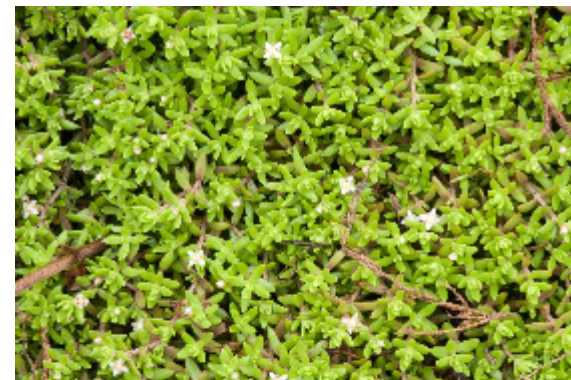




Best Practice Workshop: Managing Invasive Aquatic Plants

17-18 October 2013, Norwich (UK)

- Invasive non-native species are causing increasing damage to our environment and economy. In order to reduce the impact of these species government agencies, wildlife conservation groups and also business and industry all need to work together and take a proactive approach to the problem. There is already concerted action from many groups to manage invasive aquatic plants, but their removal is often costly and problematic. For example, many invasive aquatic plants, such as floating pennywort (*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*), are capable of vegetative reproduction and can subsequently colonise new areas from tiny fragments of stem.
- Large amounts of 'Best Practice' knowledge in controlling these species can be found in the RINSE project area. This Workshop aims to help disseminate this knowledge, by reviewing success stories in eradication and highlighting promising new management approaches to RINSE project partners, wildlife managers and stakeholders from across the RINSE area. The first day will be devoted to presentations of case studies on successful and on-going control and eradication of invasive aquatic plants in the 2 Seas area. On the second day, we will take a trip on the River Yare by boat, witnessing some of the habitats affected by these species first hand (limited spaces are available for Day 2).
- This Workshop is being organised as a part of the **RINSE (Reducing the Impact of Non-native Species in Europe)** project, an EU Interreg IVA 2 Seas project seeking to improve the management of invasive non-native species across a project area spanning parts of England, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.



Please note that the talks and demonstrations on Day 1 will be held in English but **simultaneous translation** (French and Dutch) will be provided.





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DAY 1: 17 October (venue: King's Centre, Norwich, NR1 1PH)

09:30 Registration & refreshments

10:15 Welcome—An introduction to the Workshop and the RINSE project

Session 1

10:35—10:55 Eradication of Floating Pennywort on the River Waveney

Mike Sutton-Croft (NNNSI) and Paul Sims (Native Landscapes)

10:55—11:25 Management of invasive aquatic weeds in East Flanders

Koen van Roeyen (Province of East Flanders)

11:25—11:55 Aquatic weed control techniques: Best Practice and the role of chemical treatment

Jonathon Newman (Centre of Ecology and Hydrology)

12:05—12:35 Biological control of invasive aquatic plants Suzy Wood (CABI)

12:35-13:30 Lunch

Session 2

13:30—14:00 Physical and mechanical control of *Crassula helmsii* and *Ludwigia*

peplodesis: it a realistic option? Johan van Valkenburg (Netherlands Food & Consumer Product Safety Authority, Agriculture & Nature Division)

14:00—14:30 Control of American skunk cabbage in the New Forest

Catherine Chatters (New Forest Non-native Plants Project)

14:30—15:00 Biosecurity considerations when working in freshwater habitats

Will Burchnall (Broads Authority)

15:00—15:20 Update on relevant policy and legislation Olaf Booy (GB Non-native Species Secretariat)

15:20-15:40 Coffee break

15:40 Questions for the Panel

16:10 Closing remarks and outline of Day 2

16:15 Close





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DAY 2: 18 October (Field trip: The Broads)

08:15 Departure from Whitlingham Broad

08:30—12:30 Boat tour of the Broads, with a focus on sites of invasive plant management

Lunch

13:30 Close

Please note, we can only accommodate 100 participants on Day 1 and 40 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 warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a raincoat.

To register for a place at the Workshop please visit:

<http://rinseworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk/>



More information on:
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