

## Alien Species Awareness Program

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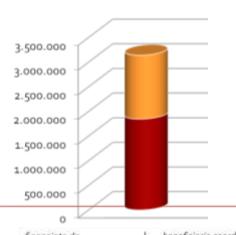








#### LIFE Governance, Information & Communication



<u>Total Budget</u>: € 3.140.305

UE contribution: €1.844.005

2020

Duration: September 2016 – March 2020



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#### Framework

New legislative tools (EU Regulation 1143/14) imposes a series of actions to the public adm as well as to private sectors

General lack of knowledge both in the public as well as among professionals; major obstacle to the implementation of the EU Regulation and in general to action



#### Main aims

Contributing to implementation of EU regulation 1143/14

**Raising awareness** of Italian citizenship on the invasive species issue and encouraging the **adoption of responsible behaviours** aiming at reducing the risk of further introductions.



#### Main expected results

Reducing the rate of introduction (both intentional and unintentional) of IAS and mitigating their impacts

More effective management of IAS in Italy



## **General strategy**

1. Regular press releases, on different aspects of the issue (IAS and Mediterranean sea, IAS and climate change, regional data on IAS — Lazio, Tuscany, etc.)





## Media coverage (from January 2017):

5 reports on **TV National newscasts** (Tg Leonardo (Rai3); Tg2; Rainews24; Sky Tg24; Tg2 night )

3 radio interviews on national channels

7 press releases and **128 articles** (on web and papers)

1499 persons reached by posts on **facebook** in the last week (21/11 - 28/11) and 510 visualisations per day on **twitter** 



Invasione specie aliene: «A rischio

salute, economia e biodiversità»
Gil esperti: «Dati allarmanti, sono oltre 580. Dai ratti delle Pontine si gamberi della Lubiama anhuati nei fiuni del Lario, dalla nana toro americana al tamia siberiane: i



Le specie aliene invasive, introducte dall'aumo auxidentalimente o volunizatamente ad di finard dell'arros di origine, sveso sempre più presenti nel Lario, con no imparito neterorie sull'ambiente e natia quadri della norma vita. La efficie dei conti sociali ed comenzioli di questo foscomeno supera lodicti i su miliatti di curso signi amos sedia sola Volune europea. Il gli reporti adessolunciano un allarme arche per in motra regione. Dolla mata mos americana si



#### **General strategy:**

2. MoUs with national (and local) authorities and associations (ex. ANVE – the national association of nurseryman exporters; Sgaravatti group, the most important and ancient Italian company in the field of greenery)









## **General strategy:**

3. Presence on major national fairs on hunting, nursery, exotic pets...









# Training the trainers: the *MULTIPLIER* figure



To ensure the spread of correct information and the dissemination of knowledge to the public both during and beyond the project duration





#### **General strategy:**

4. Communication, information and training campaigns specifically designed towards different target audiences and stakeholders

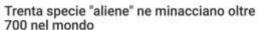






## Work with other Life programmes

Press releases on projects dealing with IAS, to provide positive stories and at the same time support other projects



Le invasioni "peggiori" risultano quelle di gatti, roditori, cani e maiali, mentre le



#### **AMBIENTE A RISCHIO**



degu Stati Uniti e portarrice di vari tipi di salmonnella, che possono essere trasmessi all'uomo. Il gambero della Louisiana invece mette a rischio la tenuta degli argini dei corsi d'acqua della Piana

Toscana invasa dalle specie aliene Vespa asiatica: è allarme in Versilia

Scoperti 567 esemplari che minacciano flora e fauna. Si corre ai ripari

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#### Punteruolo rosso e la «velutina»

palme della Versilia con le proprie larve che crescono nel tronco delle piante. Due esemplari della vespa sono stati trovati a Camaiore: in pericolo anche l'uomo







Technical and communication staff of

protected areas





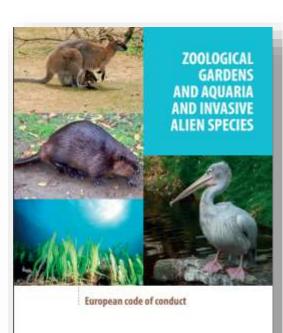
Educational paths and materials for schools Educational-experiential paths for everyone!



#### Technical and communication staff of

**EUROPEAN CODE OF CONDUCT** FOR BOTANIC GARDENS ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES









**Hunters and anglers** (hunters associations and wild game producers, anglers associations, fish stock producers)



RECOMMENDATION N° 170 (2014) ON THE EUROPEAN CODE OF CONDUCT ON RECREATIONAL FISHING AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES





#### **Dealers and business owners**

(plant nurseries, aquarium and pet shops)

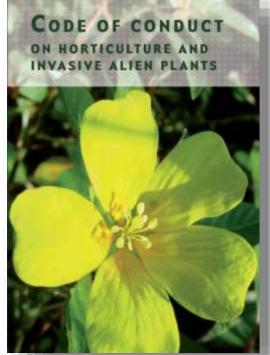


EICHHORNIA CRASSIPES (GIACINTO D'ACQUA) [Vaso Ø12cm]

3,30 €











PETS

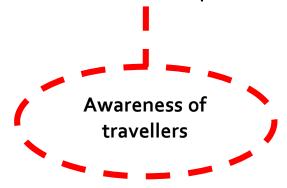
AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES



Airport operators of the 10 main Italian airports (Roma Fiumicino and Ciampino, Milano Malpensa and Linate, Bergamo, Venezia, Bologna, Pisa, Napoli, Catania)



*Info point* at Fiumicino airport









In 4 national protected areas (180), Muse, Science Museum of Trento (40), Cagliari botanical garden (25)

## 245 multipliers

Already planned other event for lazio region protected areas, Botanical garden of Catania and Rome, Bioparco of Rome, national meeting of zoo gardeners





#### **Conclusions**

The adoption of the Regulation 1143/2014 indeed important, but not sufficient!

Invasions are the result of **human agency**, and it is essential to change our habits to reduce the problem, encouraging **responsible behaviours** 

Rigorous information, awareness raising, involvement of the different sectors, are key pillars for preventing new invasions, as well as to effectively address already present IAS





# take a picture!









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