



# EPPO activities in PRA for invasive alien plants conducted within the framework of an EU funded LIFE Project.

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# The EPPO Panel on Invasive Alien Plants

Created in 2002 with the following tasks:

- To collect data on invasive alien plants in the EPPO region,
- To collect information on official control measures existing in the EPPO region for invasive alien plants,
- To conduct studies on pest risk analysis and pest risk management of specific invasive alien plants,

About 20 Panel members nominated by the National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs)



# Regulation 1143/2014

- Regulation 1143/2014: on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, which came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015
- Centred on three main themes (1) prevention, (2) early warning and rapid response, and (3) management.
- A key feature in the Regulation is: list of IAS of Union concern

**REGULATION (EU) No 1143/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
of 22 October 2014**

**on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) The appearance of alien species, whether of animals, plants, fungi or micro-organisms, in new locations is not always a cause for concern. However, a significant subset of alien species can become invasive and have serious adverse impact on biodiversity and related ecosystem services, as well as have other social and economic impact, which should be prevented. Some 12 000 species in the environment of the Union and in other European



# List of 37 species for prioritisation



## Species

- Acacia dealbata* (Fabaceae)
- Albizia lebeck* (Fabaceae)
- Ambrosia confertiflora* (Asteraceae)
- Ambrosia trifida* (Asteraceae)
- Andropogon virginicus* (Poaceae)
- Cardiospermum grandiflorum* (Sapindaceae)
- Celastrus orbiculatus* (Celastraceae)
- Chromolaena odorata* (Asteraceae)
- Cinnamomum camphora* (Lauraceae)
- Clematis terniflora* (Ranunculaceae)
- Cornus sericea* (Cornaceae)
- Cortaderia jubata* (Poaceae)
- Cryptostegia grandiflora* (Apocynaceae)
- Egeria densa* (Hydrocharitaceae)
- Ehrharta calycina* (Poaceae)
- Euonymus fortunei* (Celastraceae)
- Euonymus japonicus* (Celastraceae)
- Fallopia baldschuanica* (Polygonaceae)
- Gymnocoronis spilanthoides* (Asteraceae)

- Hakea sericea* (Proteaceae)
- Humulus scandens* (Cannabaceae)
- Hydrilla verticillata* (Hydrocharitaceae)
- Hygrophila polysperma* (Acanthaceae)
- Lespedeza cuneata* (Fabaceae)
- Ligustrum sinense* (Oleaceae)
- Lonicera maackii* (Caprifoliaceae)
- Lonicera morrowii* (Caprifoliaceae)
- Lygodium japonicum* (Lygodiaceae)
- Oxalis pes-caprae* (Oxalidaceae)
- Pennisetum setaceum*
- stratiotes*
- Prosopis*
- Prunus a*
- Rubus ros*
- Salvinia m*
- Sapium sek*
- Sphagnetic*

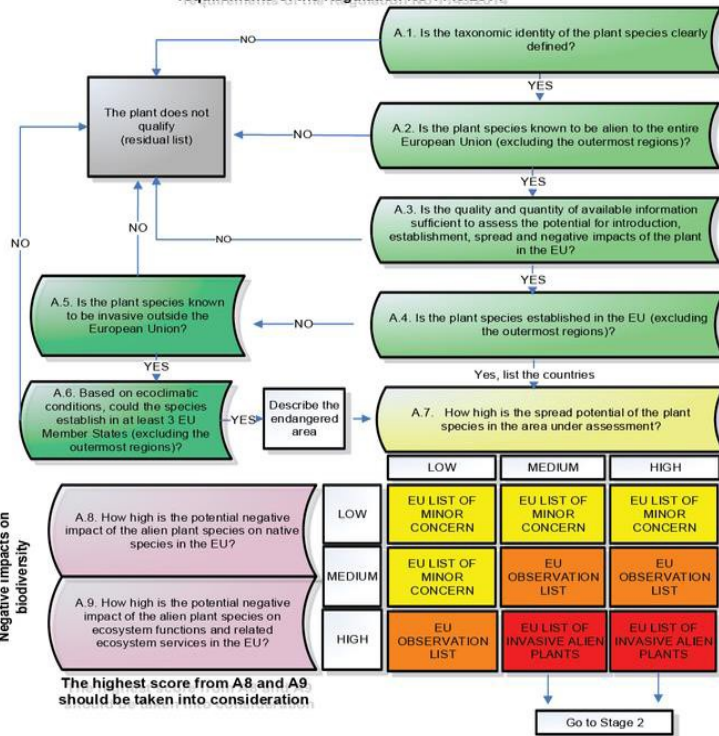
**Invasive Alien Species -  
Prioritising prevention efforts  
through horizon scanning**  
ENV.B.2/ETU/2014/0016  
Final report

**Eppo List of invasive alien plants**  
The plants listed below have been identified by the Panel as being absent or present in the Eppo region; as having a high potential for spread; as posing an important threat to plant health and/or the environment and biodiversity; and eventually as having other detrimental social impacts in the Eppo region. Because a large number of invasive alien plants are already present in the Eppo region, priorities were set in order to select those species considered to pose the greatest threat to species and ecosystems in the Eppo region. Eppo therefore strongly recommends countries endangered by these species to take measures to prevent their introduction and spread, or to manage unwanted populations (for example with publicity, restrictions on sale and planting, and control measures). This List is constantly being reviewed by the Panel (new species can be added and others removed). The list is not meant to be exhaustive but to focus on the main risks.

