

# Implications of Climate Change for Invasive Species in the Northeast

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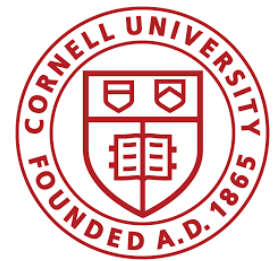
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# The New York Invasive Species Research Institute

Established in 2008 to work at the interface of research and management with the mission:

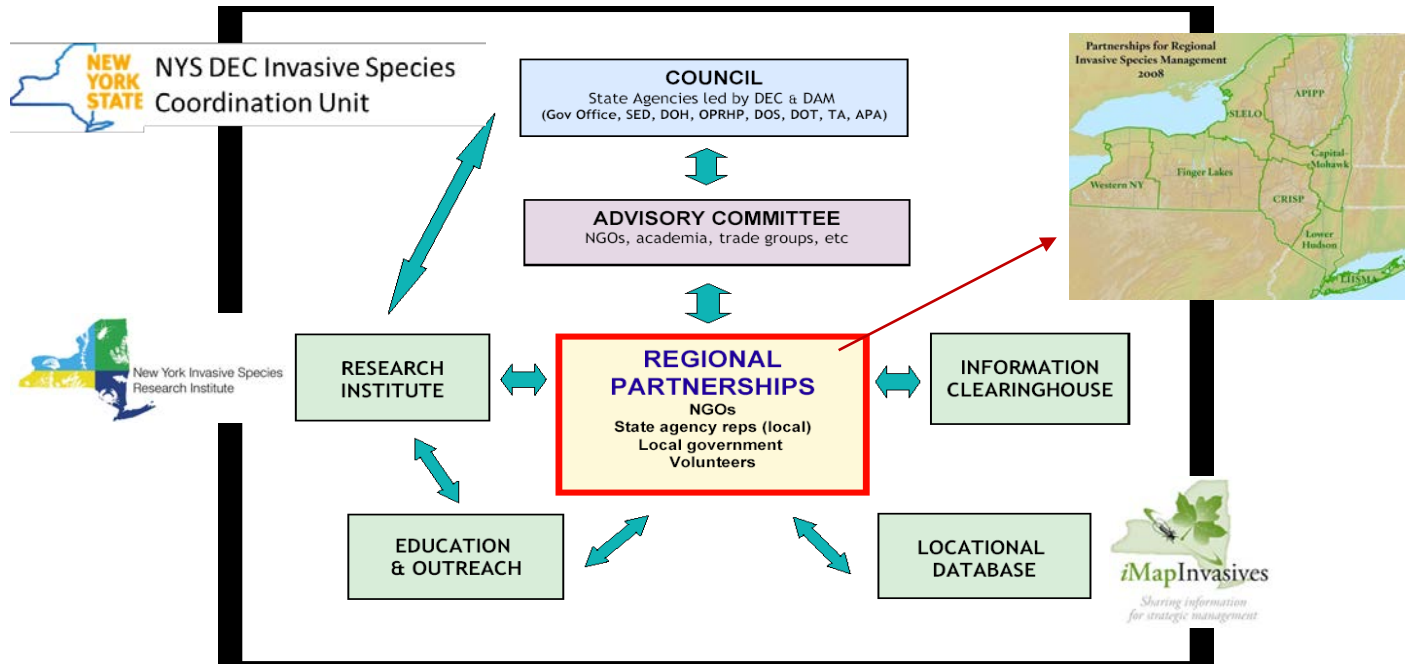
*“to coordinate invasive species **research** to help prevent and manage the **impact** of invasive species in New York State and beyond”*



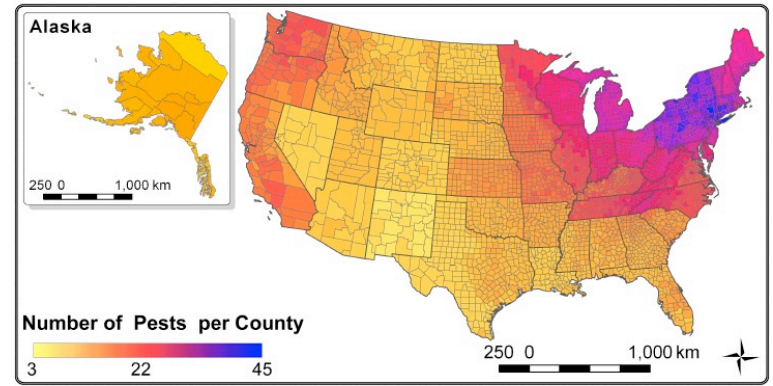
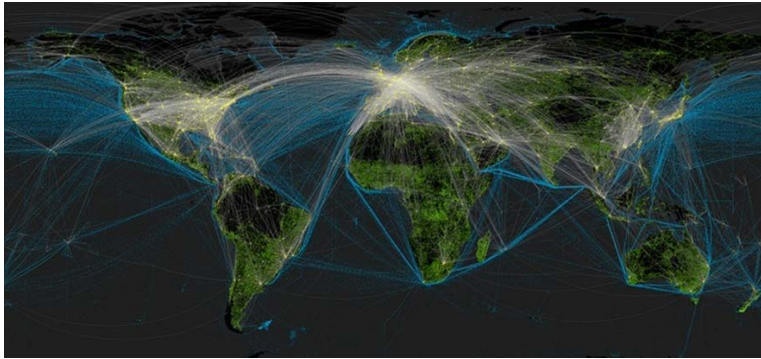
*Working with PRISMs, iMapInvasives, NYS Invasive Species Council, NYS Invasive Species Advisory Committee, NYS DEC ISCU, CCE and others*

PI: Dr. Bernd Blossey, Cornell University

# NYS Strategic System



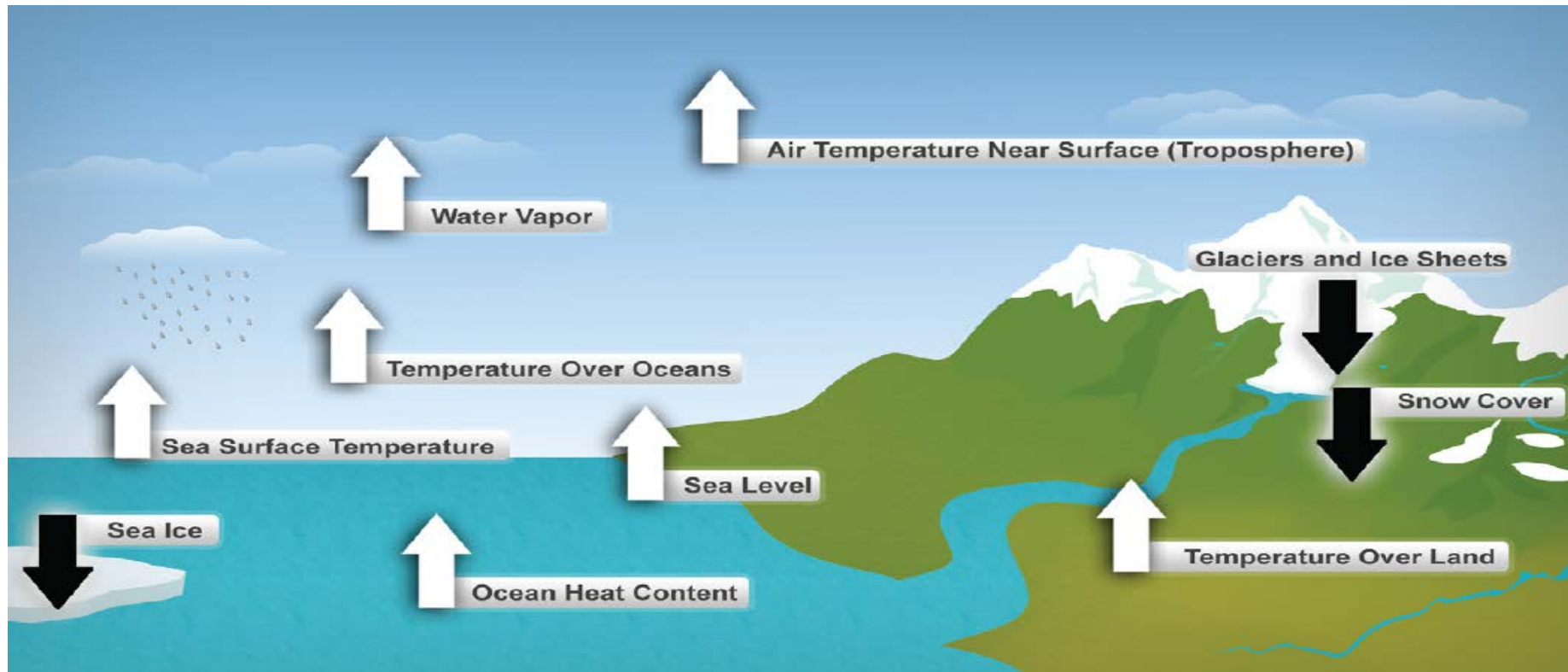
Role of NYISRI to connect IS network with relevant research to improve the scientific basis of invasive species prevention and management and solicit research needs



# Today's talk

- Climate Change 101– what changes are occurring?
- Invasive species responses to these changes and the implications for invasive species management
- How can we increase knowledge and tools to incorporate climate change considerations into invasive species management decisions?

# The climate is changing.....



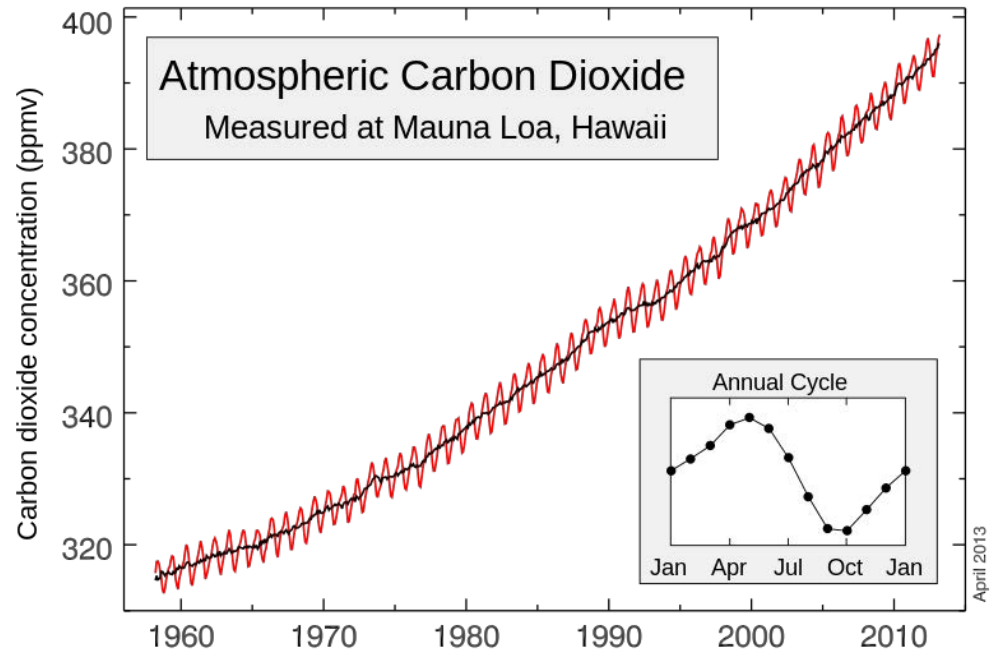
↓ Decreasing trend      ↑ Increasing trend

Figure source: NOAA National Climate Data Center

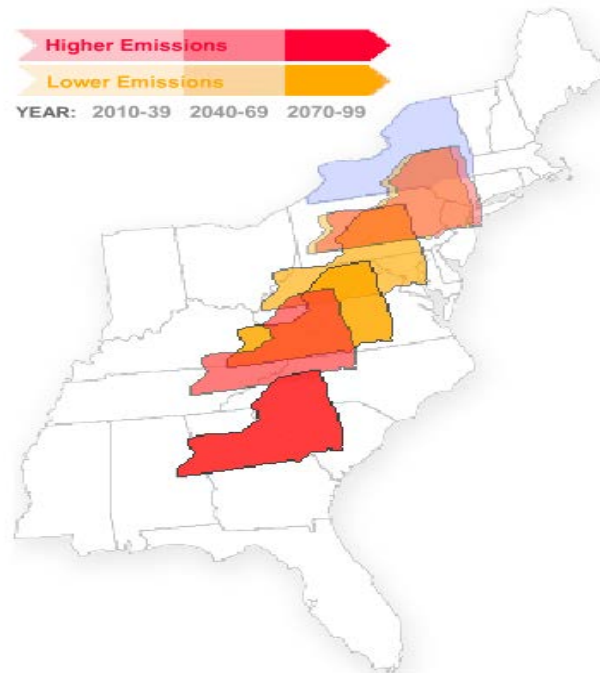
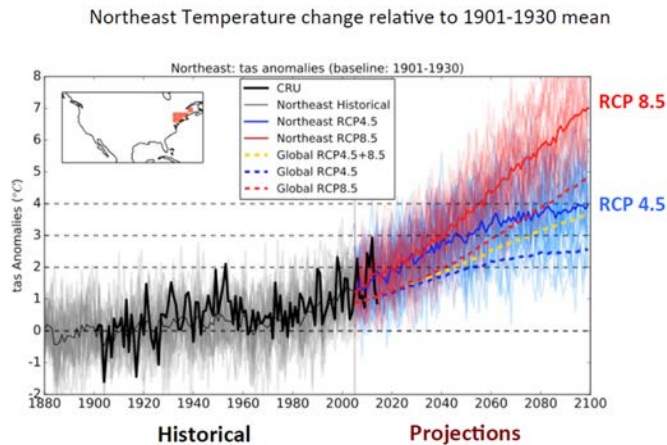
# Rising CO<sub>2</sub>

## Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

- Risen from 280 ppm pre-industrial
- Over 400 today



# Northeast average temperature rise



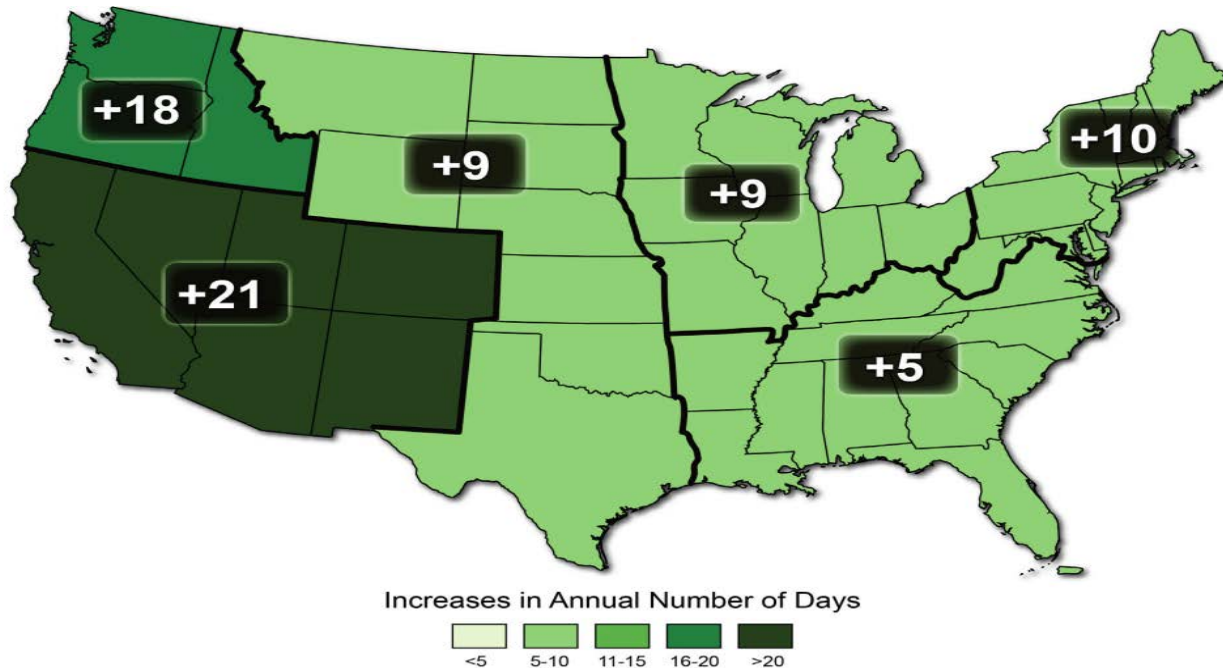
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UCS USA



## “Milder winters”

### Observed changes in frost-free season (1991-2012)



- Frost free and growing seasons have increased nationally since 1980s
- Largest increases in west, continued lengthening is projected
- Earlier spring snow melt, less snow overall
- Lake ice forms later, melts earlier

2014 NCA report

Figure source: NOAA National Climate Data Center

# Increasing frequency of temperature and precipitation extremes *and also extreme weather*

Red River flood near Fargo, ND



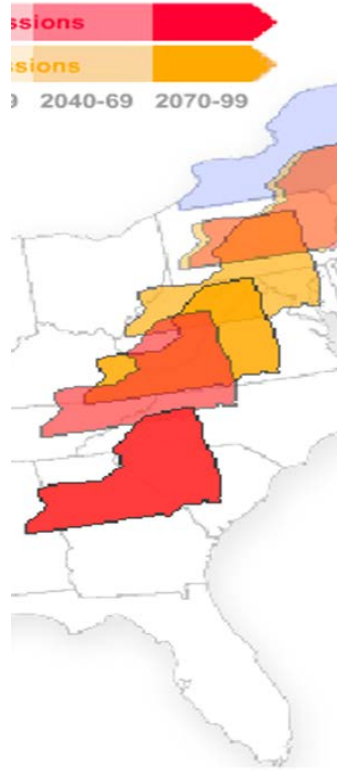
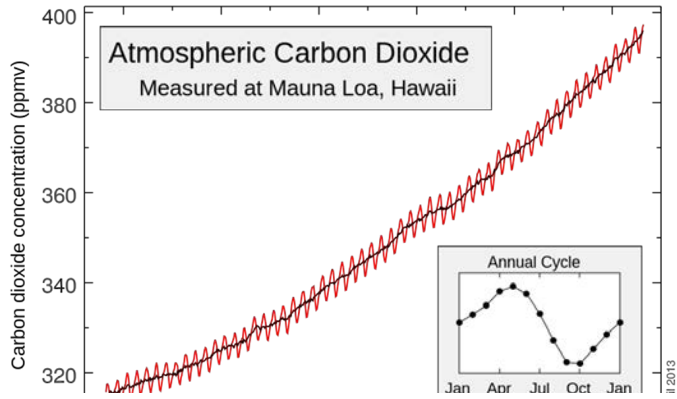
Hurricane Sandy damage in Newark Watershed



