

Proceedings of the Non-native Species Local Action Group Workshop



Preston Montford, Shrewsbury

30th – 31st January 2018



Programme

On 30th – 31st January 2018 the GB Non-native Species Secretariat organised the eighth Local Action Group Workshop, funded by Defra, at Preston Montford Field Studies Centre, Shrewsbury.

Day 1

11:30 Registration and refreshments

12:00 *Lunch*

13:00 Welcome (Niall Moore, NNSS)

13:10 EU Regulation and GB Strategy (Angela Taylor, Defra)

SESSION 1: REGIONAL COORDINATION

13:30 RAPID Life (Dave Parrott, APHA)

14:00 Breakout Session 1
Regional Coordination
RIMPs (Regional Invasive Management Plans)

15:15 *Refreshments*

LAG PRESENTATIONS

15:30 SINNG on a marine mission and other stuff.
(Nicola Morris, SINNG)

15:40 Yorkshire Dales Biosecurity Project.
(Sarah Clarke, Yorkshire Dales Biosecurity and INNS Working Group)

15:50 The work of YISF.
(Ellie Barham, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust/Yorkshire Invasive Species Forum)

16:00 *Refreshments*

SESSION 2: WHICH SPECIES DO LOCAL ACTION GROUPS MANAGE

16:15 Introduction (Dave Parrott, APHA)
(Group session)

17:00 *CLOSE*

Day 2

LAG PRESENTATIONS

09:15 Experiences of running an invasive crayfish control project using volunteers.
(Nicky Green, Devon Invasive Species Initiative)

09:25 Our experience of catchment scale invasive species management within the Cromarty Firth Region.
(Lynn McKelvey, Cromarty Firth Fishery Board & Trust)

09:35 EA's approach to biosecurity.
(Martin Fenn, EA)

09:45 Castrating American signal crayfish.
Sophie Cowling (Herefordshire Wildlife Trust)

SESSION 3: INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK AND COMM'S

09:55 Invasive Species Week. (Lucy Cornwell, NNSS)

10:15 Fieldwork, Forum, Talks and Twitter. (Nicola Morris, SINNG)

10:30 *Refreshments*

10:45 Breakout Session 2
LAG plans for Invasive Species Week 2018.

11:35 Check Clean Dry Review. (Lucy Cornwell, NNSS)

11:50 Breakout Session 3
Feedback on plans for updated Check Clean Dry materials.

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Invasives and other river work in the Colne Catchment in Watford.
(Sandy Belloni, Community Connection Projects CIC)

13:40 Update on Creeping Water Primrose, Breamore Marsh.
(Jo Gore, New Forest Non Native Plant Project)

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13:50 DINNS Update and What Next.
(Lyn Byrne, DINNS Partnership / North Wales Wildlife Trust).

14:00 UK weed biocontrol programme update.
(Carol Ellison, CABI)

14:10 *Refreshments*

SESSION 4: DISCUSSION & CLOSING COMMENTS

14:25 General questions and closing comments (NNSS)

14:45 Close

Breakout Session Feedback

Day Two

Breakout Session 2 – LAG plans for Invasive Species Week 2018

Please answer the following questions:

- a) What is your LAG going to do for Invasive Species Week?
- b) How can the NNSS help you to prepare for Invasive Species Week (i.e. do you need copies of awareness raising materials, do you need help with messaging or a press release?)

Summary of discussions:

Dee INNS project

- Visit from Welsh Environment Minister (potential visits: fishing / canoeing club to see CCD, Chinese mitten crab impact, Japanese knotweed erosion)
- Biosecurity station at an event

Devon Invasive Species Initiative

- Launch event for initiative.
- Crayfish project training day (with media coverage)
- Second crayfish project event (not yet planned)

Community Connection Projects CIC

- Walk to look for Japanese knotweed

Chester Zoo

- Internal session on INNS with different teams from across the zoo
- Potential collaboration between Dee INNS project and Chester Zoo with an awareness raising stand at the zoo

Tees Rivers Trust

- Middlesbrough FC press release and awareness raising stand

Bristol LAG

- Welly wash event at Bristol Aquarium INNS display
- Awareness raising stands at the offices of EA, Bristol Water and Wessex Water

NRW

- Meeting with N Wales Wildlife Police before ISW, will highlight the week
- Training sessions for staff throughout March (Dee INNS project delivering this)

Forest of Dean

- Offered an editorial slot on INNS ID and ISW in free weekly newspaper
- Potentially run an advert in a paid paper and free local paper on HB and JK
- In future could write to National Trust, FSC etc to have a stand in their education centres

SEPA

- Potential roadshow at SEPA, FC, SNH offices
- Will talk to local primary schools
- Need awareness raising materials
- Can put info into ghillies huts
- Put signs up and ask the clubs to send photos when installed
- Local MP is keen on environment, will contact
- NC500 (500 mile campervan route) will speak to them and encourage them to put something on the website