Plant name (link to Eppo Global Database)	Added in	Data sheets	PRA and prioritization documents
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	2006	-	-
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	2005	draft ds	-
<i>Allanthurus altissima</i>	2004	draft ds	-
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	2004	mini ds	prioritization
<i>Ambrosia confertiflora</i>	2014	mini ds	-
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	2015	mini ds	-
<i>Amelanchier spicata</i>	2004	-	prioritization
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	2006	mini ds	-
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	2014	-	prioritization
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	2006	draft ds	PRA - PRA rep
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	2006	mini ds	prioritization
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	2013	-	-
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	2006	-	-
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	2006	mini ds	-
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	2012	-	-

Decision scheme for the prioritization process for EU invasive alien plants incorporating the requirements of the Regulation No 1143/2014

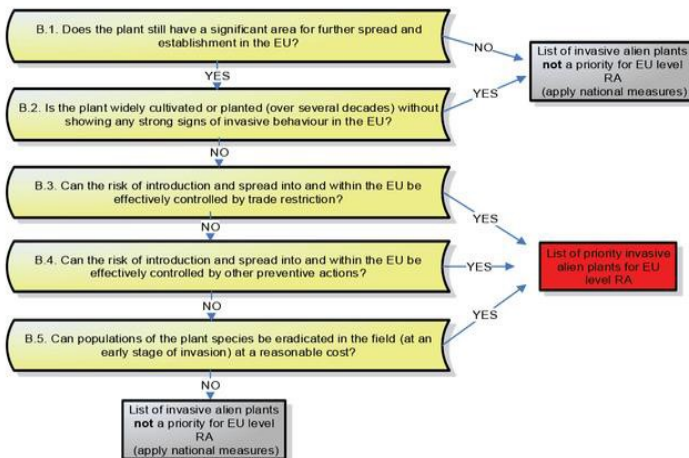
Stage 1: Preliminary risk assessment



# Prioritisation Process for EU invasive alien plants

Stage 1: preliminary risk assessment - produces lists of plant species for the EU, the most important being the list of invasive alien plants

Stage 2: Risk management



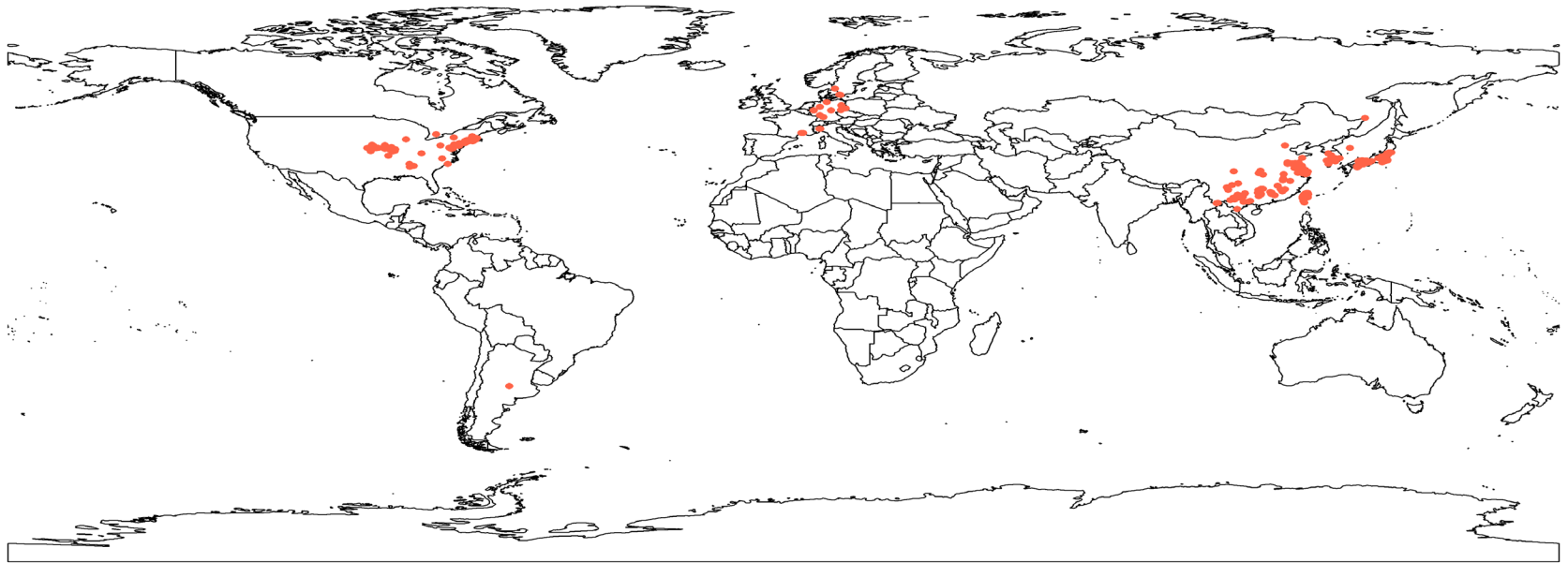
Stage 2: preliminary risk management - to determine which of these IAP have the highest priority for a risk assessment