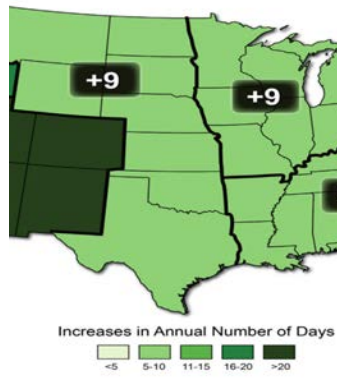
Heat waves/droughts cause fires in the West

# Today's talk

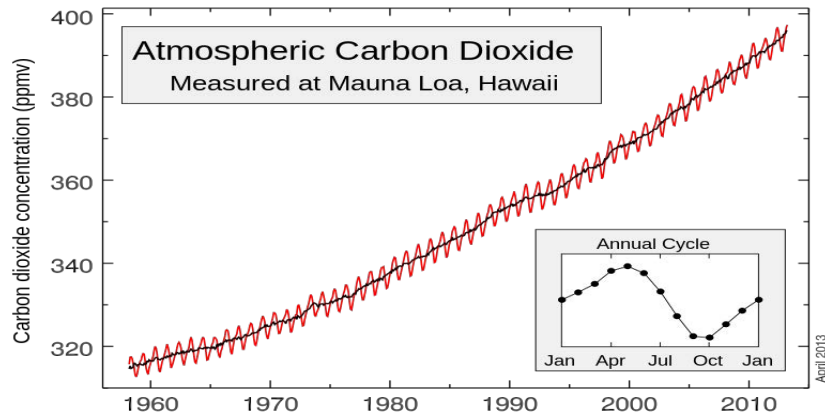
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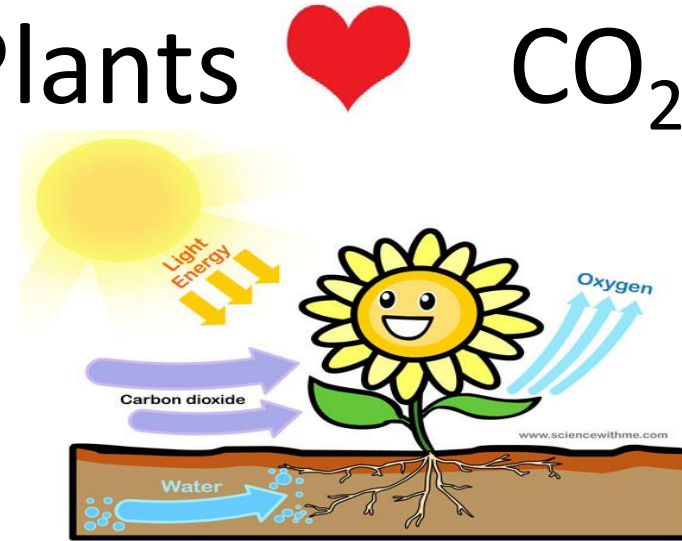
**Under these conditions, many invasive species are given a competitive edge:**



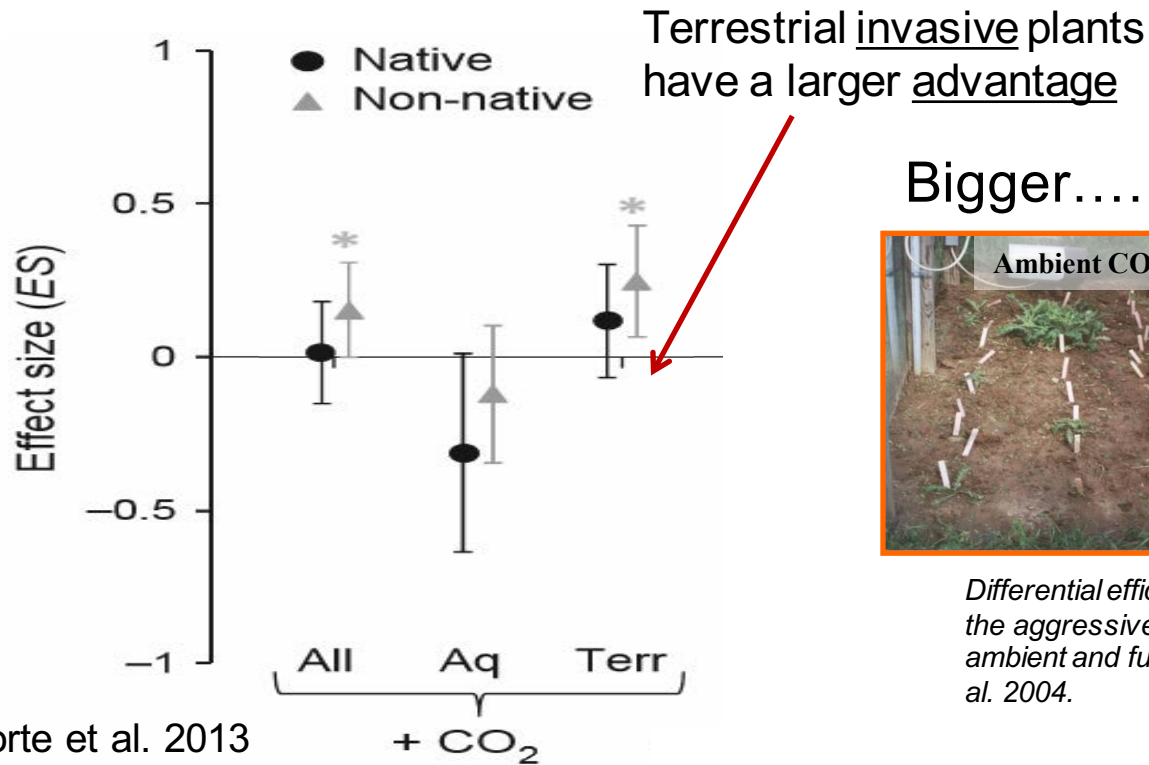
# Rising CO<sub>2</sub>



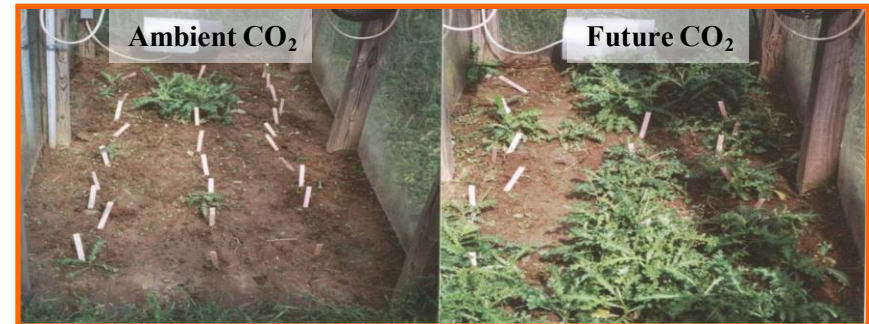
Plants ♥ CO<sub>2</sub>



## Invasive plants do better still



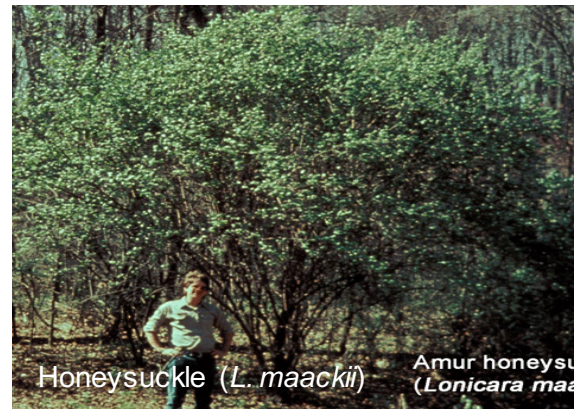
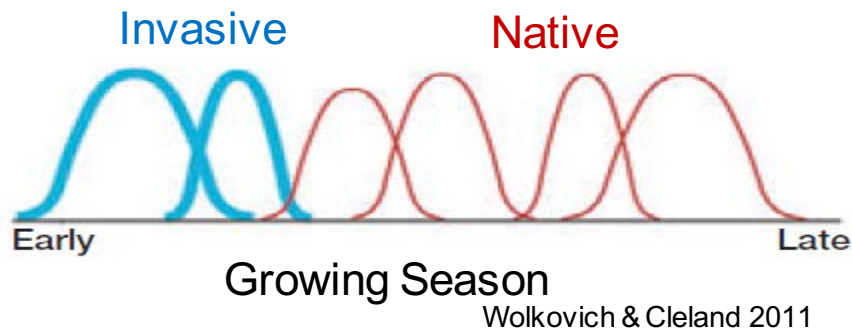
Bigger..... and harder to kill



Differential efficacy of the herbicide glyphosate to control the aggressive perennial weed, Canada thistle, at ambient and future CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. Credit: Ziska et al. 2004.

# Warming temperatures

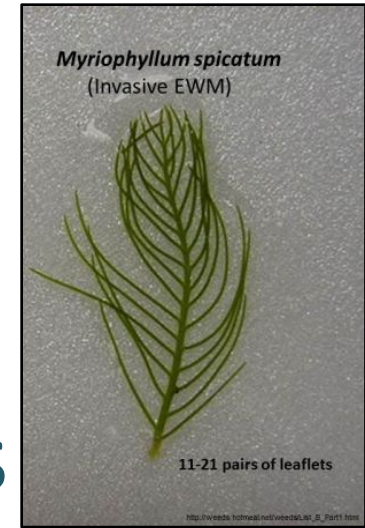
Milder winters and Priority Effects:  
Some invasive plants show earlier spring green-up



Amur honeysuckle  
(*Lonicera maa*)



# Warming temperature



competitive advantage for  
some invasives, results in  
growth and longer growing  
season



# Warming temperature

(Invasive) species respond by shifting their ranges

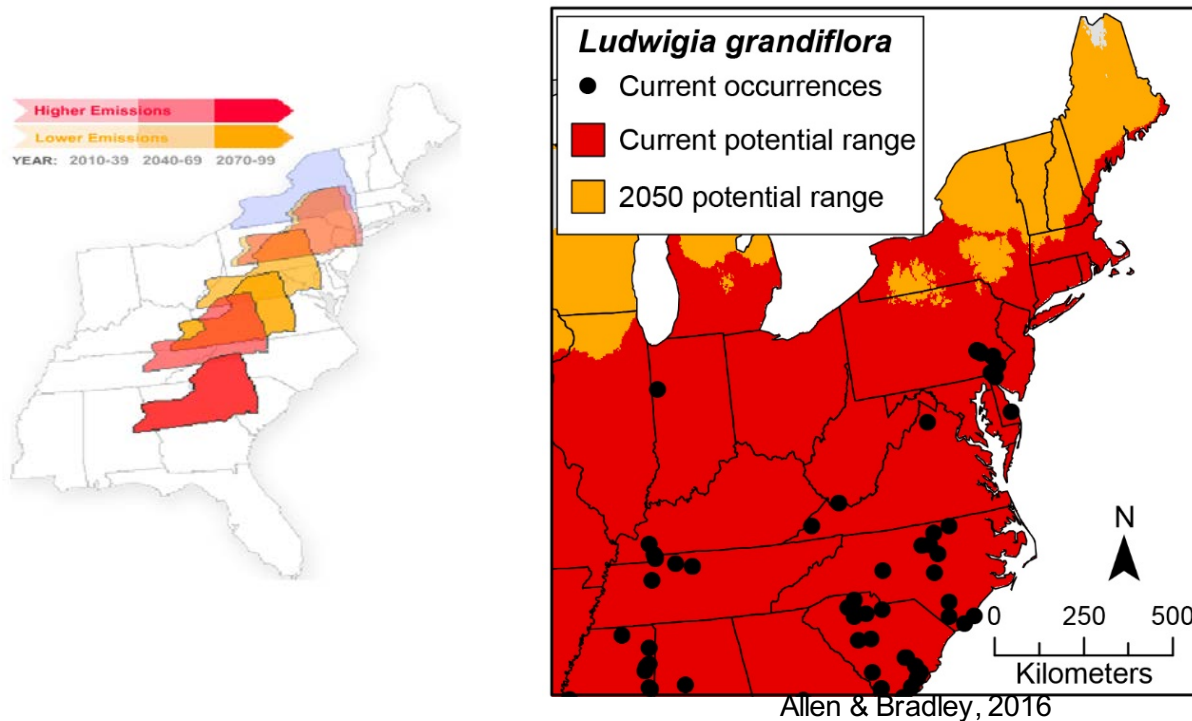
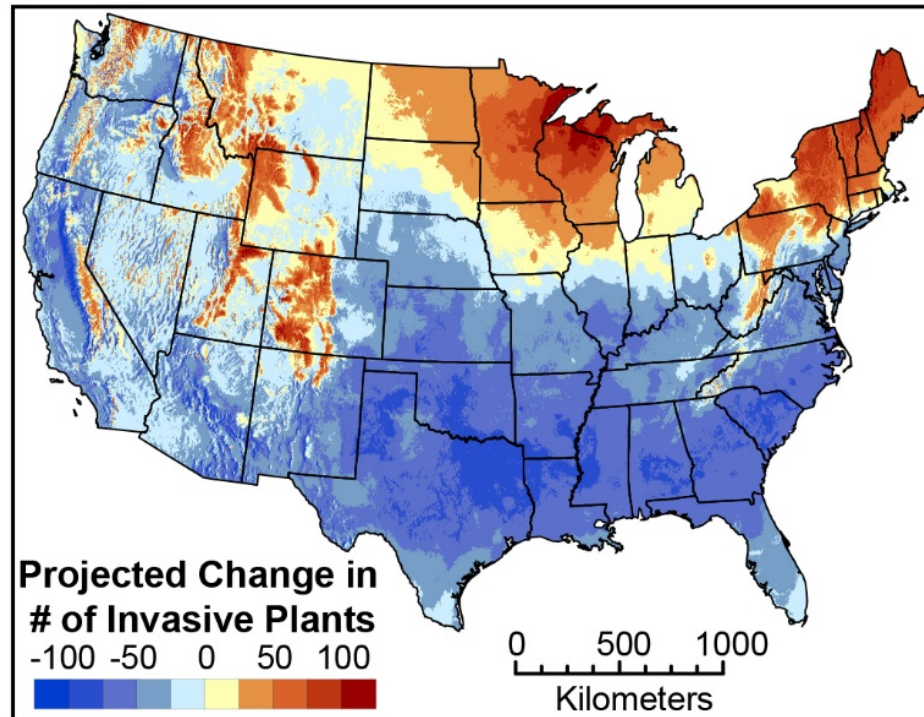


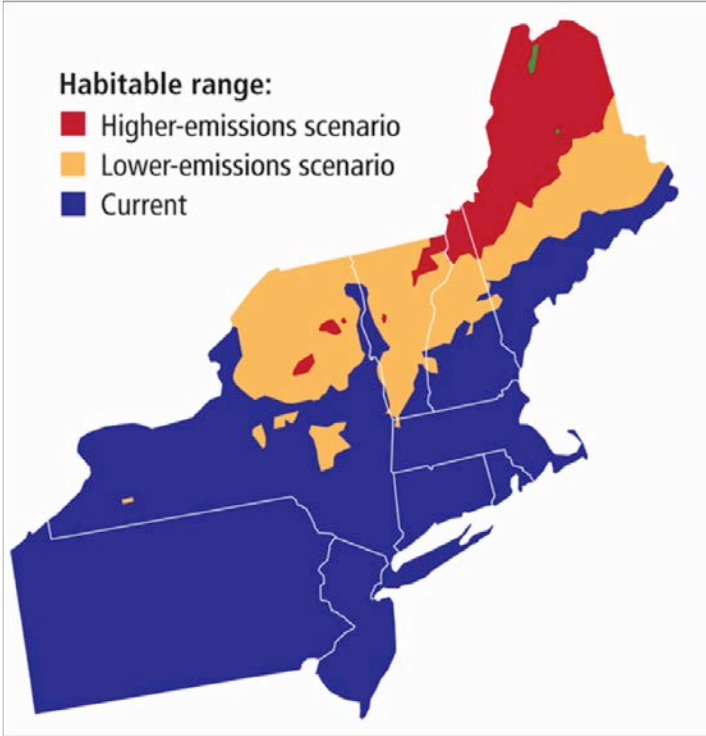
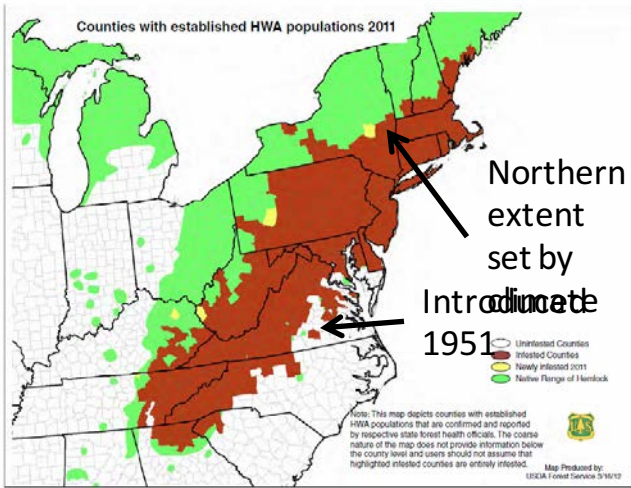
Photo: Alain Dutartre

