

Invasive Alien Predators

*Policy,
research and
management
in Europe*

Invasion by non-native (alien) species has been recognized as one of the main threats to global biodiversity. Among introduced species, predators have had the largest effect on native fauna globally. Today, the impact of invasive alien species (IAS) is a major concern throughout the world and their management and control will continue to be a huge challenge for conservation biologists and managers during the coming decades.

With this conference we want to demonstrate successful management of IAS, with a main focus on invasive predators, to both relevant authorities and the public by presenting European IAS projects as case studies. Gathering policy makers, authorities and managers from the EU-level down to the regional level will also provide an opportunity to discuss and share what needs to be done, by whom, how it should be done and how to pay the bill.

More specifically the aims of the conference are;

- to raise awareness on the policy context (regional, national & international level) that frames the legal requirements for the management of IAS.
- to share knowledge and experience on the management of IAS (in particular mammalian predators), and put it into a larger perspective
- to present research that helps the management of IAS and to pinpoint knowledge gaps where more research is needed
- to disseminate knowledge and awareness to the public

The conference is organized by the LIFE+ project “Management of the invasive Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries – MIRDINEC LIFE+/09/NAT/SE/344”. The project will be presented as a case study along with other European IAS projects. We hope that after the conference participating national authorities, in particular Nordic authorities, will seriously consider a formalized and common cooperative agenda regarding IAS, similar to what the Raccoon Dog Project has demonstrated during the last years.

Target audience:

- European managers and authorities (with Nordic focus), policy makers and scientists/researchers in the field of IAS, and conservation biologists.
- Local hunters and the public.

When	Sunday 16/6 – Tuesday 18/6 2013
Where	Nordkalotten Hotell, Luleå, Sweden, http://en.nordkalotten.com/
Registration and call for speed presentations	http://www.jagareforbundet.se/mardhund-conference
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Supporting organisations: The National Veterinary Institute (Sweden), the Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control, Directorate for Nature Management (Norway), the County Administrative Boards of Västerbotten, Norrbotten and Skåne (Sweden), Danish Hunters Association (Denmark) and Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE).

Preliminary program

Day 1 – Sunday the 16th of June

Pre Excursion. Visit to the Raccoon Dog Project in Sweden and Finland

Day 2 – Monday the 17th of June

- 09:00 Arrival and registration
- 12:00 Opening conference
- 12:20 International policy – Effects, Costs and Solutions
Plenary speech: Daniel Simberloff, professor, University of Tennessee

Session 1 Research, management and international cooperation

- 14:00 Policy work on IAS in Europe and the world
Piero Genovesi, Chair IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group
- Early warning–rapid response, eradication, confinement, mitigation
Riccardo Scalera, Programme Officer, IUCN SSC ISSG, Consultant
- Voluntary approaches through codes of conduct
Eladio Fernández-Galiano, Biodiversity Unit, Council of Europe
- Adaptive management and international cooperation in IAS management
Fredrik Dahl, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management/Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
- 17:00 Dinner

Session 2 Practical examples of managing IAS

Session will be simultaneously translated to Swedish

- 18:00 Management of the invasive Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries – LIFE09/NAT/SE/344
Per-Arne Åhlén, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management
- Fox eradication project in Tasmania
Craig Elliot, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania
- Mink eradication project in UK
Jonathan Reynolds, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, UK
- European squirrel initiative
Andrew Kendall, European Squirrel Initiative
- 22:00 End of day

Day 3 – Tuesday the 18th of June

Session 2 Continued...

- 08:00 Invasive predators
Speakers to be announced
- Safe Islands for Seabirds – LIFE07 NAT/P/000649
Speaker to be announced
- Control of the invasive alien species *Lamprolaima setacea* on the island of Gran Canaria – LIFE10NAT/ES/000565
Ramón Gallo Barneto

Session 3 Speed presentations

- 09:40 Speed presentations and Poster session
- 12:00 Lunch

Session 4 From international policy to national management

- 13:00 Aims and objectives of the EU IAS directive/policy
EU-Commission, Speaker to be announced
- National policies and goals with IAS management
Speaker to be announced
- 15:00 Panel discussion
Authorities and experts
- 16:30 Closing ceremony
- 18:00 Conference Dinner

Day 4 – Wednesday the 19th of June

Post Excursion. Cultural excursions in the region