**Table 1.** Key information sources. Information resources utilised when collecting information on the species.

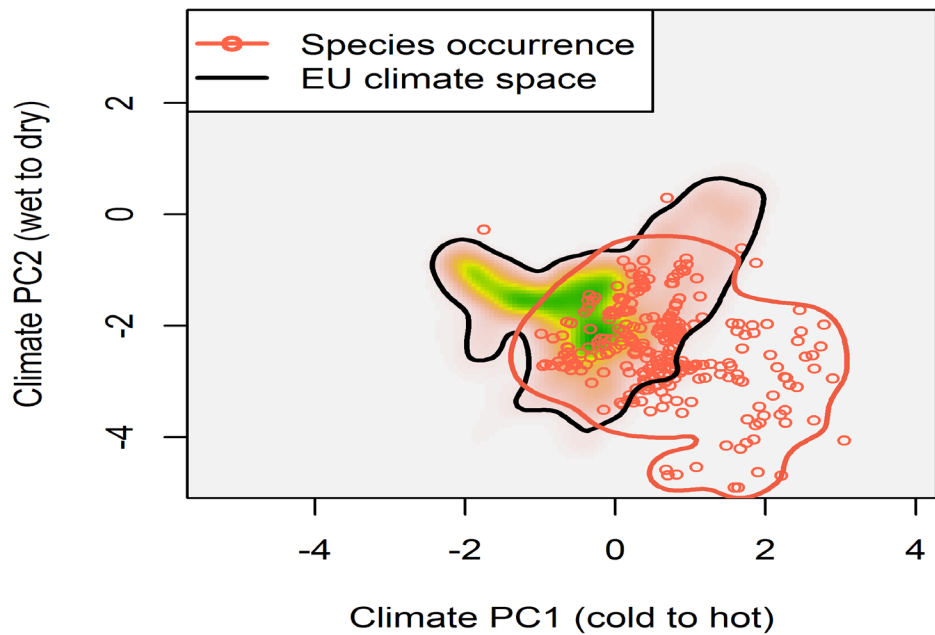
Scientific area	Relating to question in EU P. process	Key resources
Stage 1		
Taxonomic identity	A1	The Plant List ( <a href="http://www.theplantlist.org/">http://www.theplantlist.org/</a> )
Geographical origin	A2	ARS Grill Taxonomy ( <a href="http://www.ars-grin.gov/">http://www.ars-grin.gov/</a> )
Global occurrence	A4	GBIF ( <a href="http://www.gbif.org">http://www.gbif.org</a> ), EPPO Global Database ( <a href="https://gd.eppo.int/">https://gd.eppo.int/</a> ), CABI ISC ( <a href="http://www.cabi.org/isc/">http://www.cabi.org/isc/</a> ), Q-Bank ( <a href="http://www.q-bank.eu/">http://www.q-bank.eu/</a> )
Global invasive behavior	AS	Scientific literature, reports, expert opinion
Spread potential & areas threatened	A6,A7	Scientific literature, reports, expert opinion
Impacts	A8,A9	Scientific literature, reports, expert opinion
Stage 2		
Current occurrence within the EU	B1	GBIF ( <a href="http://www.gbif.org">http://www.gbif.org</a> ), EPPO Global Database ( <a href="https://gd.eppo.int/">https://gd.eppo.int/</a> ), CABI ISC ( <a href="http://www.cabi.org/isc/">http://www.cabi.org/isc/</a> ), Q-Bank ( <a href="http://www.q-bank.eu/">http://www.q-bank.eu/</a> )
Invasive behavior in the EU	B2	Scientific literature, reports, expert opinion
Trade status	B3	Numerous internet suppliers (e.g. <a href="https://www.ebay.com/">https://www.ebay.com/</a> ; <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/">https://www.amazon.co.uk/</a> )
Phytosanitary measures	B4,B5	Scientific literature, reports, expert opinion