# The northeast is a hotspot of future invasion



Allen & Bradley, 2016

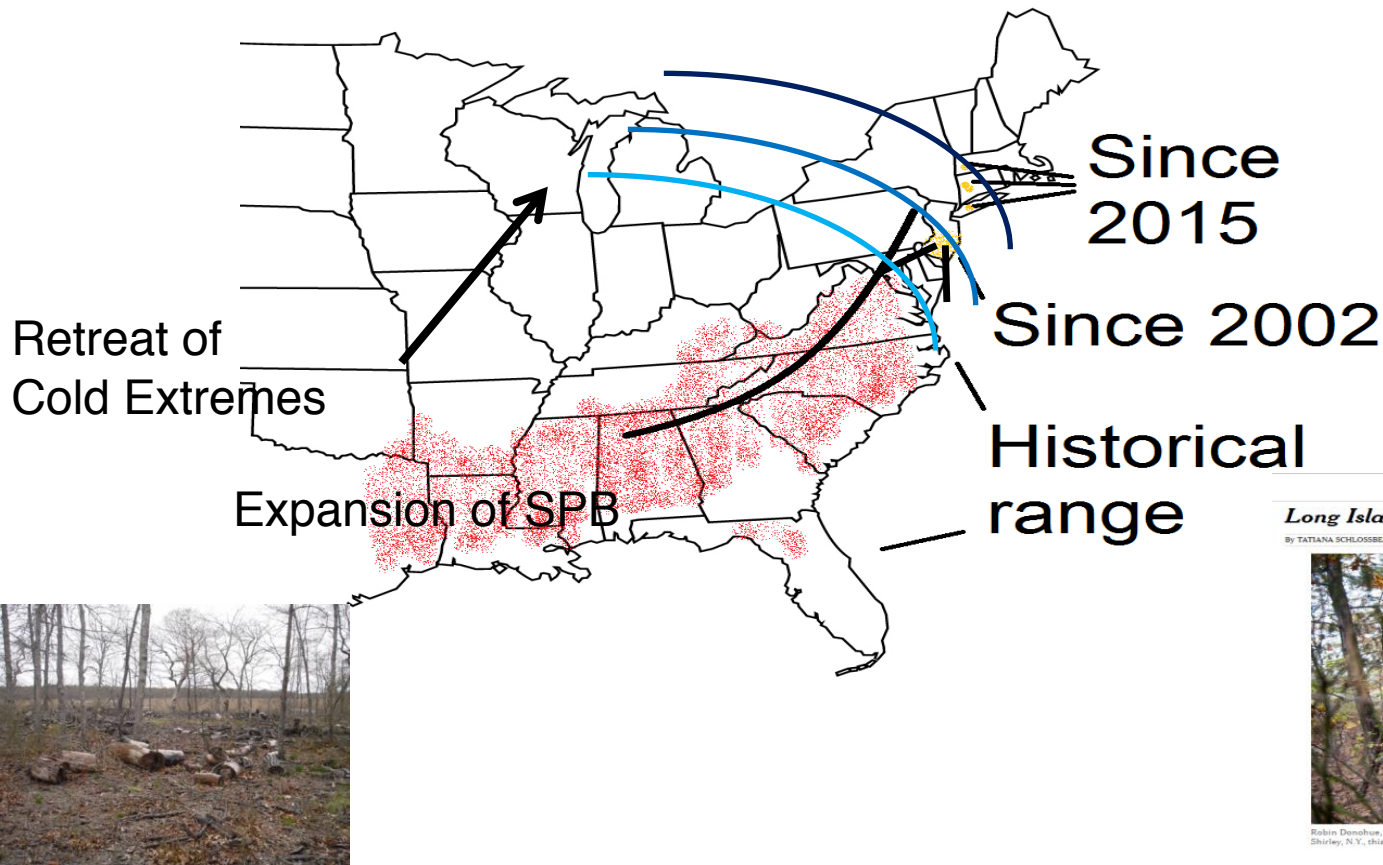
# Forest pests such as Hemlock Woolly Adelgid will continue to spread Northward as the climate warms



Source: Northeast Climate Impact Assessment, 2006  
Slide by G. Lovett

Area habitable by HWA in 2100 under different CO2 emissions scenarios

# Southern Pine Beetle expansion with warmer winters



The New York Times  
*Long Island Confronts Destructive Southern Pine Beetles*  
By TATIANA SCHLOSSBERG OCT. 22, 2014



Robin Donohue, a wildlife biologist, inspected a pitch pine at the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge in Shirley, N.Y., this week. Gordon M. Grant for The New York Times

# Range expansion of temperature-limited aquatic species



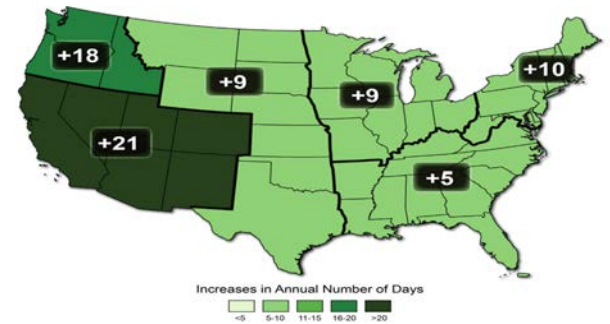
Water Hyacinth



Asian Clam



Changes in disturbance  
regime favors invasive  
species  
*ex: ice scouring effect  
removed*

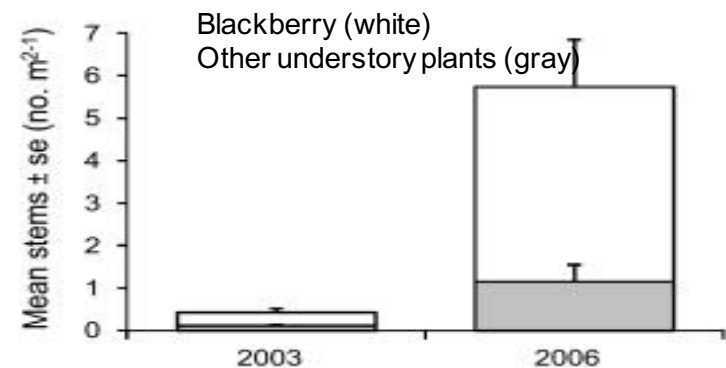
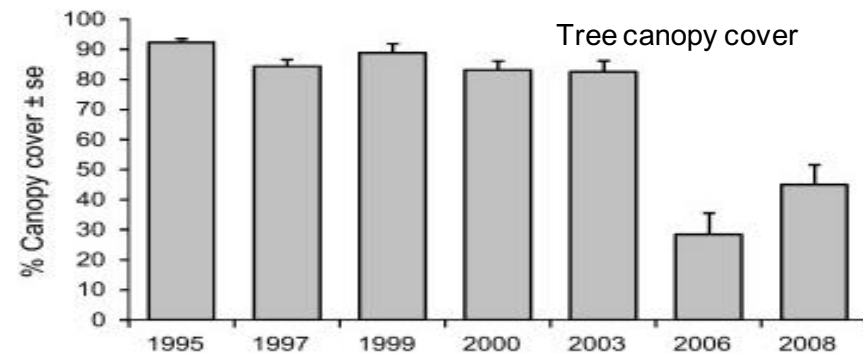


# Increased extreme events

Extreme events cause native species mortality and allow invasive species to move in



Understory (invasive) plants thrive following disturbance from Hurricane Katrina. Duration of effect unknown.



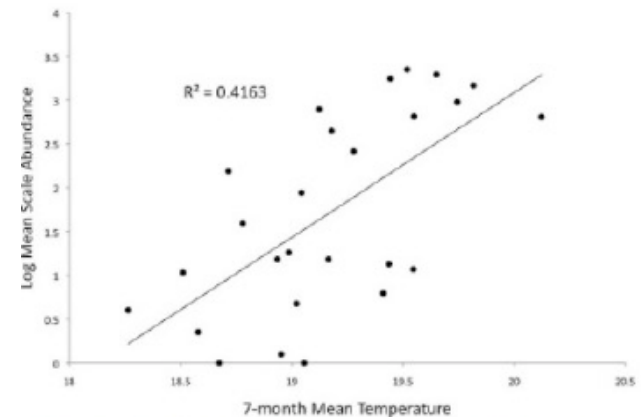
Brown et al. 2011

# Warmer climate + drought = more stressed trees and more abundant pests

- Gloomy scale insects, *Melanaspis tenebricosa* and red maples
- Warmer, more drought-stressed trees harbored more successful pests than cooler, less drought-stressed trees.
- As cities and natural habitats become hotter and drier, damaging scale insects will become more abundant.



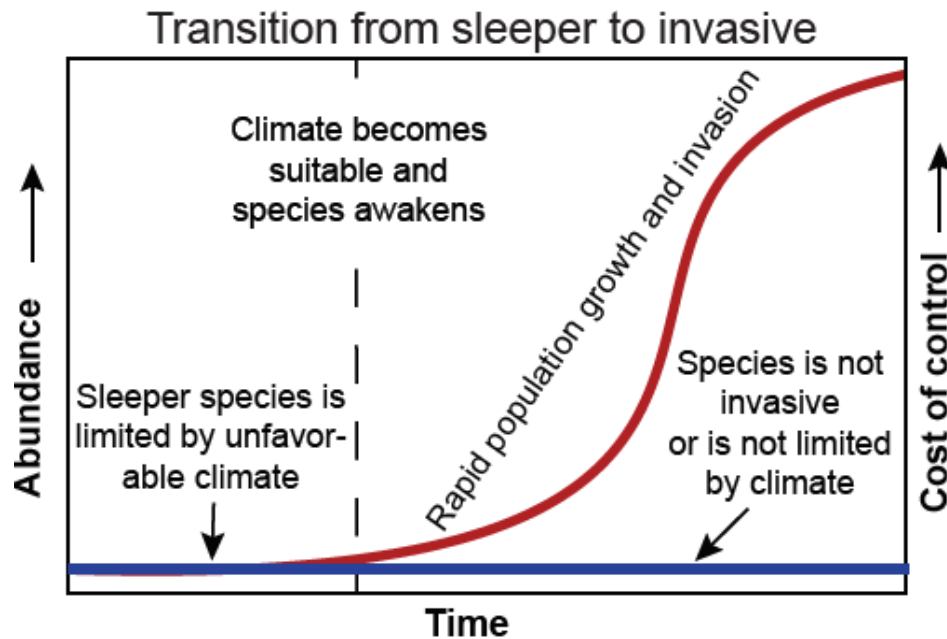
Adam Dale (UF) and  
Steven Frank (NCSU)



Linear regression of seven-month mean temperature and log mean scale abundance per 0.6 m of maple twig ( $\log(y) = 229.95 + 1.65x$ ).



# “Unknown” future invaders: “Sleeper Species”



- Non-native species that are present but not invasive because growth is limited by biotic or abiotic conditions
- Often climate is the limiting factor and if climate becomes suitable, the species will proliferate

Bradley, Bethany A.; Beaury, Evelyn; Fusco, Emily J.; Laginhas, Brittany; Morelli, Toni Lyn; and Pasquarella, Valerie, "Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Management Challenge: Preparing for sleeper species" (2018). *Environmental Conservation Educational Materials*. 2.

<https://doi.org/10.7275/R5F18WXT>

## Examples of sleeper species

A Sleeper species



Image: Bathyporeia

B Suspected sleeper



Image: Bryson

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C Suspected sleeper

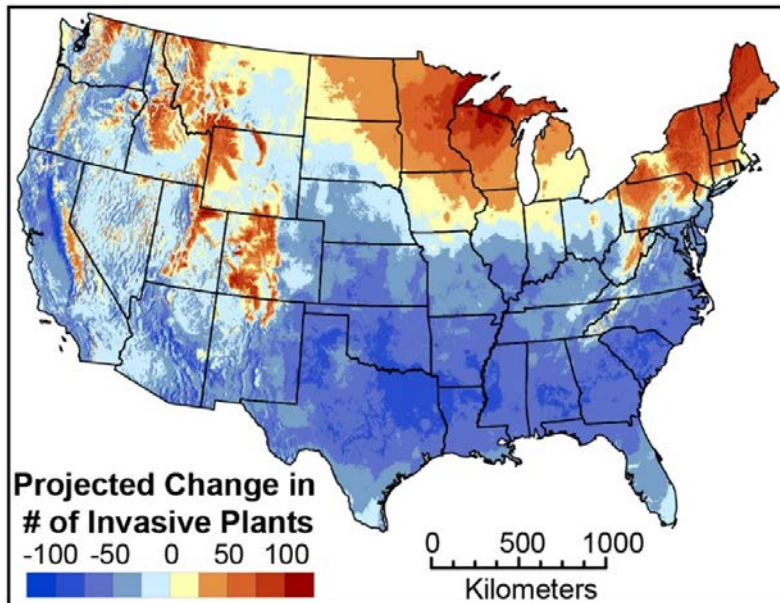


Image: D. Lance, USDA

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**A)** Acorn barnacle (*Austrominius modestus*), a cold-intolerant species first introduced around 1955 off the U.K. coast, did not become invasive until 50 years later after a series of mild winters. **B)** Mayweed chamomile (*Anthemis cotula*) was introduced to Massachusetts over a century ago. Its ability to respond quickly to climate change may give the plant a competitive advantage, shifting it from naturalized to invasive. **C)** First discovered in New York in 2004, Sirex woodwasp (*Sirex noctilio*) currently impacts stressed pines. Increasingly frequent disturbance events due to climate change may lead to greater damage from this forest pest.

# Climate change does not always benefit invasive species



Responses are species and context specific!

# Climate Change's 'Opportunities' for Invasive Species

- Increased growth and density of invasives due to higher CO<sub>2</sub>
- “Hardier” invasives under higher CO<sub>2</sub> show resistance to herbicide treatment
- Potential reduced effectiveness of biocontrols if phenology is mismatched
- Earlier green-up (via priority effects or greater plasticity) for invasives and other competitive advantages
- Northward shifts for invasives due to warmer temperatures and milder winters
- Increased new establishment due to increased disturbance
- Waking up “sleeper” invasive species

# How could this research knowledge translate to management decisions?

Extend boat washing stations beyond traditional Memorial day to Labor day

Plant native to avoid introducing potential sleeper species

Seek additional management tools in preparation for hardier invasives under increased CO2

Proactively consider regulating invasive species from Southern states

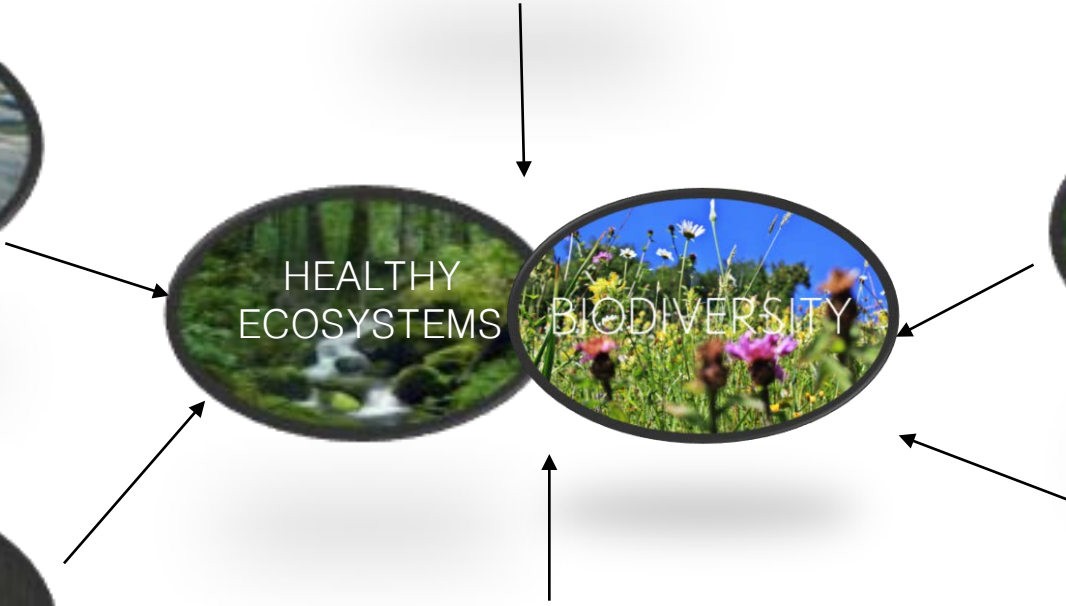
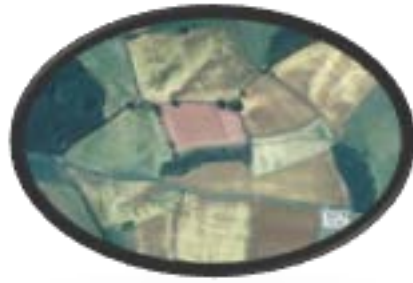
Including IS in planning for extreme events response

Look to neighbors to the south for species on the move

Adjusting treatment timing to address earlier phenology

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# Executive Order -- Safeguarding the Nation from the Impacts of Invasive Species

EXECUTIVE ORDER



*“consider opportunities to apply innovative science and technology.....”*

The cover of a report titled 'The INNOVATION SUMMIT' with the subtitle 'VISION+SCIENCE+TECHNOLOGY+SOLUTIONS'. The date is 'DECEMBER 5, 2016 - WASHINGTON, DC'. The cover features a collage of images: a large insect, a bird, and a landscape. A woman is sitting on a rock in a river valley in the bottom right corner. The text on the cover includes: 'CONTRACTOR'S REPORT', 'REPORT', 'INVASIVE SPECIES: URGENT ACTION IS REQUIRED', 'The Federal Government defines invasive species to mean, with regard to a particular ecosystem, a non-native organism whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm, or harm to humans, and soil, or plant health.', 'EXECUTIVE ORDER 13750', 'MAKING THE CASE FOR INNOVATION', 'Although policy makers, land managers, and the public are increasingly aware of the invasive species issue, the commitment to problem resolution remains well below that needed to avert a crisis. Why? In part, the answer is that the invasive species issue has been plagued by misconception. Invasive species challenges are frequently considered too complex and too costly to overcome. This perspective undermines political and public support for the financial and intellectual investments necessary to overcome substantial challenges to the invasion and capacity to innovate.', 'It is clear, nevertheless, that investments in technology innovation can be game-changing. They are demonstrating that seemingly insurmountable challenges can be solved. Problems can be solved. The current toolbox for addressing invasive species is incomplete and, in many cases, inadequate. However, investment in innovation can enable us to change the invasive species conversation from “We can’t do this” to “We can do this.”', 'Executive Order 13750, <https://www.fishbase.org/Bookmarks/index.cfm?id=100>', 'Pimentel et al. 2009, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0303254809000000>'.

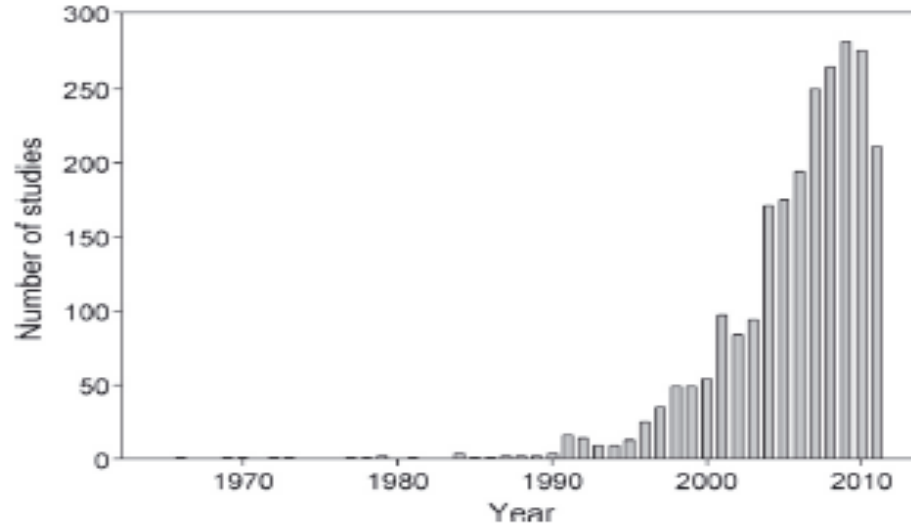
*“We Can Do This.....”*



*The man who has the time, the discrimination, and the sagacity to collect and comprehend the principal facts and the man who must act upon them must draw near to one another and feel that they are engaged in a common enterprise.*  
(Woodrow Wilson, 1856–1924.)



