

# INNS INFORMATION PORTAL

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## RECENT ACTIVITIES

The latest UKOT we had the pleasure of visiting was Gibraltar. Despite its relatively small size (5km x 1.2km), Gibraltar is steeped in military history and showcases a unique blend of both British and Spanish culture. It is used as a migratory pathway for many birds, insects, and marine species, and has two Special Areas of Conservation: The Rock of Gibraltar and the Southern Waters of Gibraltar, which contain endemic flora and fauna.

Experts from a wide range of institutes attended the workshop: Wildlife (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar Botanic Gardens, University of Gibraltar, HM Government of Gibraltar, Gibraltar Natural History Society, Joint Services Health Unit, and Enalia Physis. The local terrestrial and marine knowledge of the experts was invaluable and extremely impressive; they provided a rich source of information on the various threats

that INNS pose to Gibraltar's biodiversity. After a vote, we found INNS of particular concern included the macroalgae *Rugulopteryx okamurae*, Asian tiger mosquito *Aedes albopictus*, and perennial plant *Oxalis pes-caprae*.

Over the course of the workshop it became evident that the establishment of a Gibraltar-specific biodiversity portal incorporating both historic and current data resources in a standardized format would be extremely beneficial to the participants. The importance of engagement and outreach events and resources to raise local public awareness of invasive non-native species was also highlighted.

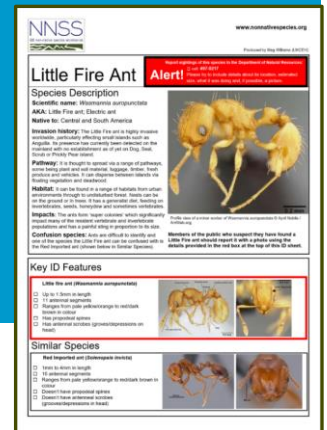
We are extremely appreciative of all the time and expertise that has been given so far and we are looking forward to our ongoing collaborations [Read full article here.](#)

## DATABASE UPDATE

During the Gibraltar workshop we managed to add >100 non-native species and still counting ...

## RESOURCES UPDATE

We are currently in the process of drafting an ID sheet for Anguilla on the Green iguana *Iguana iguana* and the Little Fire ant *Wasmannia auropunctata*.



## MAY BE OF INTEREST:

### Videos

[The AlienScenarios project - Scenarios of biological invasions for the 21st century](#): Explains the AlienScenarios project (“Developing and applying scenarios of biological invasions for the 21st century”), that aims at predicting what will be the future alien invasive species and which regions they will invade.

### Recent papers

[Using citizen science with alien species: a practical guide for project initiators](#): this guide is intended to help anyone set up an alien species citizen science project.

[Eyes on the aliens: citizen science contributes to research, policy and management of biological invasions in Europe](#): presents results on a survey on alien species citizen science initiatives and suggestions to strengthen the network of IAS citizen science projects and how to foster knowledge exchange.

[Economic costs of protecting islands from invasive alien species](#): investigates the socioeconomic impacts of invasive species on islands worldwide and biosecurity measures that can be put in place to try to minimise this.

[#InvasiveAlienSpecies Report Primers | IPBES secretariat](#): The IPBES Thematic Assessment on Invasive Alien Species and their Control will be presented at IPBES-10.

### Recordings

[Invasive Species Webinar - UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum \(ukotcf.org.uk\)](#): the webinar looks at how information sharing between UKOT conservation groups can be used to help and support each other to deal with threats from invasive species.

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- In-person workshop with the British Antarctic Territories (Cambridge 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- In-person workshop with Cyprus (Cyprus tbc)
- In-person workshop with St Helena (St Helena tbc January/February 2024)
- In-person workshop with Montserrat (Montserrat tbc likely mid-2024)
- Cross-Caribbean in-person workshop in collaboration with Alan Tye (tbc September 2024)



### UKCEH website:

For more information on the work we are currently doing as part of the UK Overseas Territories Darwin-Plus Project please visit <https://www.ceh.ac.uk/our-science/projects/enhancing-monitoring-and-prevention-invasive-non-native-species-across-ukots>

### Call for information:

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We are always looking for further data and resources to help with the compilation of each UK Overseas Territory non-native species database. If you have any data or resources that you think would be of relevance please get in touch.