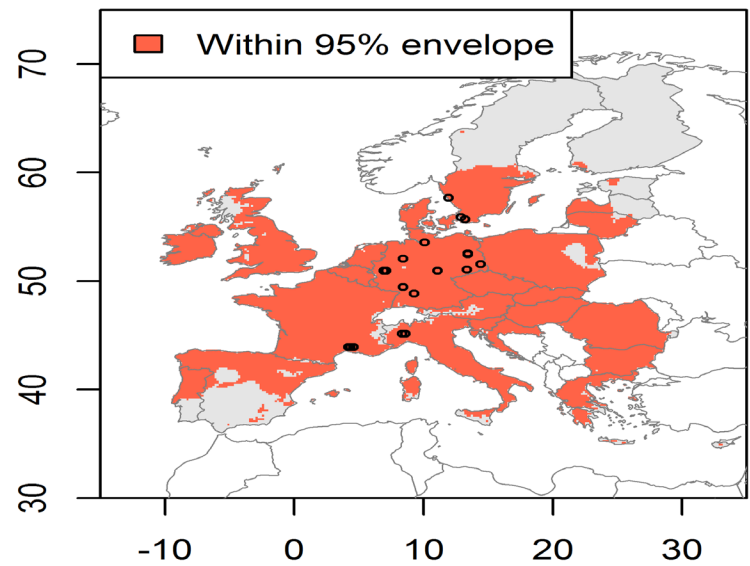
# Humulus japonicus: GBIF records



68.2% of EU within species 95% kernel



Projection of species 95% kernel



Species	A.1. Clear taxonomy	A.2. Alien in EU	A.3. Quality information	A.4. Established in the EU	A.5. Invasive outside the EU	A.6. Potential establishment in the EU	A.7. Spread	A.8. Impact on native plant species	A.9. Impact on ecosystem functions services	Conclusion of stage I
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Yes	Yes (Aus.)	High	Yes (ES, FR, IT)	Yes (Afr., Asia, Oce.)	38%	Medium	High (M): forms dense stands displaces native species (Lorenzo et al., 2012)	Medium (L): Nitrogen cycle modifications (Weber, 2003)	List IAP
<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	Yes	Yes (Asia)	Low (STOP)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
<i>Ambrosia confertiflora</i>	Yes	Yes (N.Am.)	Medium/High	No	Yes (C.Asia, Oce.)	8.80%	High	High (M): forms dense stands displaces native species (EPPO, 2014)	Medium (H): Ecosystem modifier (EPPO, 2014)	List IAP
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	Yes	Yes (N.Am.)	Medium/High	Yes (ES, GE, NL, RO, RU, PL, FR, IT, BK, RS)	Yes (Asia, N.Am.)	90%	High	Medium (L): allelopathic and competes with native spp. for nutrients/light	Low (M): No recorded impacts	Obs List
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Yes	Yes (N.Am.)	High	Yes (FR)	Yes (Asia, N.Am., Oce.)	70.10%	High	High (H): Alleopathic impacts (Stone, 1985)	Medium (H): Promotes fire (Stone, 1985)	List IAP
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Yes	Yes (Afr., S.Am.)	Medium	Yes (IT)	Yes (Afr.)	5.10%	High	High (M): Smothers native spp. (McKay et al., 2010)	Medium (M): Habitat transformer (Henderson, 2001)	List IAP
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Yes	Yes (Asia)	High	Yes (GB)	Yes (N.Am., Oce.)	77%	High	High (H): Suppression native spp. (Fike & Niering, 1999)	Medium (H): Negatively affects aesthetics (CABI, 2016)	List IAP
<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Yes	Yes (S.Am.)	High	No	Yes (Afr., N.Am., Oce.)	No (STOP)	----	----	----	----
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (Lauraceae)	Yes	Yes (Asia)	High	Yes (GB, FR, IT)	Yes (N.Am., Oce.)	35.10%	High	High (H): Forms monocultures/ Alleopathic impacts (Firth, 1979)	Medium (H): Ecosystem modifier (CABI, 2016)	List IAP
<i>Clematis terniflora</i> (Ranunculaceae)	Yes	Yes (Asia)	Low (STOP)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
<i>Cornus sericea</i> (Cornaceae)	No (STOP)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i> (Poaceae)	Yes	Yes (S. Am.)	High	No	Yes (N.Am., Oce.)	55.80%	High	High (M): Strongly competes for resources (Lambrinos, 2000)	High (M): Alters trophic levels/reduces aesthetics (Bossard et al., 2000)	List IAP
<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i> (Apocynaceae)	Yes	Yes (Afr.)	High	No	Yes (Oce., S.Am.)	No (STOP)	----	----	----	----
<i>Egeria densa</i> (Hydrocharitaceae)	Yes	Yes (S. Am.)	High	Yes (FR, BE, IT, NL, UK)	----	80.90%	High	Medium (H): Displaces native spp. (CABI, 2016)	Medium (H): Reduces recreation activities (CABI, 2016)	Obs List
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i> (Poaceae)	Yes	Yes (S. Afr.)	High	Yes (ES, PT)	Yes (N.Am.)	15.30%	High	High (M): Outcompetes native plant spp. (Bossard et al., 2000)	Medium (M): Alter fire regimes (Fisher et al., 2006)	List IAP
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> (Celastraceae)	Yes	Yes (Asia)	High	Yes (FR, LV)	Yes (N.Am.)	70.10%	High	High (M): Outcompetes native plant spp. (Bauer & Reynolds, 2016)	Medium (H): Ecosystem modifier (Bauer & Reynolds, 2016)	List IAP
<i>Euonymus japonicus</i> (Celastraceae)	Yes	Yes (Asia)	Low (STOP)	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
<i>Fallopia baldschuanica</i> (Polygonaceae)	Yes	Yes (Asia)	High	Yes (widespread)	Yes (N.Am.)	67.90%	Medium	Medium (M): Smothers native spp. (EPPO, 2012)	Medium (M): Ecosystem modifier (EPPO, 2012)	Obs List



