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things you can do about Alien Invasive species



An **Alien Invasive Species** is an organism that does not naturally grow or occur in an area, which means it was brought in by accident or on purpose. It is an organism which comes from **another country (alien)** and **takes over** an area, pushing out other organisms (invasive), by using up the **nutrients (food), water and space** that the **indigenous organisms** would normally use.

Alien and Invasive species are the **2nd biggest** threat to biodiversity.

Here's what you can do about Alien Invasive species



- 1 Learn about invasive species, especially those found in your area.
- 2 Do not give invaders a free ride to a new location. Clean your hiking boots, boats and trailers, off-road vehicles and other gear after you've spent time in nature.
- 3 Don't move firewood over long distances. Instead, buy it where you'll burn it, or gather on site when permitted.
- 4 Plant indigenous and other waterwise non-invasive plants in your garden. Remove any invasive plant species and dispose of it responsibly.
- 5 Never dump unwanted aquariums or live bait into watercourses such as dams, lakes, or rivers and do not flush aquatic species down the toilet whether dead or alive.
- 6 Apply for a permit to conduct activities with Category 2 invasive species.
- 7 Report when you see new incursions of alien and invasive species. Visit: www.ispot.org.za
- 8 Volunteer to help remove invasive species from natural areas
- 9 Be involved in awareness activities by joining invasive species forums and spreading the word to those around us.
- 10 Share your different activities with us on our social media platforms.



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