

Managing invasive non-native species

What research questions need to be answered to help deliver Scotland's RBMP?

1. *Is current surveillance appropriate for invasive species monitoring?*
2. *Is citizen science a useful approach to consider as a means to assess and control invasive species?*
3. *Is there a point at which there is no longer a way to control the spread of invasive species, and if so how do we assess this?*

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What are the key data needs and knowledge gaps?

1. *Unknown impacts of some invasive species on rivers, e.g. riparian plants.*
2. *Would be useful to know when control management is successful, e.g. recording of non-returns.*
3. *Which treatments are most effective for certain invasive species and sites, and where there are no known techniques, what could be used?*
4. *There is an imbalance of research before and after restoration methods have been undertaken.*

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Other points worth mentioning...

- 1. How to further engage public and stakeholders via effective communication.*
- 2. There is a duplication of effort through a lack of communication.*
- 3. More data sharing between government agencies and academia would benefit research and allow the development of more effective management techniques.*