage to biodiversity and the valuable natural agricultural systems upon which we depend. Direct and indirect health effects are increasingly serious and the damage to native biodiversity is often irreversible. The effects may be exacerbated by global change and chemical and physical disturbance to species and their habitats.



European green crab



Chromolaena



Lantana



Giant African snail