# Increasing research on invasive species



**Figure 3.** The number of studies published per year included in the field synopsis. The most recent year (2011) only included records included in the database through September (journals published at different dates in September will vary in their inclusion in the database) and indexed on the Web of Science as of September 2011.

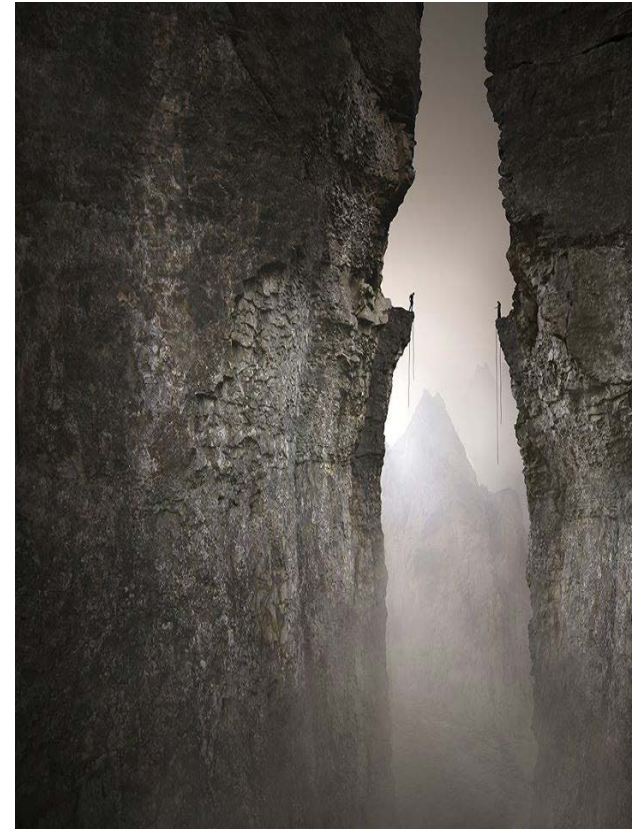
## **Biological invasions: a field synopsis, systematic review, and database of the literature**

Edward Lowry<sup>1</sup>, Emily J. Rollinson<sup>1</sup>, Adam J. Laybourn<sup>1</sup>, Tracy E. Scott<sup>1,2</sup>, Matthew E. Aiello-Lammens<sup>1</sup>, Sarah M. Gray<sup>1,3</sup>, James Mickleby<sup>1,4</sup> & Jessica Gurevitch<sup>1</sup>

# The “Knowing- Doing Gap” in IS Management and Research

*“There is a gap between research and practice, so that scientific information accumulates, but is not incorporated into management actions.”*

- Matzek et al. 2014. Conservation Letters



# Where do invasive plant managers get the information that directs their management decisions? *(Matzek et al. 2014)*

Informal conversations and learning from own experiments

Written material synthesized in books, newsletters, or Web sites

Conference/symposium attendance

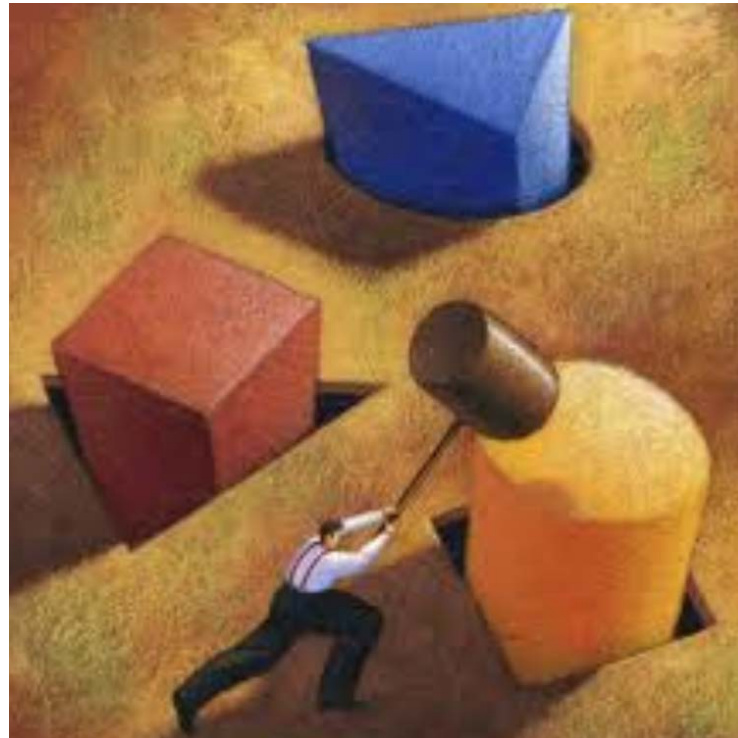
Peer review journals

Ranked Highest

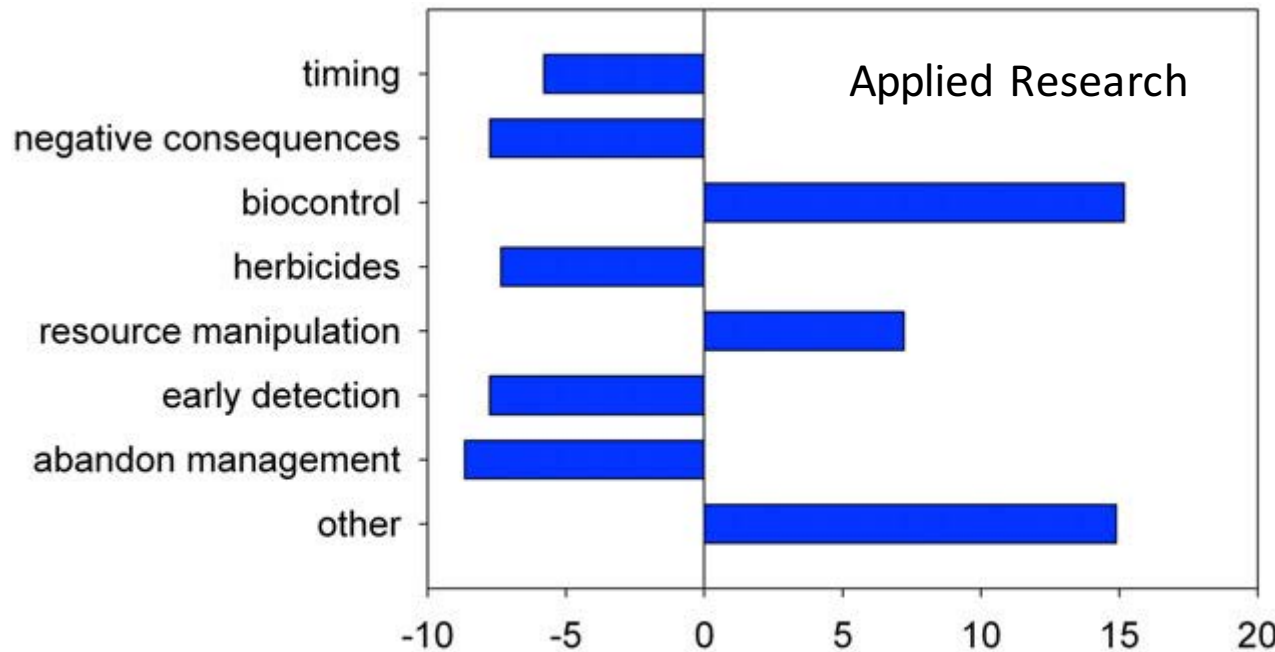
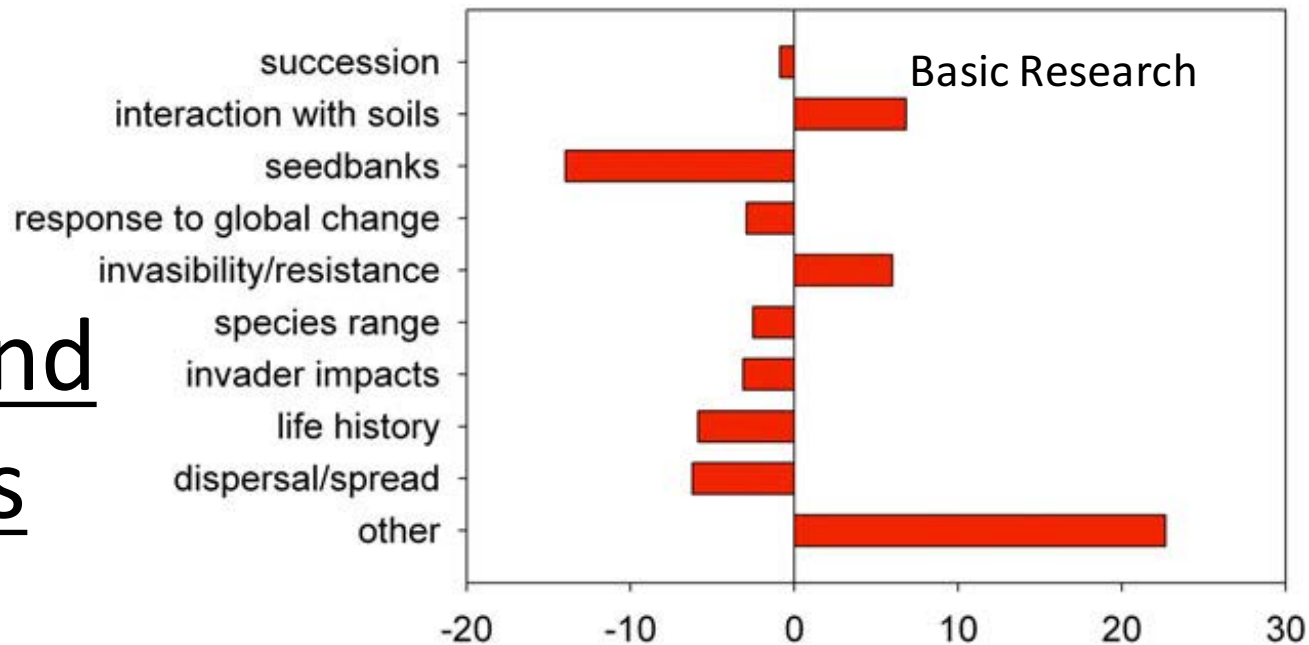
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Often the information doesn't exist  
or research doesn't address the  
specific question



# Mismatch between researchers and stakeholders



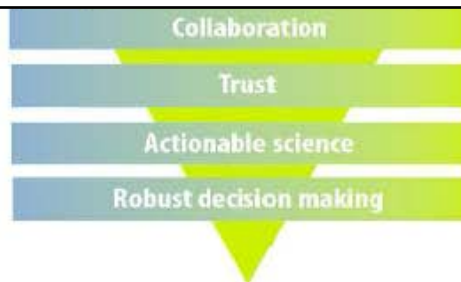
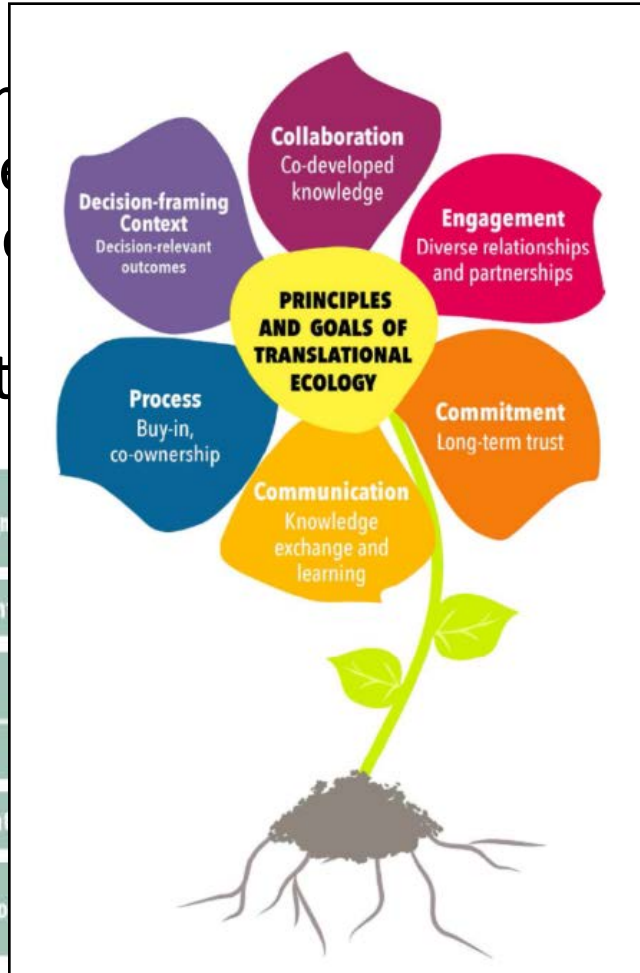
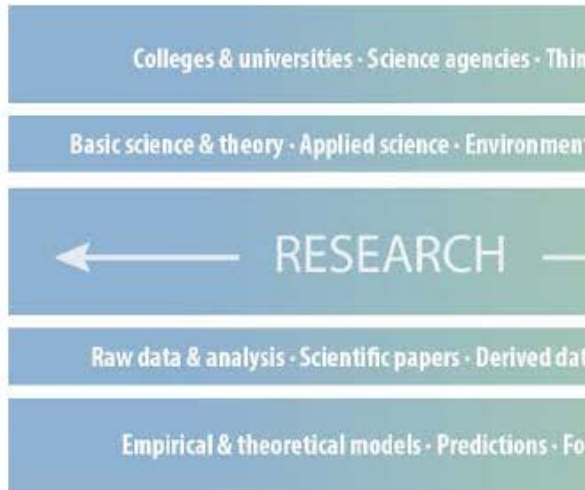
Matzek et al. 2015

Actual % - Desired %

# Translational Invasion Ecology

An approach that emphasizes the need for research and decision makers to collaborate to develop research via joint consideration of the biological, economic, and political contexts of the species.

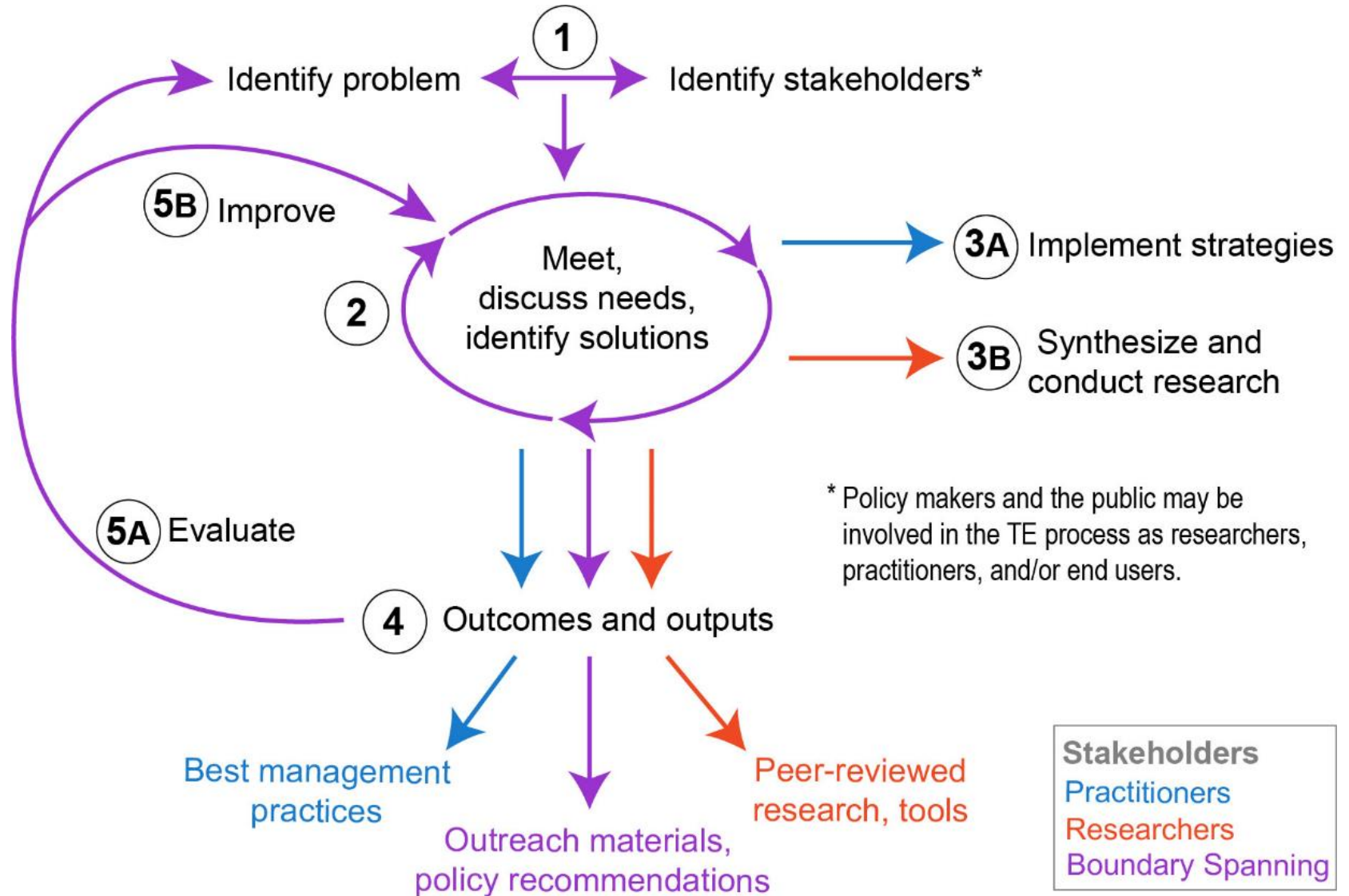
and inclusive process and decision makers research via joint biological, economic, and the species.



Morelli et al *In Review*  
*Biological Conservation*

Enquist et al.  
*Frontiers in Ecol. & the Environ.* 2017

# Translational Invasion Ecology







# Annual Solicitation for IS Research Needs

*IS Managers asking:*

How can we manage for upcoming  
biological invasions in the light of  
climate change?