New Forest Non-native Species Project

- Doing a talk for a local natural history society
- Meeting NT, WT and others on 29 March to coordinate plan for HB pull
- Visiting garden centres to see what they are selling and promote BPW (really impressed by their understanding and willingness to learn)
- Contact local Pets at Home, Zoo etc to try and set up displays
- Press release to recruit volunteers for balsam pulling

Bollin

- Visiting local garden centres

Wandle

- Will visit garden centres with BPW materials
- Will be focusing on practical management and surveys

South Cumbria RT

- Catchment partners all have responsibility for INNS launch for ISW on the first day
- Beginning of their activity season so will ask them to share what they are dealing with and doing
- RSPB often find terrapins when surveying, will promote zoo PAP and pet Code of Practice

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

- Will offer CCD signage to local angling and kayaking groups
- Speaking on Radio Leeds about INNS and how public can get involved
- INNS and biosecurity workshop available to all Yorks WT
- Pushing INNS info throughout catchment partnership
- Push on recruiting volunteers to take part in INNS surveys

CABI

- Comms team will promote biocontrol and LAGs
- Social media focus
- Possible biocontrol blogs

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

- New LAG, will launch during ISW

SINNG

- Focus on recording
- Encourage students to do elearning

Yorkshire Water

- Promotion of biosecurity for kayakers
- Cleaning facilities
- Signage installation and awareness training
- Photos of staff with biosecurity kit

Leeds University

- Outreach at university
- Talk on INNS

Natural England

- Programme to relaunch protocols to staff / contractors

RAPID LIFE

- Blog on NNSS website

Suggestions for activities

- Contact google to have INNS logo that week
- Update BPW campaign

Suggestions for materials to support LAGs:

- Twitter how to guide inc how to set up notifications for an account, and examples of good tweets (Chester zoo to send guide) Facebook and Instagram
- Details of other LAGs social media accounts
- Information on ISW for press releases
- Poster (with space for LAG to include own information)
- List of interesting facts for social media
- Links to materials for schools
- Link to information on STEM ambassador programme, UK home ed, Montessori, Forest schools etc
- Standard email with info and messaging, and links to all materials
- Links to videos

- Somewhere for LAGs to put protocol etc (big tent? Dropbox?)
- Biosecurity risk assessment template

Breakout Session 3 – Feedback on plans for updated *Check Clean Dry* materials

Please answer the following questions:

- a) Do you agree with the recommended updates for Check Clean Dry materials?
- b) Do you have any other recommendations for updates to existing materials?
- c) Do you have any other suggestions for new materials that have worked well in your own awareness raising work? (e.g. stickers, lanyards etc)

Summary of discussions:

Positive feedback

- Updated background
- Dark lettering on light background easier to read

Suggestions for updates

- Microscopic images of INNS
- Reduce amount of text
- Use a positive tone e.g. “protect your waters”
- Add images of INNS on equipment
- Use dramatic images
- Use bullet points on leaflet rather than paragraphs

Suggestions for new materials

- Flag for events
- Floating fobs / keyrings
- Translate into other languages
- Mini fold out leaflets for terrestrial plants
- Species specific posters (e.g. killer shrimp)
- Waterproof booklet
- Set of mini ID sheets with CCD guidance
- Branded hoof pick
- Lanyard for races
- Biosecurity packs
- Range of waterproof stickers (for boats, mountain bikes etc)
- Activity packs for children
- Invasive species trump cards
- Kit lists for biosecurity packs
- Signage for cleaning stations
- Editable versions which allow local information to be added

Feedback

Attendees: 43

Number of forms received: 13

1. Are you directly involved in a local action project on non-native species?

Yes: 12

No: 1

2. Do you think the workshop was a worthwhile exercise? If yes please state which parts were most useful and if no, please suggest improvements.

All answered 'yes', the workshop was a worthwhile exercise with the following parts most useful.

Networking and sharing ideas and knowledge

LAG Presentations

Information on LIFE project

Update on EU Regulation and GB Strategy useful

Information on water environment grant by Gavin Measures

Update on bio control research by CABI interesting

Hearing what is happening around the UK

Hearing experience from various groups and what worked for them

Other comments about the workshop:

More LAG breakout groups would be good on local issues, learning from mistakes

Another fantastic workshop, thanks.

Very well organised and very useful.

Looking forward to next year.

Thank you for organising yet another excellent workshop. As usual it was really informative and everyone was very friendly and willing to share their thoughts and experiences. It is so reassuring to know there are so many enthusiastic and committed people doing such great work in so many different places. Thank you for all the support received from GBNNSS.

Great, informative workshop.

3. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to the NNSS website, in particular the Local Action Groups section?

More case studies

More updated maps of LAGs with the ability to filter regions

A child friendly section?

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