

Outcome 2H: Invasive alien species (IAS) are controlled and managed on an all-island basis to reduce the harmful impact they have on biodiversity and measures are undertaken to tackle the introduction and spread of new IAS to the environment

Target	Action number	Action	Partner(s)	Indicator
By 2030, IAS are controlled, managed, and where possible, eradicated	2H1	NPWS will establish an IAS unit to expedite implementation of the legislative and policy framework, including specific resources for enforcement	NPWS	IAS unit and enforcement unit established and operational within NPWS
By 2030, IAS are controlled, managed, and where possible, eradicated	2H2	NPWS, together with other relevant Departments and public bodies, will develop national plans to implement aspects of the EU IAS Regulation and relevant national legislation, as well as work on cooperative plans where there is an all-island or North-South aspect for IAS impacts	NPWS and relevant stakeholders	National plans are in place to implement the relevant articles of the EU IAS Regulation (1143/2014) fulfilling Member State obligations; National Management Plan for Invasive Alien Species will be developed and implemented as set out in the programme for government; All-island cooperation on IAS between relevant authorities is agreed
By 2030, IAS are controlled, managed, and where possible, eradicated	2H3	NPWS will introduce new national legislation to update existing legislation and give effect to aspects of the EU IAS Regulation 1143/2014, as well as assigning responsibilities for aquatic IAS	NPWS	Legislation to implement the EU IAS Regulation in the national context is published and enacted
By 2030, IAS are controlled, managed, and where possible, eradicated within Protected Areas and effectively controlled in urban, peri-urban areas, the wider countryside and marine and coastal areas	2H4	NPWS in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders will resource and implement on-the-ground actions to control, manage and where possible and feasible, eradicate occurrences of invasive alien species, including the removal of stands of invasive species from Protected Areas and National Parks	NPWS and relevant stakeholders	National Biodiversity Indicators (NBI)-D.3.i Area implementing invasive species management

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By 2030, invasive alien species are controlled, managed, and where possible, eradicated within Protected Areas and effectively controlled in urban, peri-urban areas, the wider countryside and marine and coastal areas	2H7	NBDC will continue to produce Risk Assessments for potential invasive alien species	NBDC	Number of Risk Assessments complete; National Biodiversity Indicators (NBI)-C.3.i Number of newly introduced IAS
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