# Results from prioritisation process:

**Stage 1: EU List of Invasive Alien Species**

**Stage 2: High priority for PRA**

*Ambrosia confertiflora*

*Andropogon virginicus*

*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*

*Cinnamomum camphora*

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*Lygodium japonicum*

*Pistia stratiotes*

*Prosopis juliflora*

*Salvinia molesta*

*Triadica sebiferum*

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**The prioritisation of a short list of alien plants for risk analysis within the framework of the Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014**

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# Expert working groups

- The 16 species were risk analysed in pairs,
- Eight, five day expert working groups (EWG) were conducted,
- In total 26 experts (excluding members of the Panel on IAP) attended EWGs,



# Pest Risk Analysis

- The PRA scheme used in the project was specifically amended from the EPPO Decision-Support Scheme for an Express Pest Risk Analysis document PM 5/5(1) to incorporate the minimum requirements for risk assessment when considering invasive alien plant species under the EU Regulation 1143/2014.

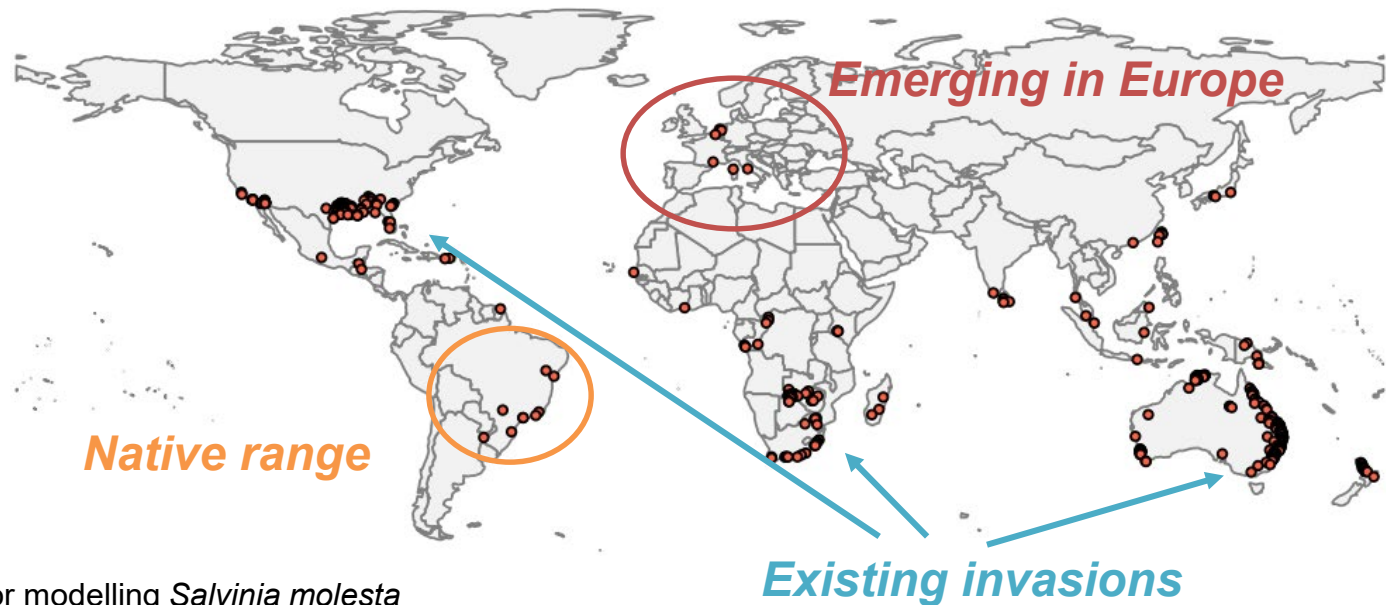
For example:

- Impacts have been divided to reflect the need to score biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and economic impacts separately.
- The user to consider if a new risk and uncertainty score is needed in relation to pathways, establishment, spread and impact considering climate change.

