

Catchment-Level Strategies *for the management of Invasive Non-native Species*

24-25 April, Montreuil sur Mer

- Government agencies, wildlife conservation groups and also business and industry all need to respond to the challenge of invasive species, the cost of which, both economically and environmentally, has increased dramatically in recent years. There is already concerted action from many groups to manage invasive species in their area, but their removal is often costly and problematic.

Management of invasive non-native species needs to be undertaken at a landscape scale, and for aquatic and riparian species the most appropriate level to work is that of the catchment.

- This Workshop gives managers and practitioners an opportunity to hear of different approaches to planning the management of invasive species at the catchment scale, which should help them in developing their own plans.
- The first day will be devoted to presentations of case studies on successful strategies and on-going control and eradication of invasive species. On the second day, we will visit a swamp invaded by *Heracleum mantegazzianum* with explanation of management and involvement in the work.
- This workshop was organised within the framework of RINSE, an EU Interreg IVA 2 Seas project seeking to improve awareness of the threats posed by invasive non-native species and improve the methods used to address them.



Please note that the talks and demonstrations will be held in English, Dutch or French but **simultaneous translations** will be provided.



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DAY 1: 24 April (venue : COSEC – Rue de Montreuil (D139) – 62 170 ECUIRES)

09:30 Registration & coffee

10:00 Welcome—An introduction to the Workshop and the RINSE project

Session 1

10:15–10:45 Strategy levels throughout the Loire catchment and sub-catchments

Sylvie Varray (FCEN – Plan Loire, France)

10:45–11:15 National coordination of INS tackling through catchment management based approaches Rob Collins (The Rivers Trust, UK)

Coffee break

11:45–12:15 Management strategy on Canche catchment Hervé Regniez (SYMCEA, France)

12:15–12:45 Management strategy on Dee catchment Lyn Byrne (North Wales Wildlife Trust, UK)

Lunch

Session 2

13:45–14:15 Area-wide control of Himalayan balsam in the valley of the Dommel

Eddy Kesters (Watering de Dommel Vallei, Belgium)

14:15–14:45 Mink management on several catchments in Norfolk

Mike Sutton-Croft (NNSI, UK)

Coffee break

15:15–15:45 Feedback from pennywort management on the Laudyck under the Interreg IV project LUPIN Valérie Lorenski (USAN, France)

16:00–16:15 Intervention strategy in Flanders Philippe Carchon (VMM, Belgium)

16:15–16:30 Questions

16:30–16:45 Closing remarks and outline of Day 2

17:00 Close



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DAY 2: 25 April (Field trip : Neuville sous Montreuil swamp)

09:30 Departure from COSEC

10:00–12:00 Site visit including talk on the management and control of *Heracleum mantegazzianum*

Lunch

14:00 Close

To register for a place at the Workshop please visit :

Please note, we can only accommodate 80 participants on Day 1 and 30 on Day 2, so timely registration is advisable.

The workshop is free, but registration is obligatory. If you register for the second day, please wear casual clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a raincoat.