Founded in 2016 to address the question  
*“How can we manage biological invasions in light of climate change?”*

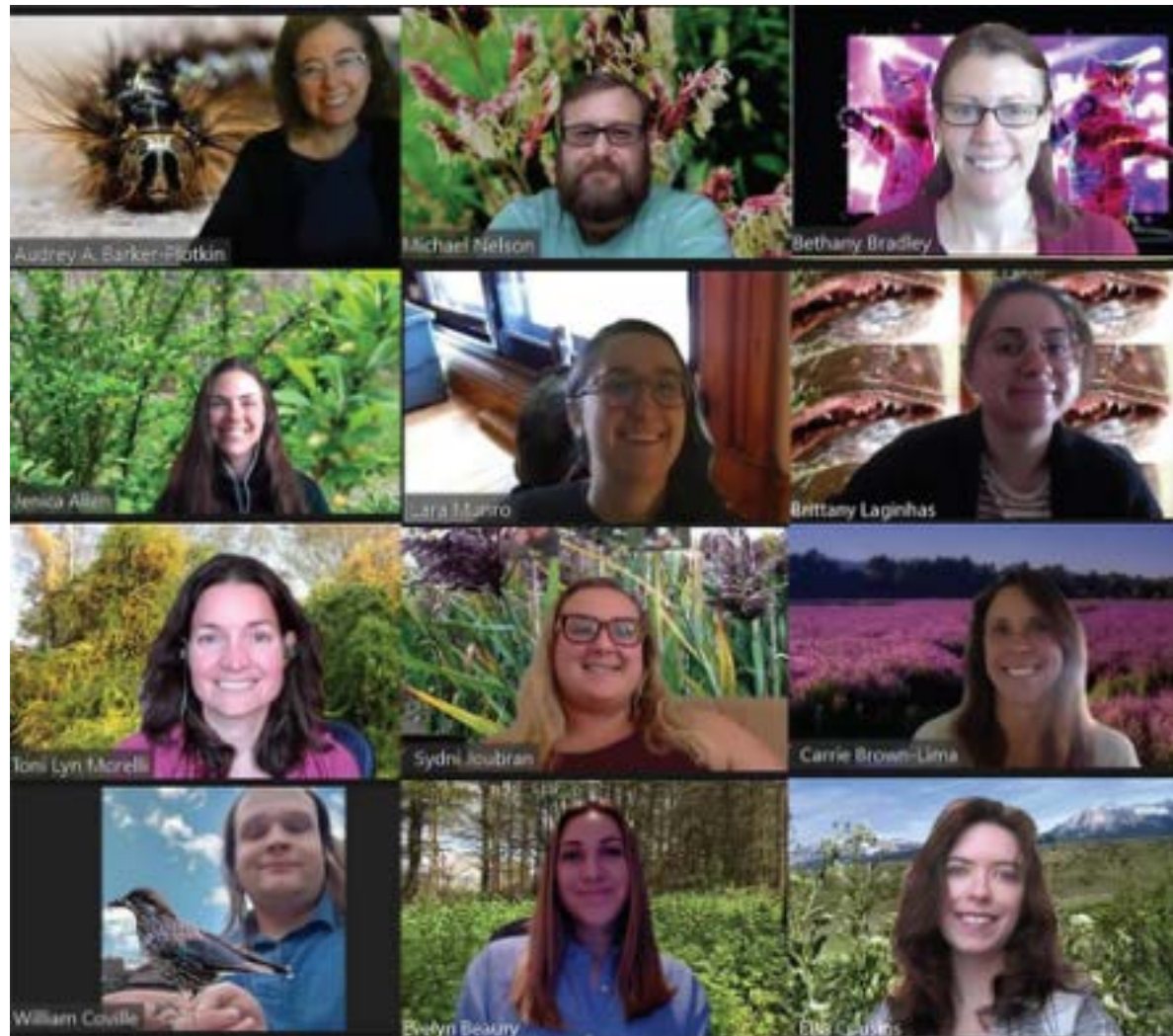




## **Mission Statement:**

The Northeast Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change (RISCC) Management Network aims to reduce the compounding effects of invasive species and climate change by **synthesizing** relevant science, **communicating** the needs of managers to researchers, **building** stronger scientist-manager communities, and **conducting** priority research.

**Leadership team:**  
 Supports a  
 network of ~450  
 invasive species  
 researchers and  
 managers



Leadership team + our  
 favorite invasives

# *Understanding manager needs*


Biol Invasions

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-019-02087-6>

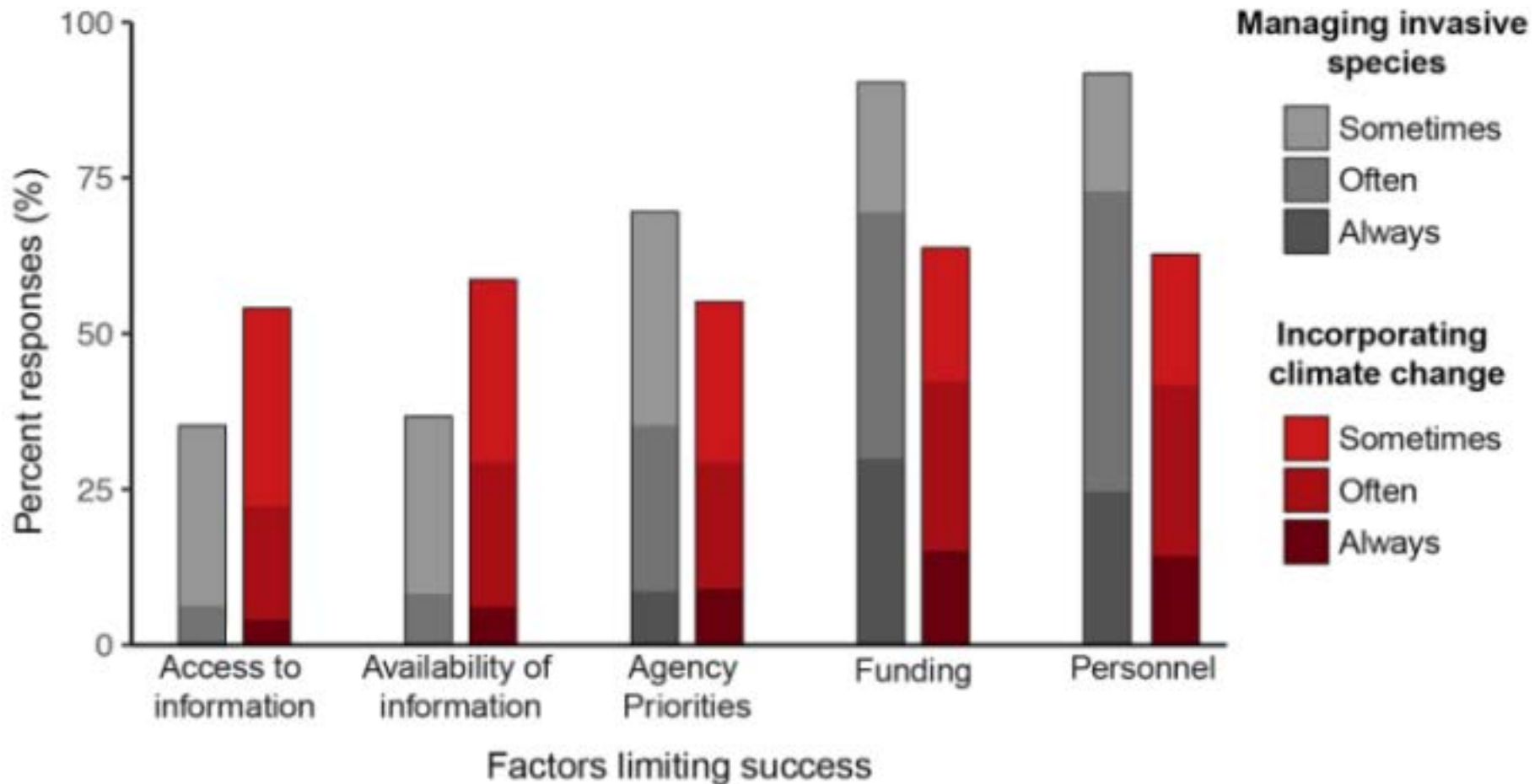
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ORIGINAL PAPER

## **Incorporating climate change into invasive species management: insights from managers**

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# Lack of information is a barrier to including climate change in management actions



# Meeting manager needs

## Summaries of relevant scientific papers

Research Summary: Shifty species - assessing range shifting neonatives Inbox x



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This week's research summary is a recent publication from some of the RISCC leadership team and colleagues that highlights the potential threat of nuisance neonatives – keep an eye out for more papers and a Management Challenge on this topic over the next few weeks!

[Wallingford, P. D./Morelli, T. L., Allen, J. M., Beaury, E. M., Blumenthal, D. M., Bradley, B. A., Dukes, J. S., Early, R., Fusco, E. J., Goldberg, D. E., Ibáñez, I., Laginhas, B. B., Vilà, M., Sorte, C. J. B. \(2020\). Adjusting the lens of invasion biology to focus on the impacts of climate-driven range shifts. \*Nature Climate Change\*, 10, 398–405.](#)

### Summary:

Climate change is causing species to shift their distributions in order to track their preferred temperature and precipitation regimes. A primary conservation goal in the current era is to aid these climate-driven range shifts by protecting and creating landscape corridors, or even encouraging shifts by moving southern species. However, as species move into new areas,

# Meeting manager needs

## One-pagers on key topics

Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change  
**Management Challenge**

### Preparing for sleeper species

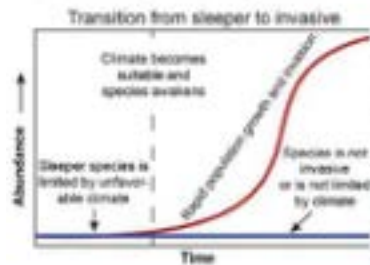
#### Climate change could awaken some naturalized species

##### Summary

Many naturalized non-native species never become invasives due to limited resources. However, climate change could erode these constraints. Therefore, we need to reassess the current pool of 'sleeper' species.

##### What are sleeper species?

Sleeper species are naturalized in a region, potentially in unfavorable conditions. Many naturalized species remain at low abundance due to unfavorable climate conditions. Climate change could awaken these species, enabling them to 'wake up' and become invasive.



##### Examples of sleeper species



A) Asian clamshell (*Austrovenus moulouatchii*), a cold-intolerant species that became invasive in Massachusetts over a century ago. B) Darter pupa (*Esox niger*), a cold-intolerant species that became invasive in Massachusetts over a century ago. C) First (currently impacts stressed trees, increasingly frequent due to damage from the forest pest).

Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change  
**Management Challenge**

### Warming Waters: Implications for Invasive Species in the Northeast

**SUMMARY:** Climate change is warming northeastern waters that structure aquatic communities, presenting a threat to native species. The altered physical, chemical, or biological properties of aquatic ecosystems may benefit or harm native species while providing new opportunities for non-native species to expand. Here, we summarize how increasing water temperature is affecting the growing body of scientific evidence on this issue and discuss management plans, creating species watch lists.

#### Changing Aquatic Ecosystems

In the Northeast, water temperatures and ice-out dates continue to rise. Long-term studies show that stream and lake temperatures have been rising and fall freezing later. Stream flows are also more extreme, increasing during winter months.

#### How Does Temperature Affect Aquatic Ecosystems?

Temperature is a key variable that influences the physical, chemical, and biological properties of aquatic ecosystems. Warmer waters:

1. Increase the solubility of oxygen and nutrients, respectively, warmer water can hold less dissolved oxygen.
2. Increase the mobility of organisms to biotic, such as eggs and larvae.
3. Increase metabolic rates of fish and other organisms, requiring increased feeding to meet energy needs. This could increase predation rates as well as competition for food.
4. Cause physiological stress, which can lead to negative health outcomes (reducing survival) for organisms if outside temperature thresholds are crossed.
5. Alter biotic interactions, especially, an important one is breeding. In some fish, which can make reproductive systems.

#### Evidence & Examples of Invasive Species

**1. Increased Growth Rates and Competitive Advantages**  
 Several studies have shown invasive species have a competitive growth rates of the invasive plant early pondweed (*Utricularia*). Growth rates increased in warmer waters relative to native brown trout was an increasingly better competitor against carp. Results are not consistent across studies and species. Other invasive aquatic plants to warmed temperatures, or no difference in growth rates.

Additionally, warmer late season temperatures may prolong ability to setting seed, as in a study of *Sagittaria* species.

Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change  
**Management Challenge**

### Why Native?

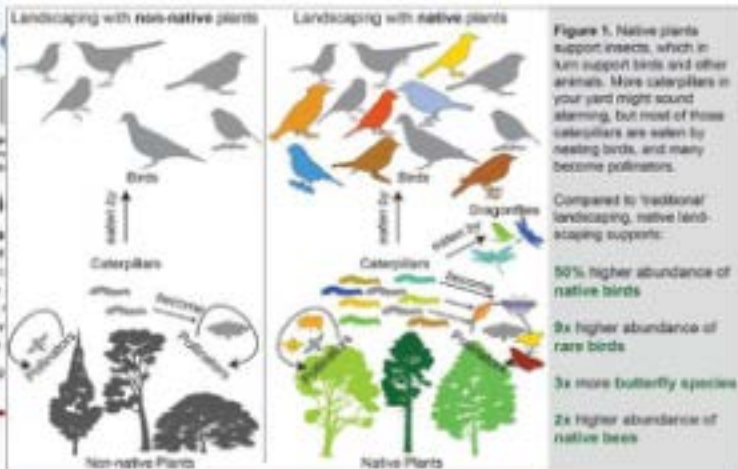
#### Benefits of planting native species in a changing climate

##### Summary

Yards host a variety of native and non-native plants. It is easy to assume all plants play a similar role in supporting wildlife, but native plants dramatically increase the diversity of bees, butterflies, birds and other native animals. Additionally, non-native plants can become invasive or support invasive pests. Native plants increase biodiversity and reduce risks associated with invasive species, which supports resilient ecosystems in the face of climate change.

#### Native plants support native wildlife

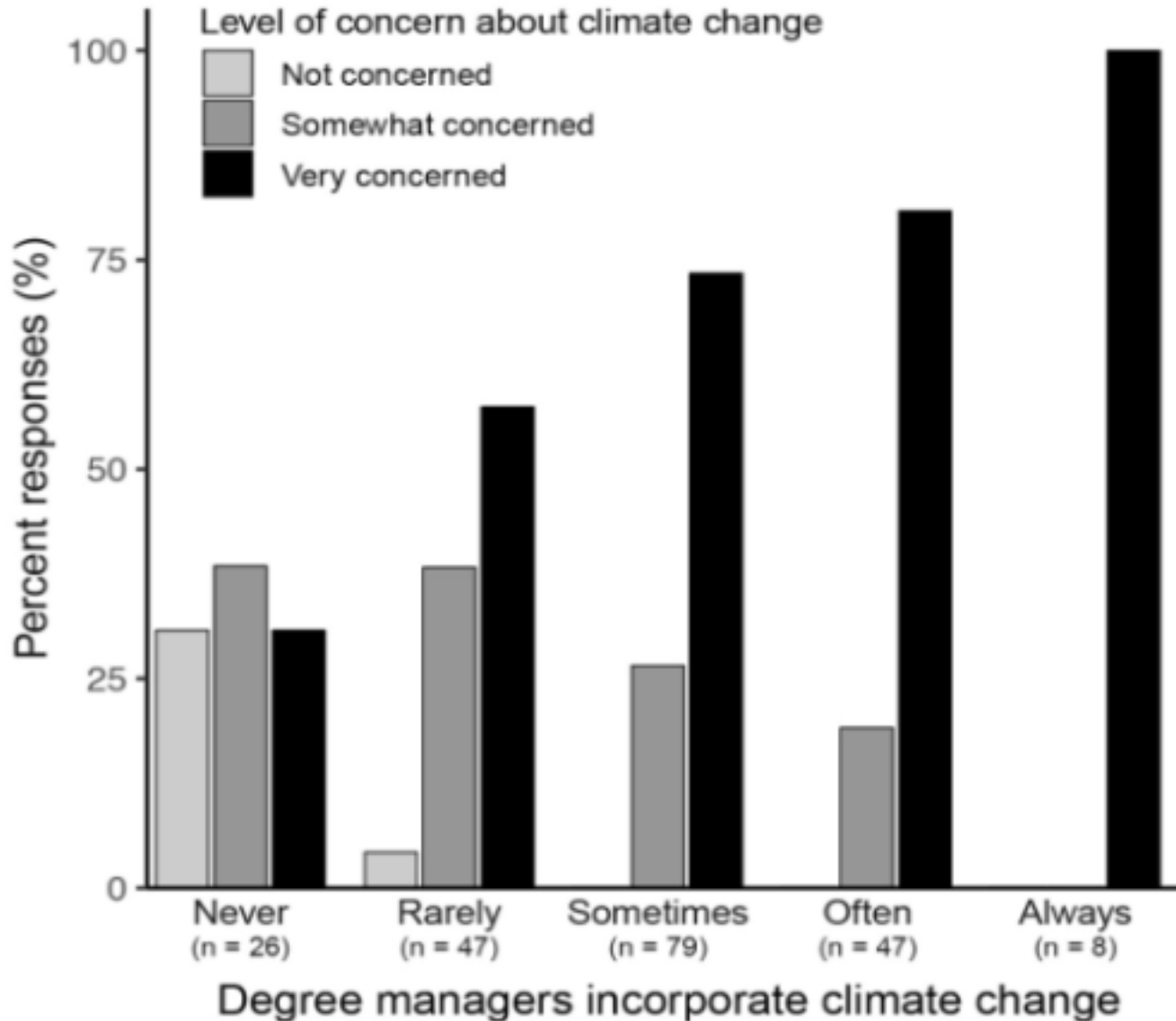
Landscaping with native plants offers a unique opportunity to promote healthy, resilient ecosystems. Native plants support a diverse food web due to a long history of interacting and evolving with other native wildlife. Most native insects evolved to be specialists on native plants. An example specialist is the monarch butterfly caterpillar, which only eats milkweed. Native plants support a more complex food web of both specialist and generalist insects, resulting in a higher diversity and abundance of native birds, butterflies, and pollinators (Figure 1).



**Definitions**  
 Non-native: A species unlikely to have evolved in the region.  
 Traditional landscaping: Plants that are not native to the region.  
 Generalist: Uses a variety of food sources.



# Managers more concerned about climate change incorporate proactive solutions



# What are some climate-smart management options?

Survey + workshop at NAISMA to learn about climate-smart actions invasive species managers are already taking

## Taking Action: Managing invasive species in the context of climate change

### Summary

Climate change is likely to alter the timing and effect of invasive species management, as well as the suite of species we are managing. Despite concern about the effects of climate change, lack of information about how and when to take action is a barrier to climate-smart invasive species management. Here, we outline strategies for incorporating climate change into management along with examples of tools that can inform proactive decision-making.

### Motivations for incorporating climate change into management

1. Invasives may emerge earlier and persist longer in response to longer growing seasons
2. Warming causes invasives to shift their ranges into new ecosystems
3. Invasives are introduced via new shipping pathways due to sea ice melt
4. Extreme weather events and sea level rise cause disturbance that creates new opportunities for invasion
5. Herbicides may be less effective with higher atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>
6. Invasives become more competitive with warming and higher atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

### Strategic Planning

#### Recommendations:

- Prioritize land conservation and management action based on vulnerability to climate change and invasion.
- Increase restoration, management, and early detection & rapid response in areas vulnerable to disturbance caused by extreme weather events.
- Advocate for invasive species management funding to be included in climate change adaptation and response plans.