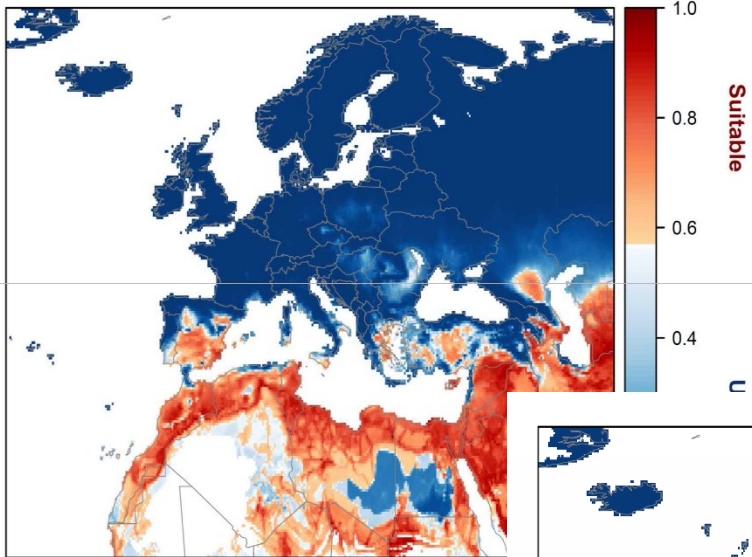


# Species distribution modelling

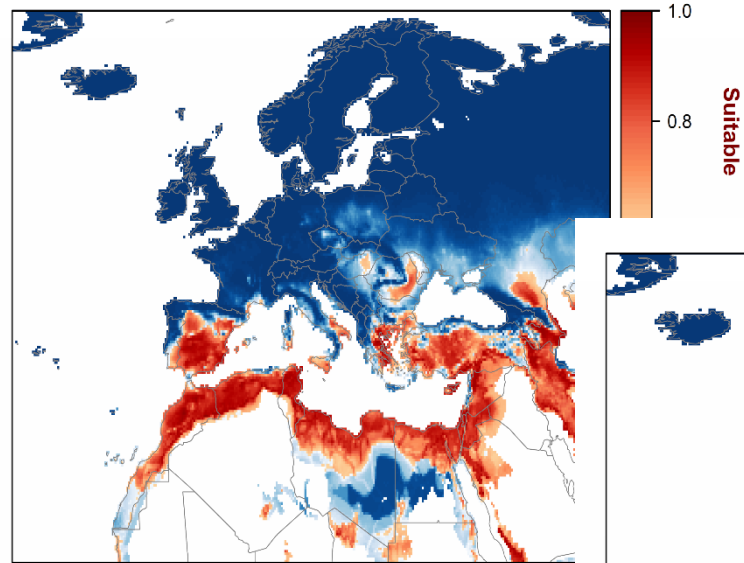
- Modelling carried out by UK CEH,
- Distribution data collected from multiple sources,
- Input from EWG critical:
  - Best quality (cleaned) distribution data
  - Biological knowledge of important climatic drivers and tolerances
  - Careful assessment and interpretation of model outputs



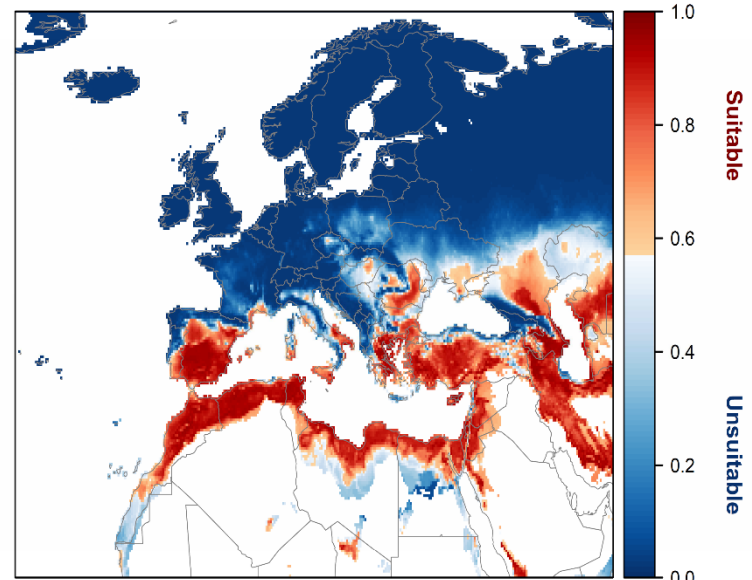
# Projected suitability for *Ambrosia confertiflora*



Current



RCP4.5



RCP8.5



# Pathways for entry

Species	Pathways										
	Plants for planting	Contaminant of plants for planting	Contaminant of growing medium	Contaminant of wood material	Contaminant of hay material	Contaminant of livestock	Contaminant of animal feed mixture	Hitch-hiker on machinery and equipment	Hitch-hiker on travellers, their clothes and shoes	Hitch-hiking on leisure equipment	Hay and straw imports
<i>Ambrosia confertiflora</i>						*	*	*	*		
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	**				**			*	*		
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	**										
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	**										
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	*										
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	*				*						
<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>	***							*		*	
<i>Hakea sericea</i>	*										
<i>Humulus scandens</i>	**										
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	***										
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	*										*
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	**		***	*				*	*		
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	***	*									
<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	*										
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	***	*								*	
<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	***										

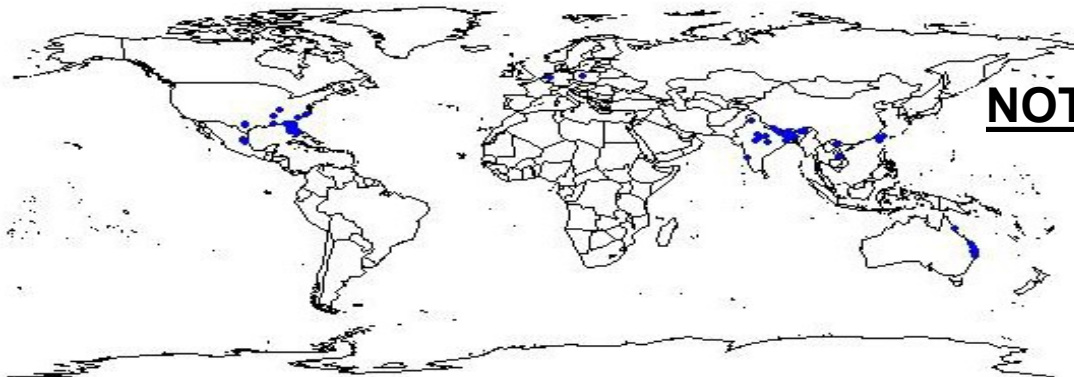
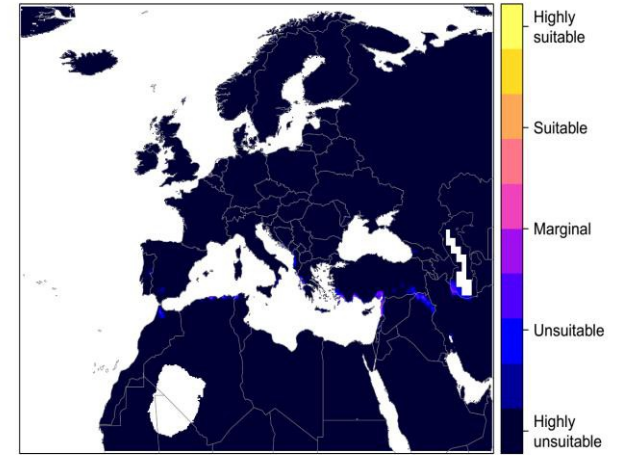
Low likelihood of entry	*
Moderate likelihood of entry	**
High likelihood of entry	***

# Output of the PRAs

Species	Potential Impact PRA area					Overall risk	
	Establishment	Spread	Biodiversity	Ecosystem-services	Socio-economic	Score	Uncert.
<i>Ambrosia confertiflora</i>	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	High	High	Mod	Mod	Mod	High	Mod
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Mod
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	High	High	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	High	Mod	High	High	Low	Mod	Mod
<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>	High	Mod	High	Mod	Mod	High	High
<i>Hakea sericea</i>	High	High	High	High	Mod	High	Low
<i>Humulus scandens</i>	High	High	High	Mod	Mod	High	Low
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Mod
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	High	High	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Low	High	High	Mod	Low	Mod	High
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	High	Mod	High	High	High	High	Mod
<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Mod	High	High	High	High	Mod	Mod
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	High	Mod	High	High	High	High	Mod
<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	Mod	High	High	High	Low	High	High

# *Hygrophila polysperma* (Roxb.) T. Anderson

- Native: Asia
- Introduced: North America (Florida), Australia
- EPPO: Austria, Germany, Poland, Hungary (thermally heated waters, introduced)
- Pathways: Plants for planting
- Impacts: Outcompete native spp.



**NOT recommended for regulation**

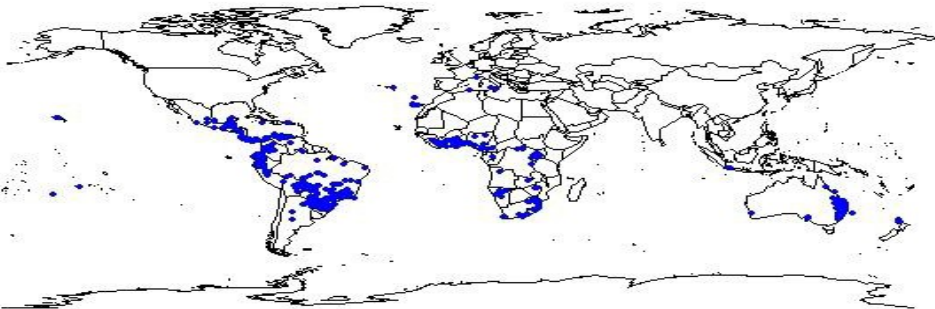
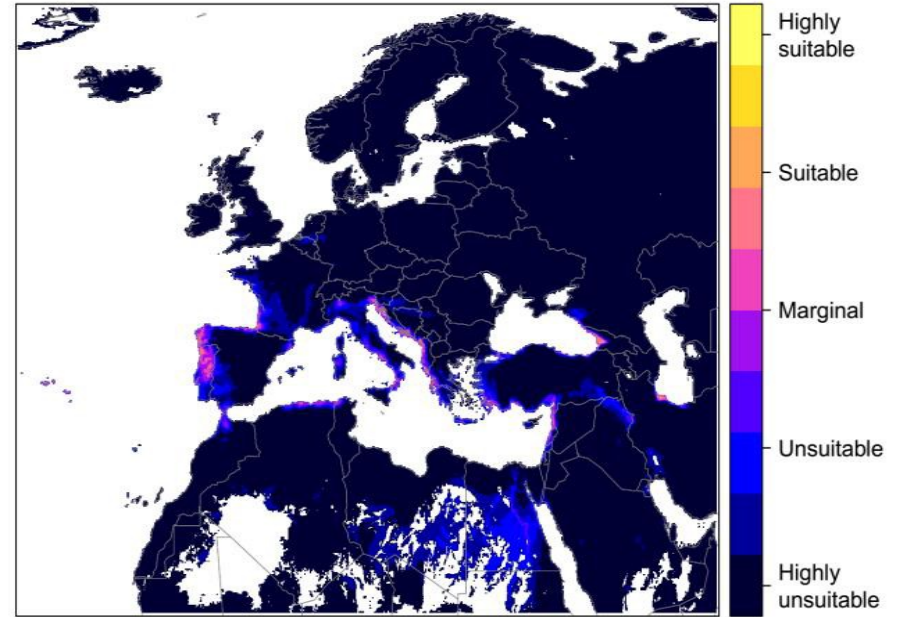
**Phytosanitary risk: Low**