Example: Mount Grace Land Trust protected lands identified as resilient to climate change (Fig. 1) using TNC's resilient land tool. These lands are high priority for preventative invasive species management and monitoring.



Fig 1. Site prioritized by TNC's resilient land tool ([maps.tnc.org/resilientland/](https://maps.tnc.org/resilientland/)).

### Preventative Management

#### Recommendations:

- Plant species native to Eastern North America that are resistant to climate change (e.g., drought-tolerant, broad hardiness zones, Fig. 2).
- Develop watch lists and proactive management plans for invasive species predicted to shift into your region.
- Prioritize treatment of existing invasive species predicted to spread or increase in abundance with climate change.
- Monitor non-natives for increases in populations ('sleeper species').

Example: Tag Hill State Forest in NY planted native, warm-adapted trees to reduce future disturbance and resist invasions with climate change.

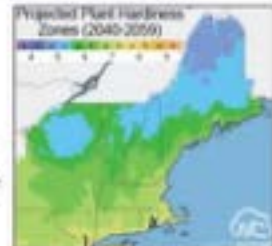
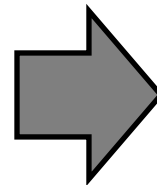
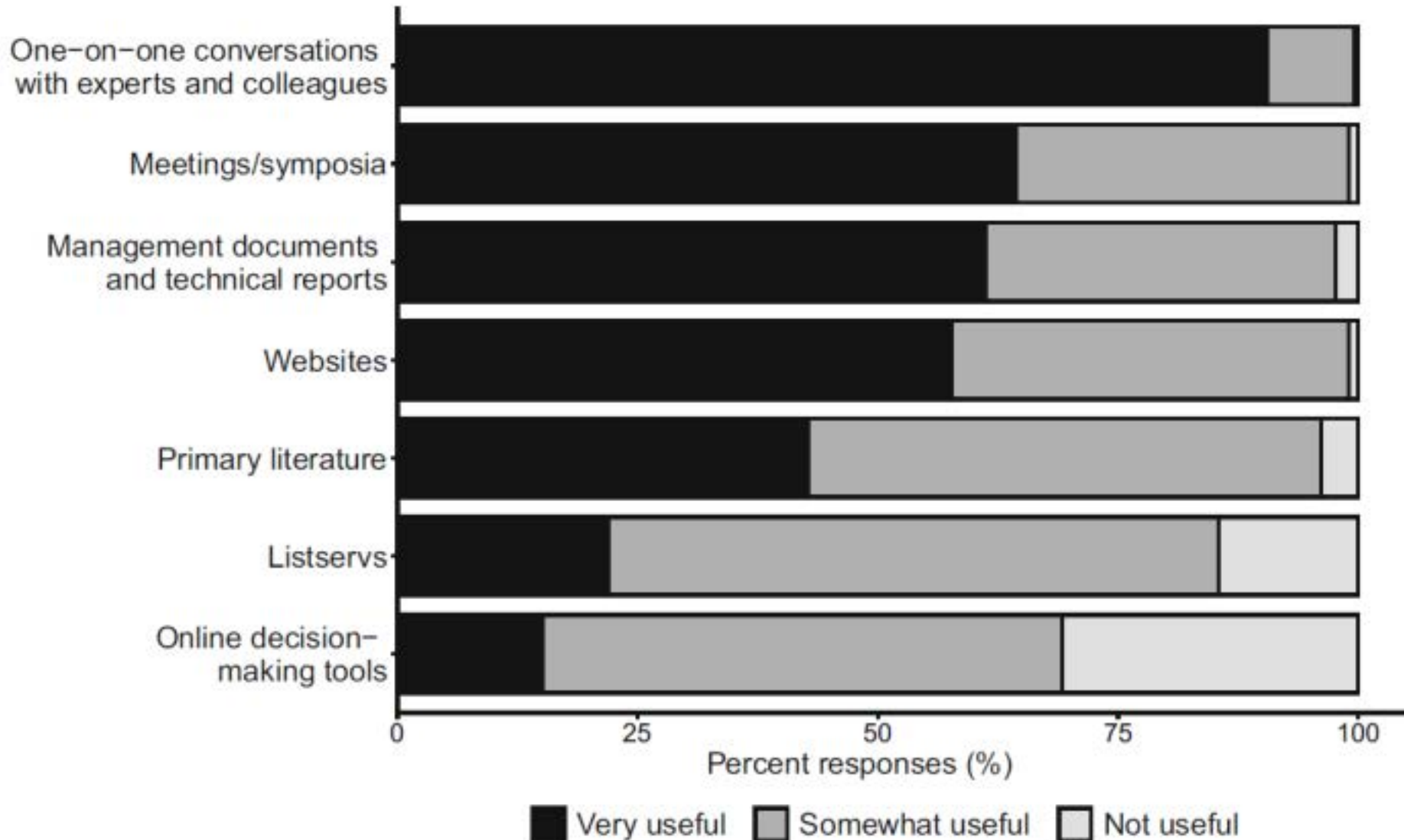


Fig 2. Climate Voyager maps future hardiness zones ([climate.ncsu.edu/voyager/](https://climate.ncsu.edu/voyager/)).



# Understanding manager needs

## Sources of information



# Meeting manager needs

## Networking Building

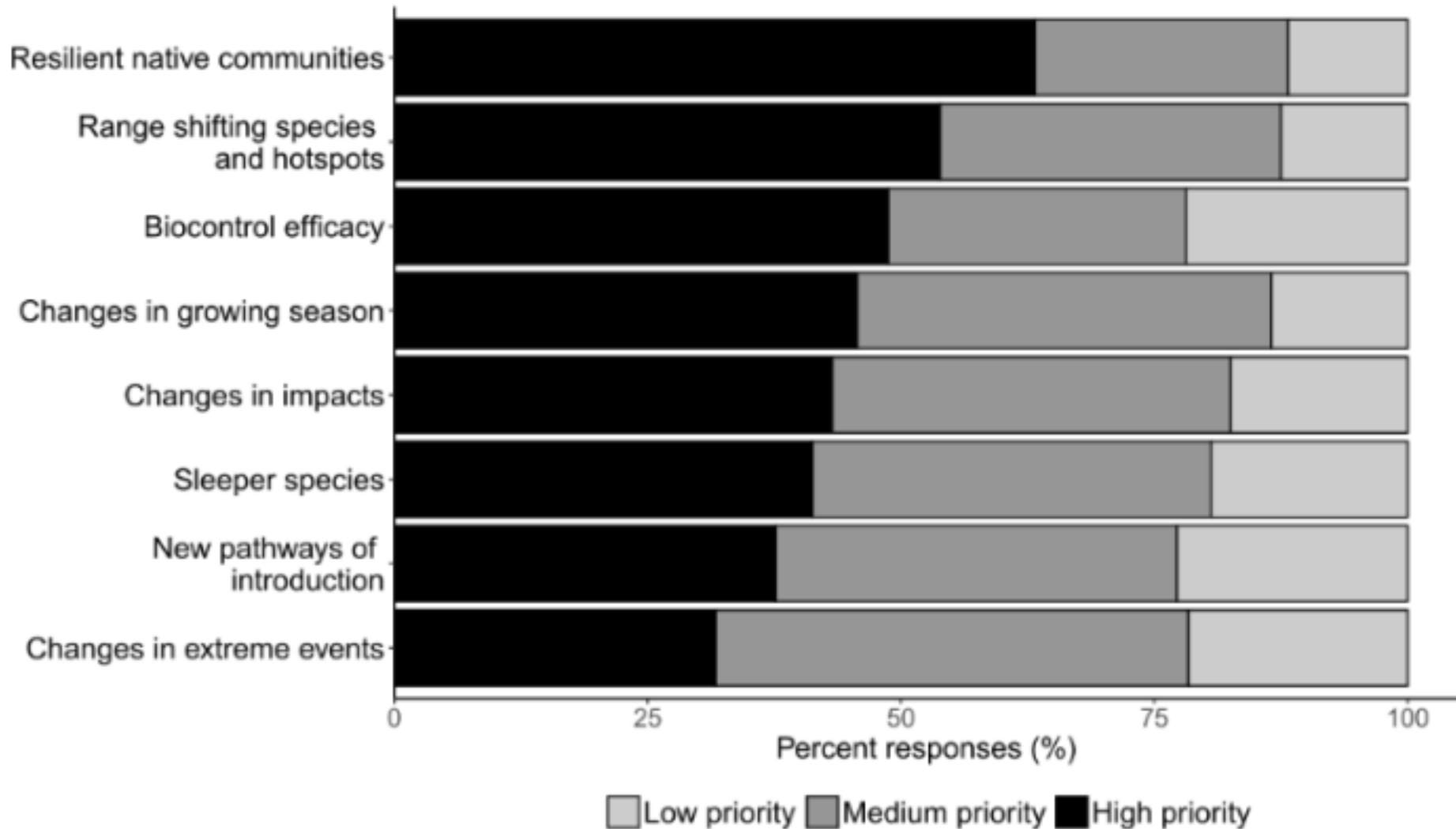
### Symposia + workshops

- 2017 & 2018 at UMass
- 2019 at NAISMA
- Jan 2021- virtual



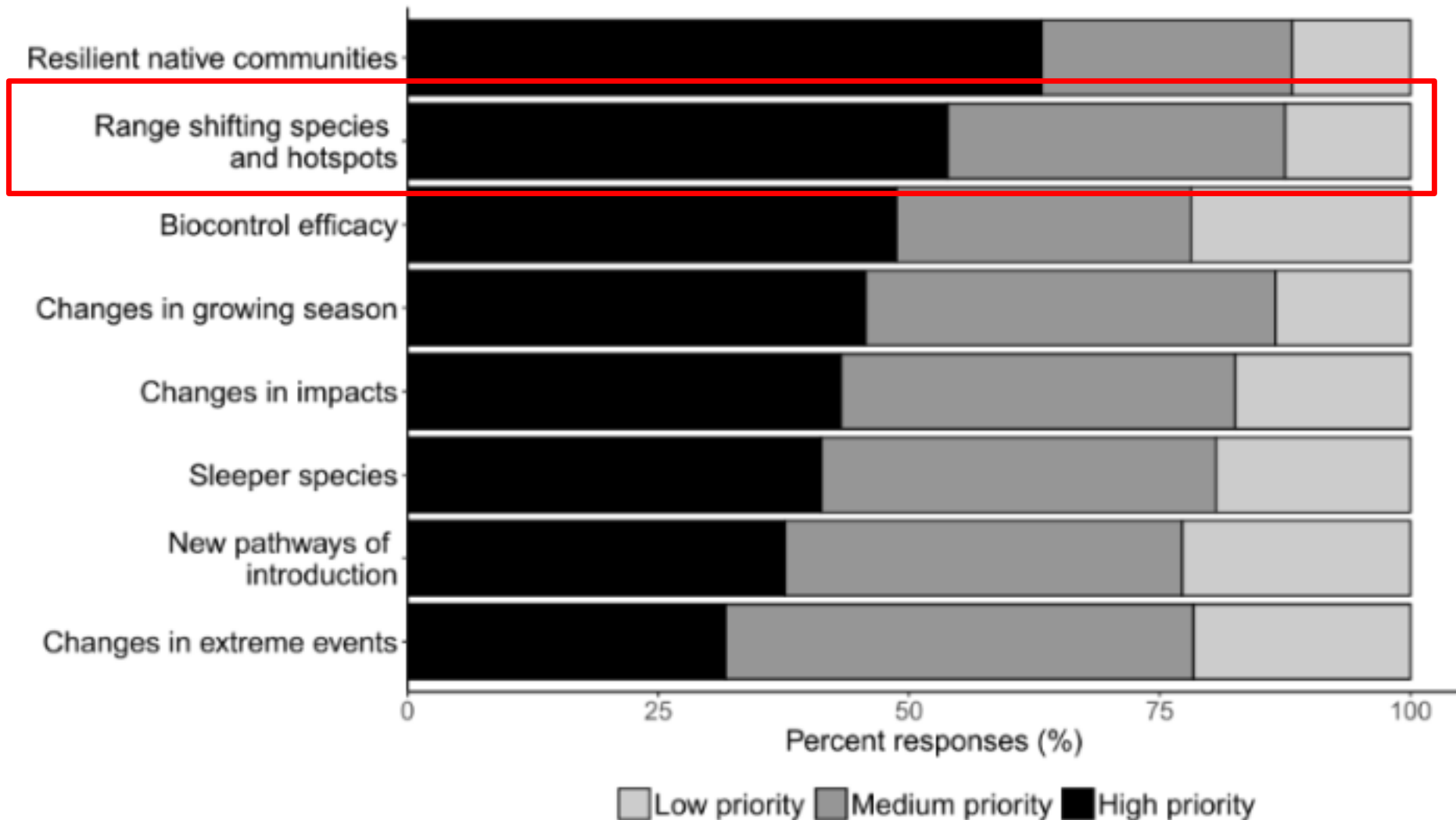
# Understanding manager needs

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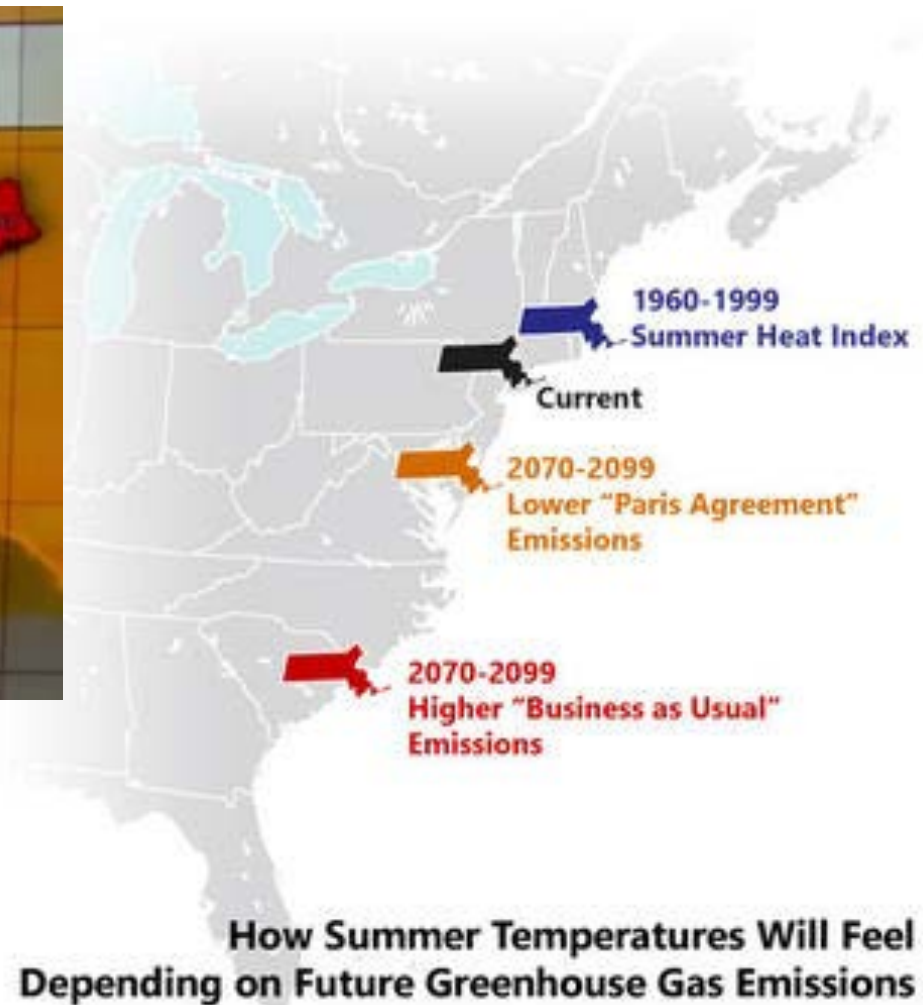
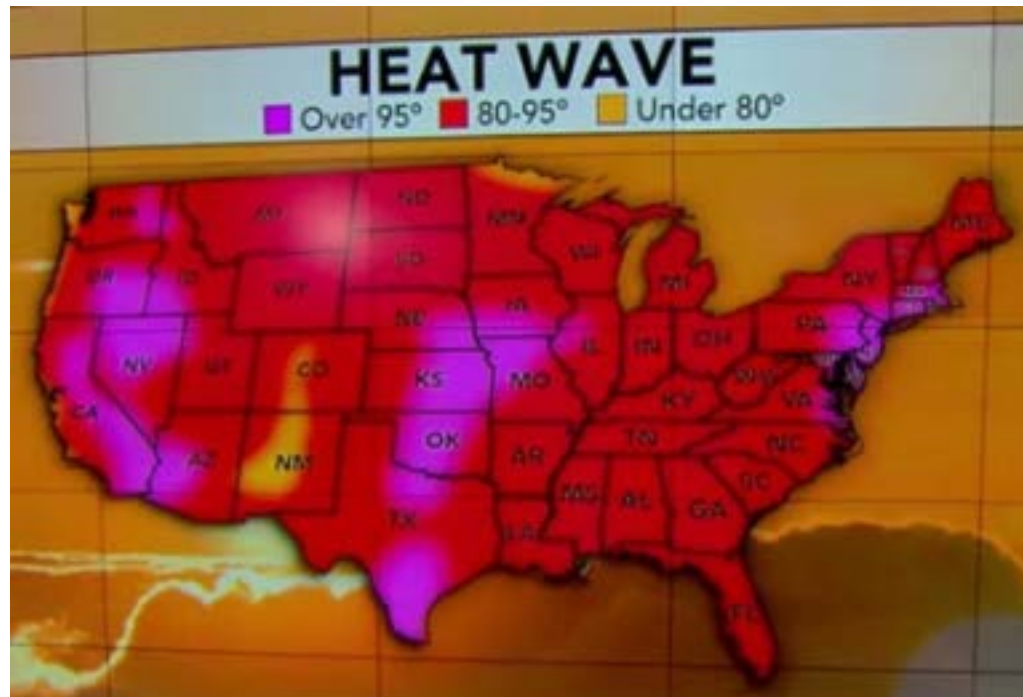