**Uncertainty: Moderate**



# *Cinnamomum camphora* L. J. Presl.

- Native: Asia
- Introduced: Africa, S. America
- EPPO: France, (Netherlands, Italy and Germany as a planted species in botanical gardens)
- Pathways: plants for planting
- Impacts: Ecosystem transformer.



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# Output of the PRAs

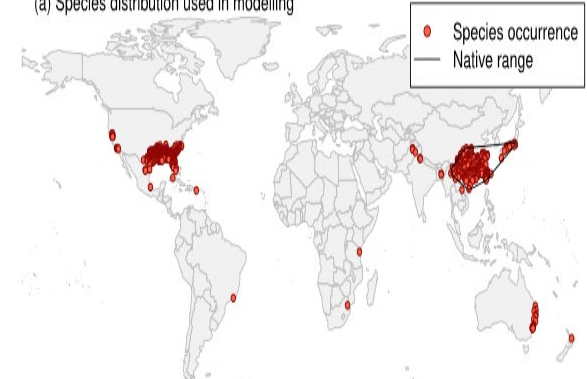
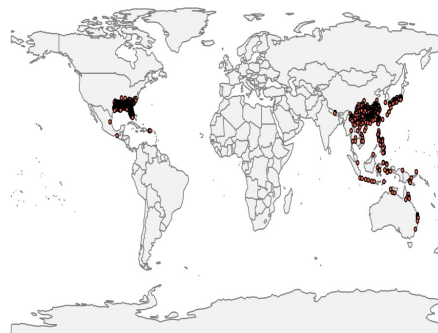
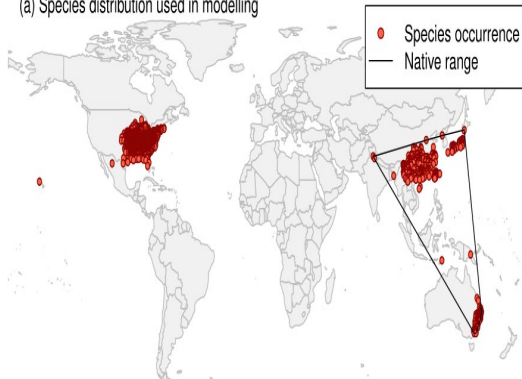
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<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	Mod	High	High	High	Low	High	High



(a) Species distribution used in modelling



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# Impacts on ecosystem services

**Provisioning services** - Fresh water, Genetic resources, Food and Commodity production,



**Regulating services** - Soil formation, Pollination, Water regulation, Air quality



**Cultural services** - Aesthetic experiences, Cultural heritage, Tourism, Recreation



**Supporting services**, Nutrient cycling, Primary production, Habitat stability



# Plant species listed as species of Union [European] concern

<i>Acacia saligna</i>	<b><i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i></b>
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
<b><i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i></b>	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>
<b><i>Andropogon virginicus</i></b>	<b><i>Lespedeza cuneata</i></b>
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	<b><i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i></b>
<b><i>Baccharis halimifolia</i></b>	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	<b><i>Lygodium japonicum</i></b>
<b><i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i></b>	<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>
<b><i>Cortaderia jubata</i></b>	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>
<b><i>Ehrharta calycina</i></b>	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
<b><i>Eichhornia crassipes</i></b>	<b><i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i></b>
<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	<b><i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i></b>
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>
<b><i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i></b>	<b><i>Persicaria perfoliata</i></b>
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	<b><i>Prosopis juliflora</i></b>
<b><i>Heracleum persicum</i></b>	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>
<b><i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i></b>	<b><i>Salvinia molesta</i></b>
<b><i>Humulus scandens</i></b>	<b><i>Triadica sebifera</i></b>



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