# Understanding manager needs

## Research priorities



# Changing climate, new ecosystems



# (Invasive) species respond by shifting their ranges

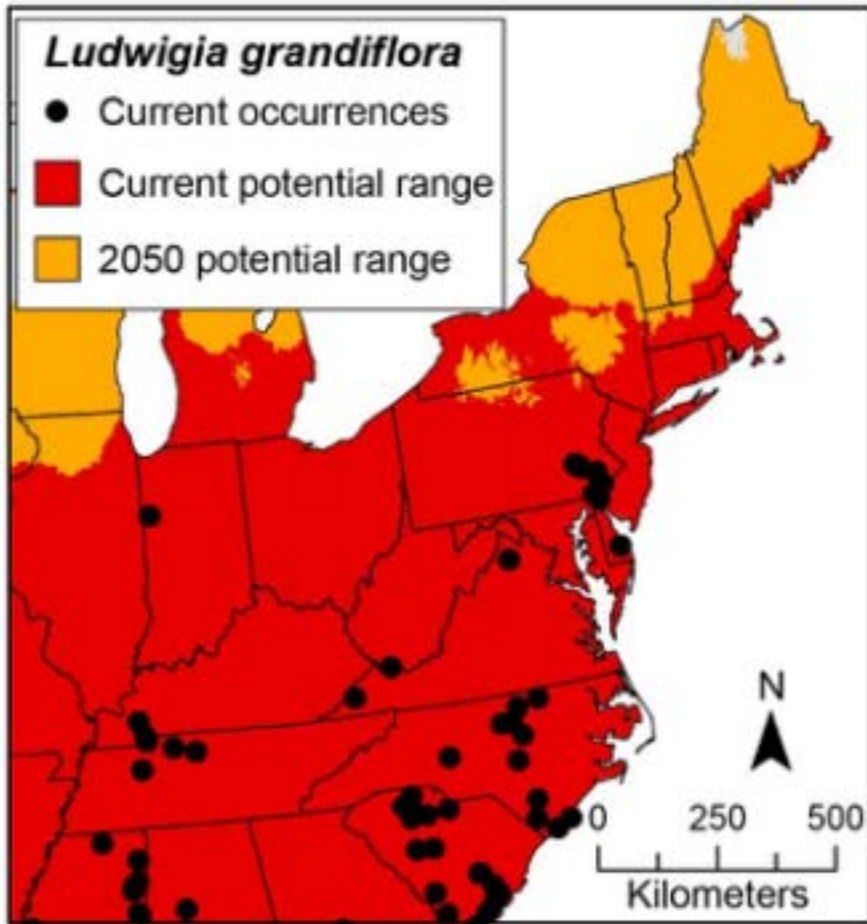


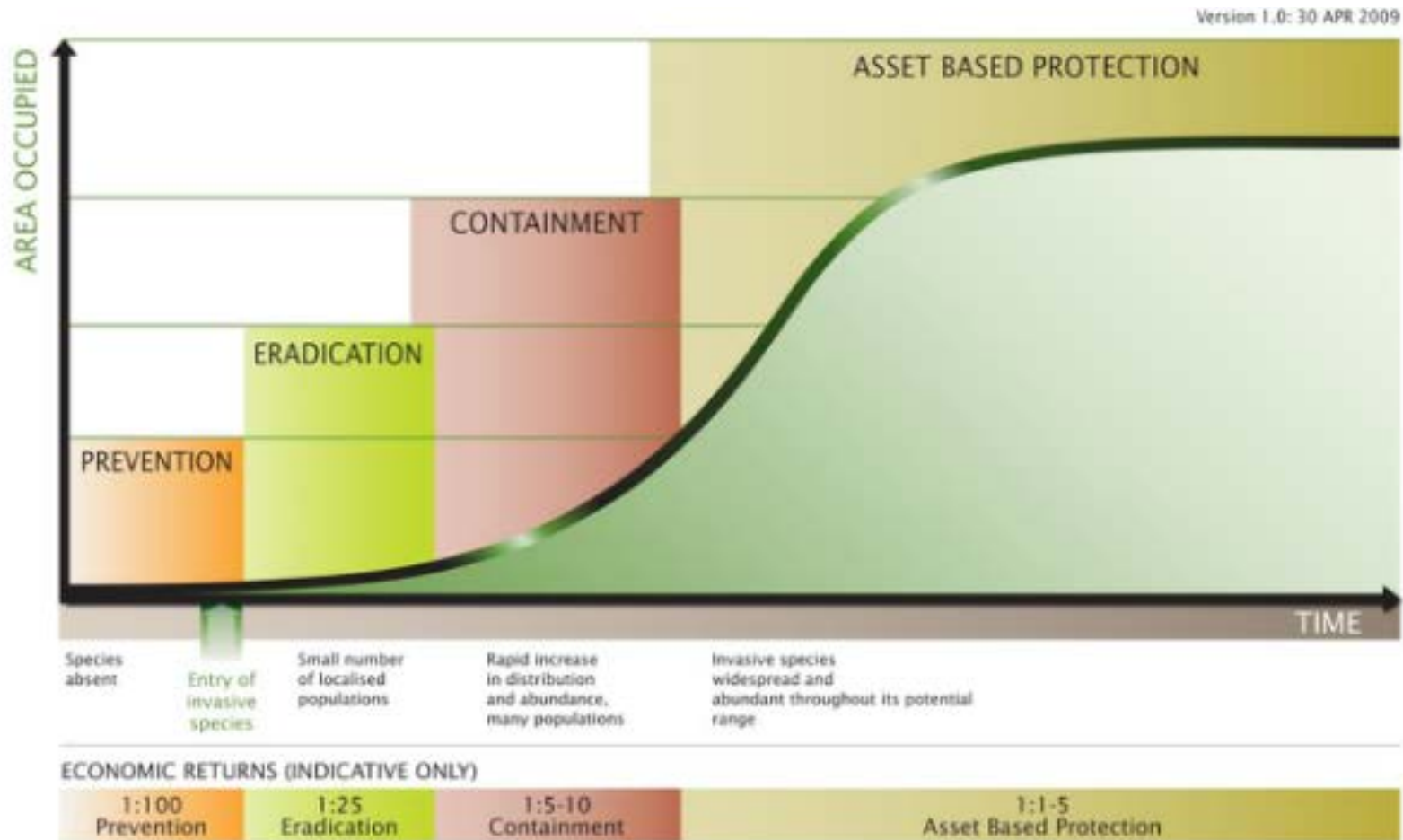
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Allen & Bradley, 2016



# Range-shifting invasives

Definitely a concern, but also an opportunity



# giant reed

*Arundo donax* L.

This species is Introduced in the United States



States

Counties

Points

List

Species Info

Distribution

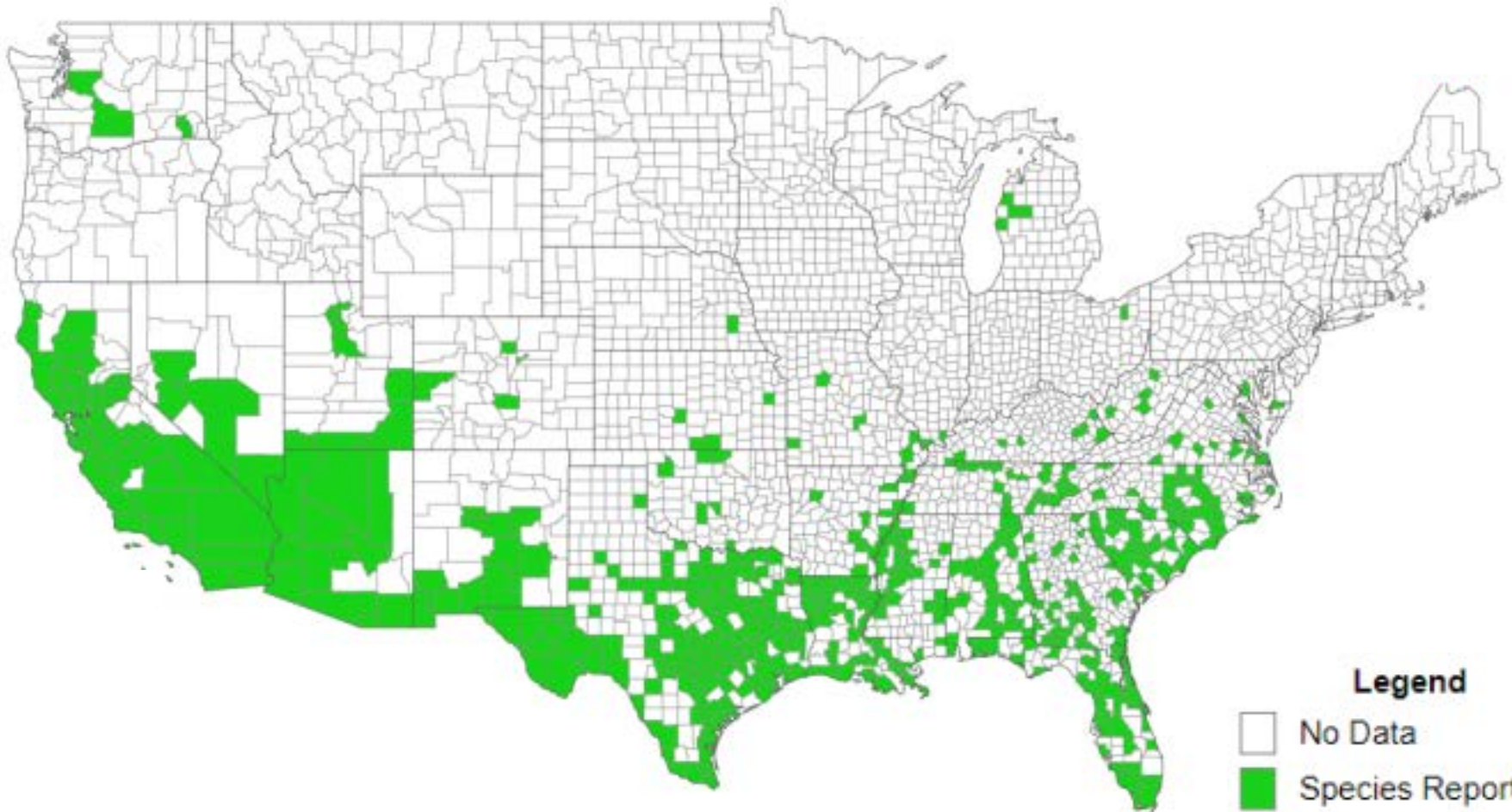
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Literature vs Observation

Future Range

Future Certainty

## Current Distribution



# Where are invasive plants likely to move?



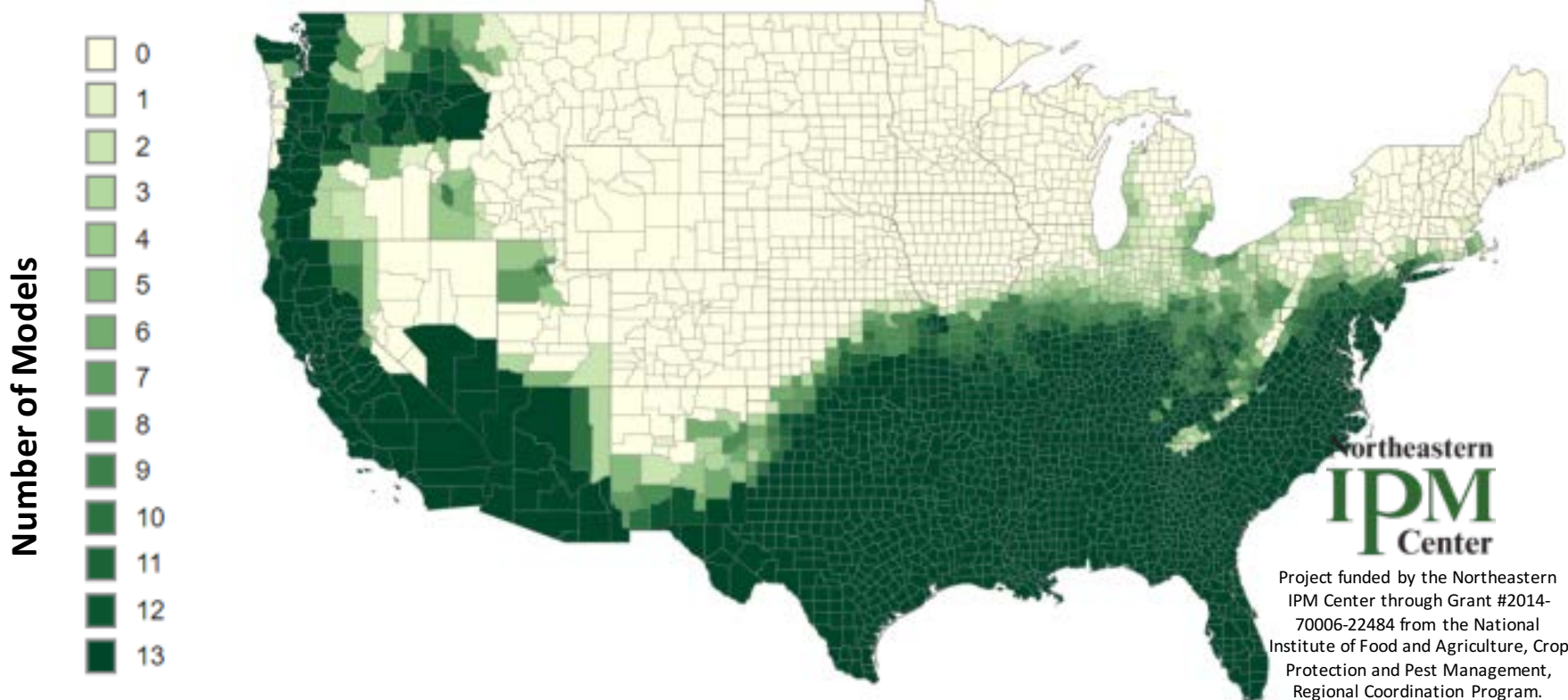
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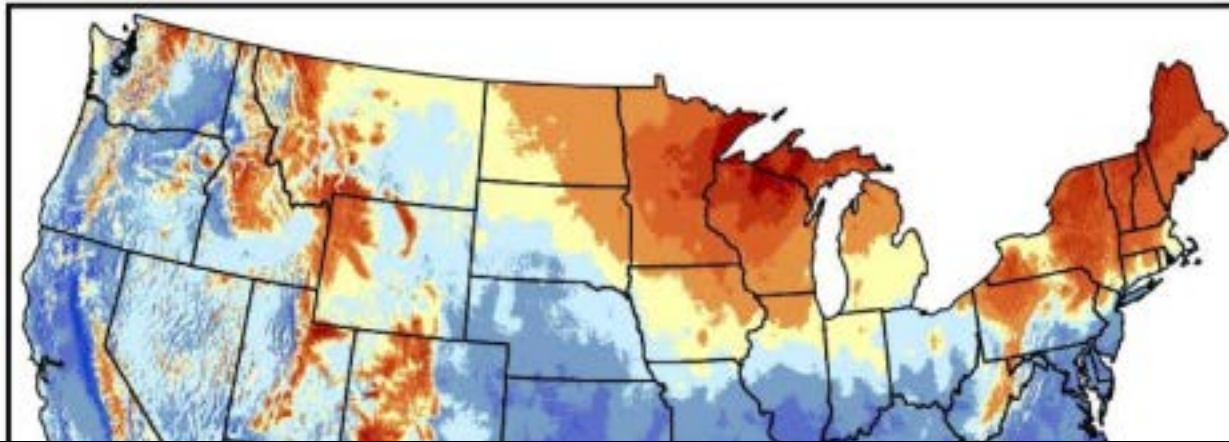
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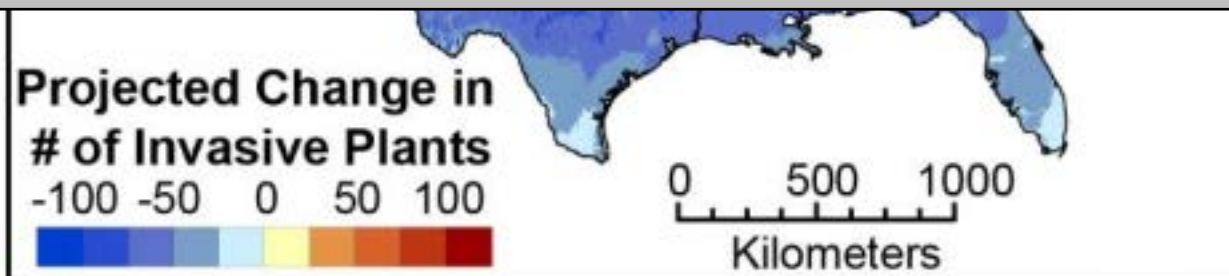
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# Range shifts can occur for many species



Use range shift projections for many species to generate state or county lists



# Range Shift Listing Tool:

<https://www.eddmaps.org/rangeshiftlisting/>

Select State:

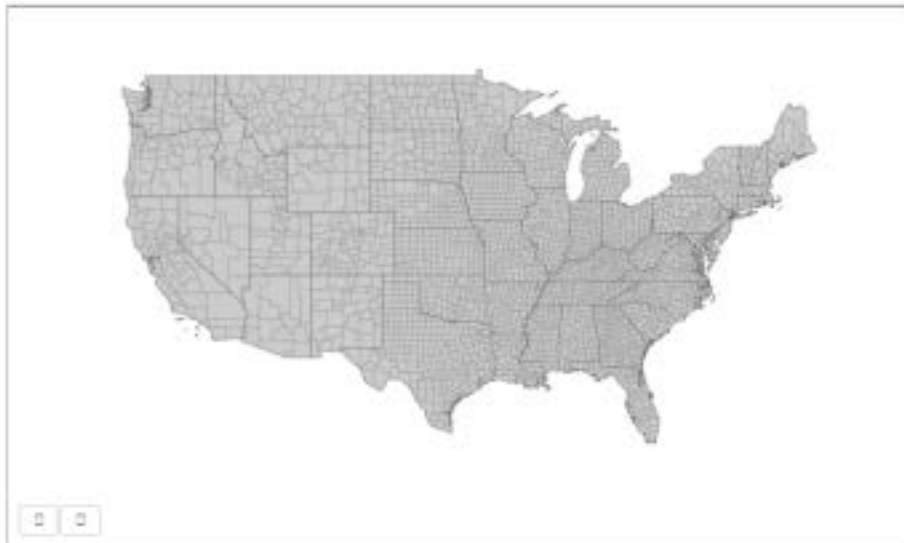
Select County:

Choose Number of Models:

Refine List by:

Range Expansion Definition:

REGIONS WHERE THE SPECIES HAS BEEN FOUND LIST OF SPECIES WITHIN CURRENT CLIMATE



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Scientific Name	1*	Common Name	Map
<i>Arauja sericifera</i>		white bladderflower	
<i>Andisa elliptica</i>		shoebutton andisa	
<i>Arundo donax</i>		giant reed	
<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>		bloodflower milkweed	
<i>Bellardia tozago</i>		bellardia	
<i>Buddleja lindleyana</i>		Lindley's butterflybush	
<i>Canna indica</i>		Indian shot	
<i>Cenchrus setaceus</i>		crimson fountaingrass	
<i>Centaureo melitensis</i>		Melita starthistle	
<i>Cestrum diurnum</i>		day jessamine	

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Select State

Select County

Choose Number of Models 

Pennsylvania

All Counties

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Refine List by

Range Expansion Definition

Species observed in an adjacent state

Range expansion with climate change

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Search:



Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Arundo donax</i>	giant reed
<i>Cenchrus setaceus</i>	crimson fountaingrass
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Malta starthistle
<i>Coryza bonariensis</i>	hairy fleabane
<i>Digitaria violascens</i>	violet crabgrass
<i>Firmiana simplex</i>	Chinese parasoltree
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	French broom
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	Aaron's beard
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	crapemyrtle
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	Japanese privet

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# Example watch list for New York + Southern New England

## Could establish currently, expand ranges by 2050

<i>Achyranthes japonica</i>	<i>Ceratocephala testiculata</i>	<i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i>	<i>Sacciolepis indica</i>
<i>Aegilops ovata</i>	<i>Clerodendrum chinense</i>	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	<i>Schedonorus pratensis</i>
<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	<i>Cruciata pedemontana</i>	<i>Mahonia bealei</i>	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>
<i>Alyssum murale</i>	<i>Cunninghamia lanceolata</i>	<i>Murdannia keisak</i>	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	<i>Cytisus striatus</i>	<i>Oplismenus hirtellus</i>	<i>Stachys arvensis</i>
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	<i>Petrohragia dubia</i>	<i>Stellaria media</i>
<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	<i>Tamarix africana</i>
<i>Arum italicum</i>	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i>	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>
<i>Cardaria chalepensis</i>	<i>Festuca brevipila</i>	<i>Pseudelephantopus spicatus</i>	
<i>Cardaria pubescens</i>	<i>Gastridium phleoides</i>	<i>Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum</i>	<i>Tripleurospermum perforatum</i>
<i>Centaurea iberica</i>	<i>Hedera hibernica</i>	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	<i>Rubus macrophyllus</i>	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>
<i>Centaurea virgata</i>	<i>Leontodon taraxacoides</i>	<i>Rubus vestitus</i>	<i>Youngia japonica</i>
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	<i>Rumex stenophyllus</i>	

## Could establish by 2050

<i>Allium paniculatum</i>	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	<i>Jasminum multiflorum</i>	<i>Phyllanthus tenellus</i>
<i>Ardisia elliptica</i>	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>
<i>Arundo donax</i>	<i>Crotalaria spectabilis</i>	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>
<i>Avena barbata</i>	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	<i>Liriope spicata</i>	<i>Senna occidentalis</i>
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<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	<i>Firmiana simplex</i>	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>
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<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	<i>Hemarthria altissima</i>	<i>Persea americana</i>	

# But, which species do we manage?

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<i>Centaurea virgata</i>	<i>Leonurus</i>		
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>			

100 species!!

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# Meeting manager needs

## New tools to identify & prioritize range-shifting invasive plants

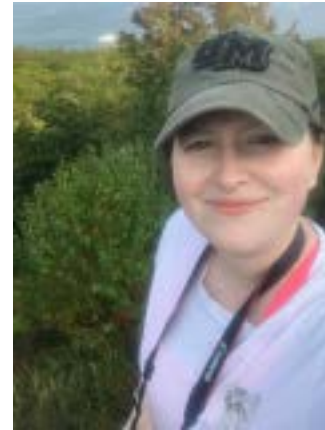
- Read titles & abstracts of all peer-reviewed papers for the species of interest
- Identify all papers that measure impacts

### Framework and guidelines for implementing the proposed IUCN Environmental Impact Classification for Alien Taxa (EICAT)

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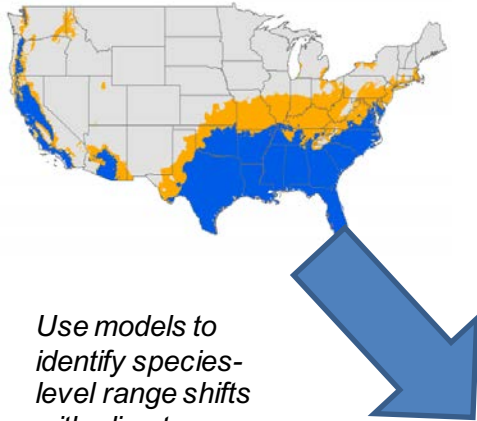


Bridget Griffin



Will Coville

# Example outcome:



Use models to identify species-level range shifts with climate change

Genus	species	Common Name
Araujia	sericifera	White bladderflower
Ardisia	elliptica	Shoebuttan
Arundo	donax	Giant reed
Asclepias	curassavica	Bloodflower
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Firmiana	simplex	Chinese parasoltree
Hedera	helix	Algerian ivy
Hemarthria	altissima	Limpgrass
Hibiscus	tiliaceus	Sea hibiscus
Jasminum	multiflorum	Star jasmine
Lagerstroemia	indica	Crapemyrtl
Ligustrum	japonicum	Japanese privet
Liriope	spicata	Creeping liriope
Mosla	dianthera	Miniature beefsteak plant
Nandina	domestica	Sacred bamboo
Nerium	oleander	Oleander
Paspalum	urvillei	Vasey's grass
Peganum	harmala	Harmal peganum
Persea	americana	Avocado
Phyllanthus	tenellus	Mascarene island leaf-flower
Polypogon	viridis	Beardless rabbitsfoot
Sesbania	punicea	Rattlebox
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Tamarix	chinensis	Five-stamen tamarisk

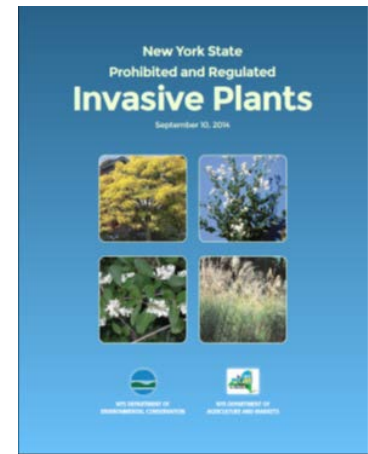
## NEW YORK NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM FOR NATURAL / MINIMALLY MANAGED AREAS

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 Common names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Native distribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date assessed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Form version date: 28 November 2012

### New York Invasiveness Rank:

**Distribution and Invasiveness Rank** (Obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form)

Status of this species in each PRISM:		Current Distribution	PRISM Invasiveness Rank
1	Adirondack Park Invasive Program		
2	Capital/Mohawk		
3	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership		



# Identified five 'major' impact species likely to affect Northeast ecosystems

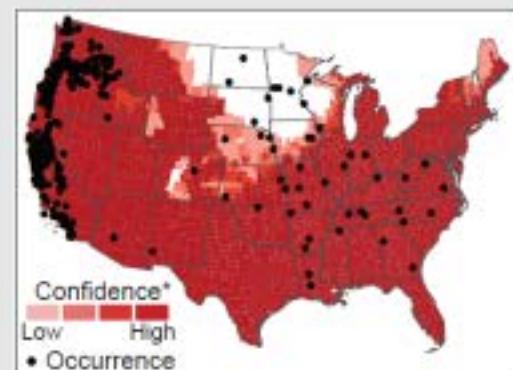
## High risk for southern NY/New England:

*Anthriscus caucalis* (bur chervil); *Arundo donax* (giant reed); *Avena barbata* (slender oat); *Ludwigia grandiflora* (water primrose); *Rubus ulmifolius* (elmleaf blackberry)

### *Anthriscus caucalis* (bur chervil)

**HIGH Impact:** Outcompetes native plants in grasslands and forest edges. Closely related to wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*).

**HIGH Vulnerability:** Invades disturbed areas across the U.S. and Canada, but more prevalent in the Western U.S. Easily spreads on animals and equipment.



### *Arundo donax* (giant reed)

**HIGH Impact:** Outcompetes native wetland plants, alters wetland structure, increases fire frequency, acts as a host for crop pests and pathogens.

**HIGH Vulnerability:** Invades rivers, streams, wetlands, and coastal areas. Widely introduced as a biofuel crop, so introduction could be fast. Difficult to control and spreads by rhizomes along waterways.





# Working on species for northern New England + New York

- 83 species to assess, 55 completed to date
- 20 species with 'major' impacts so far



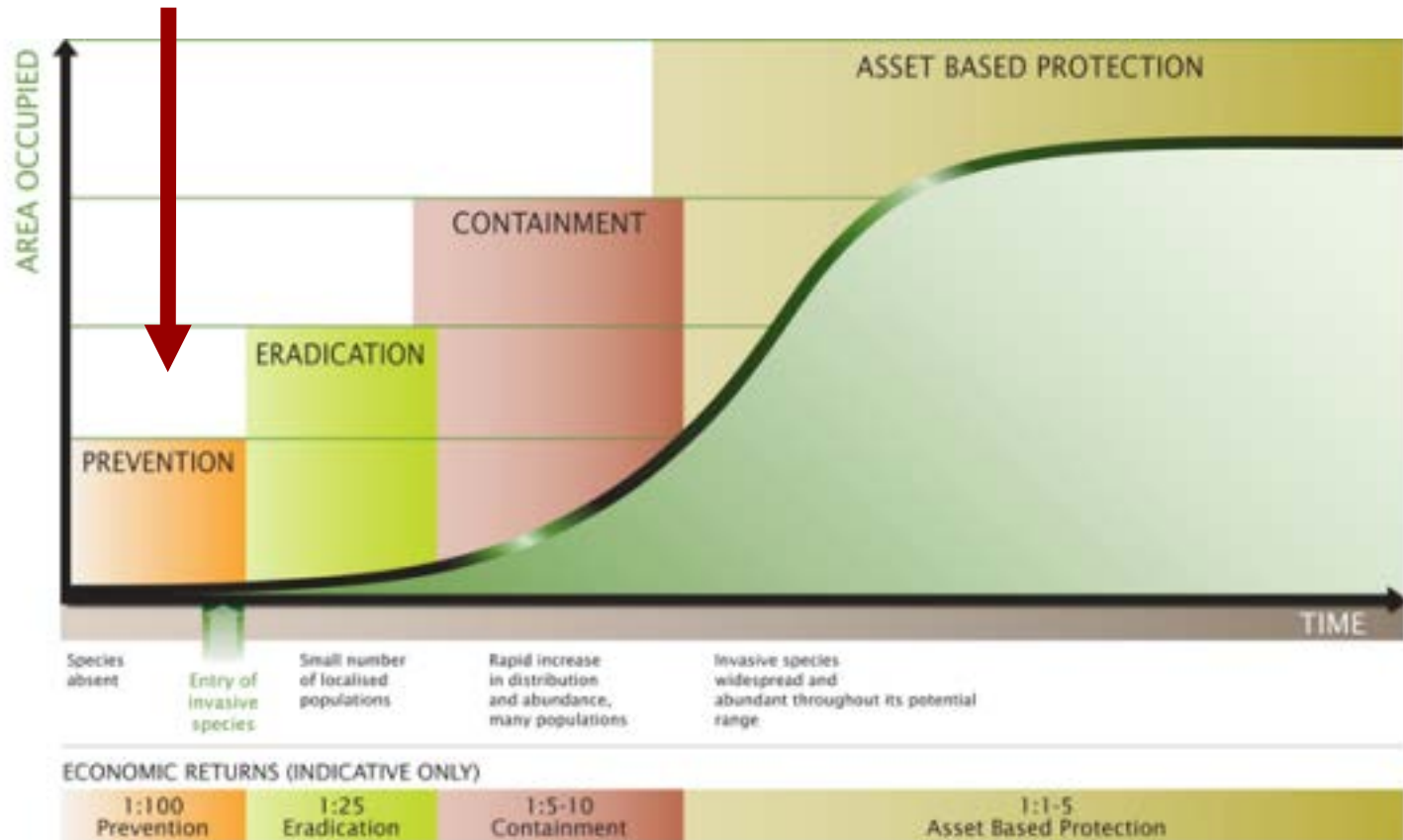
*Pueraria montana* (kudzu)  
Regulated in CT, MA, NH,  
NY



*Euonymous fortunei* (wintercreeper)  
Regulated in MD

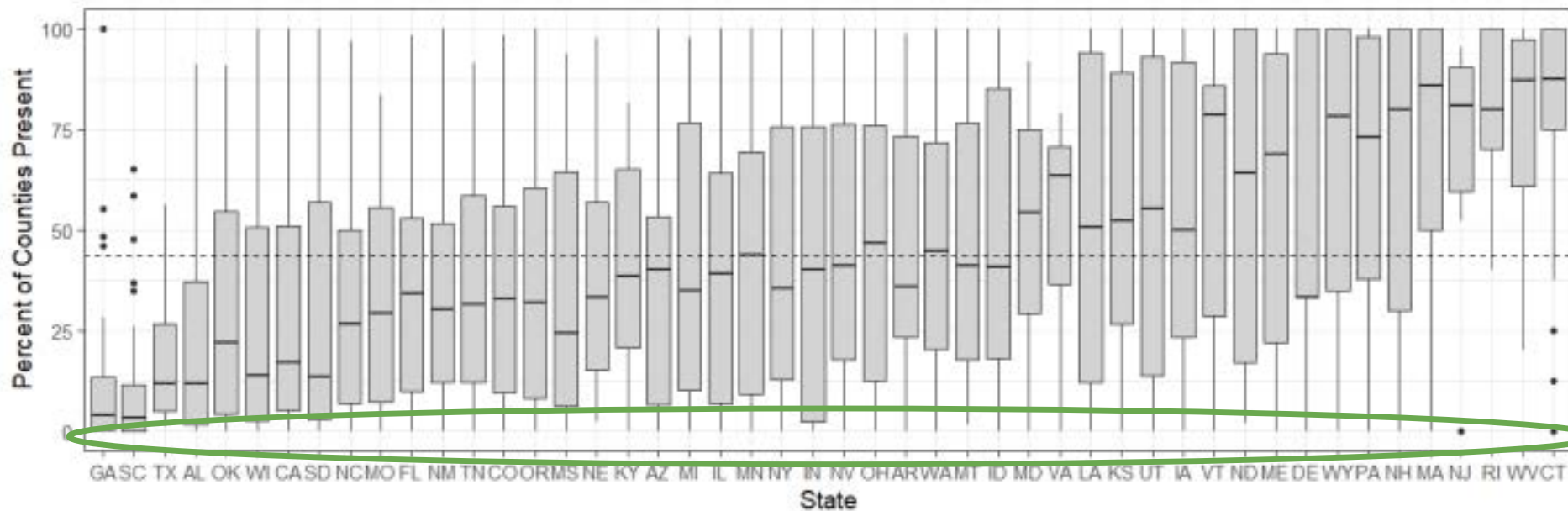
# Climate change offers an opportunity to be proactive about invasive species management.

**We are here.**



# How proactive are state regulated plants lists? Not very – we need to do better.

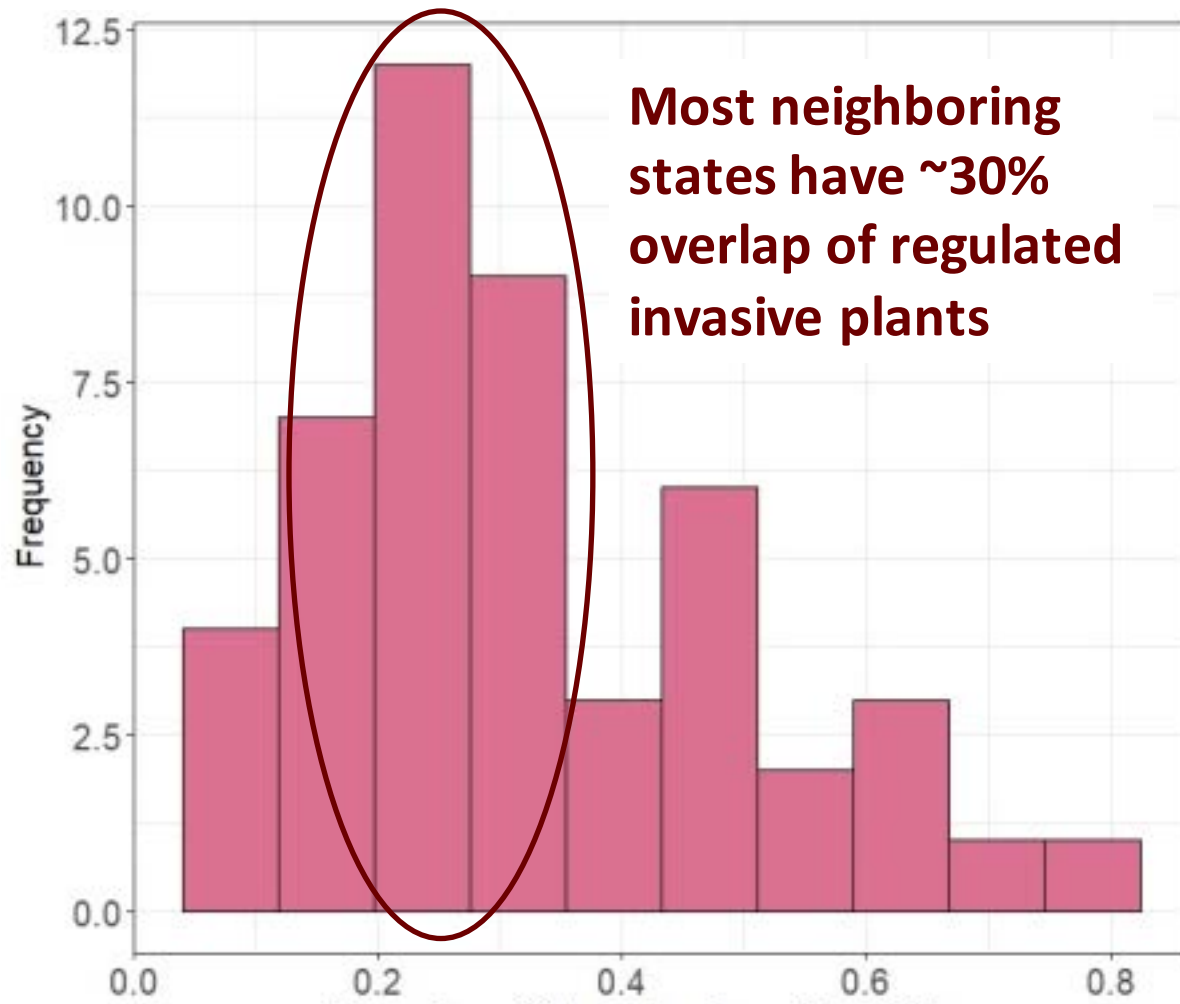
**Reactive**



**Proactive**

Most states have at least one species that is regulated proactively

# We also need to coordinate with our neighbors



Proportion of regulated species list that overlaps with neighboring states



## Getting regional discussion started in the Northeast:

Workshop of Invasive  
Plant Council members  
from seven Northeast  
states



## Conclusions:

- Climate change creates new risks from invasive species
- But, it also creates opportunities to work together and share knowledge
- Together, we can prevent future invasions and learn how to reduce the combined impacts of invasives species + climate change



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