







# Management and prevention of invasive alien species in LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project

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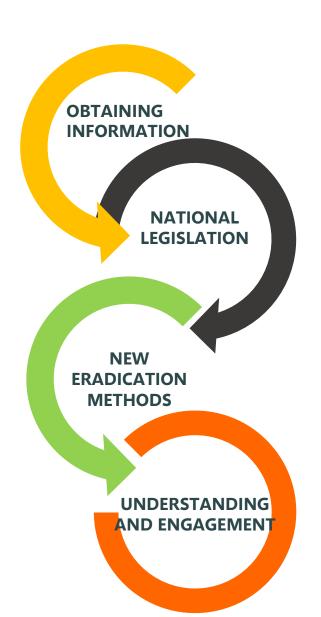
LIFE-IP LatViaNature

Nature Conservation Agency

LIFE projects' LatViaNature and LIFE Ornamental IAS networking event 12.05.2025.-14.05.2025



## **Actions on IAS**





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**Educational activities** 



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23. Marts plkst. 00:41 - 3

Kas ir pārsteigums? @





23. martă nosiedzās 24 h ideju maratons "Keram svešos Latvijas dabāl", kurā startēja 6 komandas-

Komandas "Ideju strēlnieki" ideja par pielāgota satvērējagregāta prototipa dizaina izstrādi un

🏅 Komandas "R" kvadrátá idela - dažádu slápekia veldu izmantošana pret ošiapu klavas celmu.

Laureāti saņēma ne vien naudas balvas, bet arī simpātiju balvas no maratona sponsoriem 🐠

Skrîveru Saldumi, 🐚 5 Masti Wake Park un 🧠 Masti Grill&Chill, kå arf 🦋 Jump Space Ripa, 👺

🏅 Komandas "Ričijs un pārējās" ideja par ošjapu kjavas ierobežošanu, radot nejabyelīgus

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Pēc žūrijas vērtējuma, par veiksmīgākajām idejām tika atzītas:

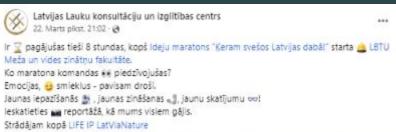
katra ar savu ideju, kā ierobežot kādu no invazīvajām augu sugām Latvijā.

augšanas apstākļus celmu atvasēm zem mulčas slāna un bioplēves.

testēšanu krokainās rozes apkarošanai aizsargājamās dabas teritorijās.

Latvijas Universitātes Botāniskais dārzs un Dobeles dzirnavnieks

25. Marts olkst. 14:25 - @





24-hour idea marathon «Let's Catch Invasive Species in Latvia's Nature»



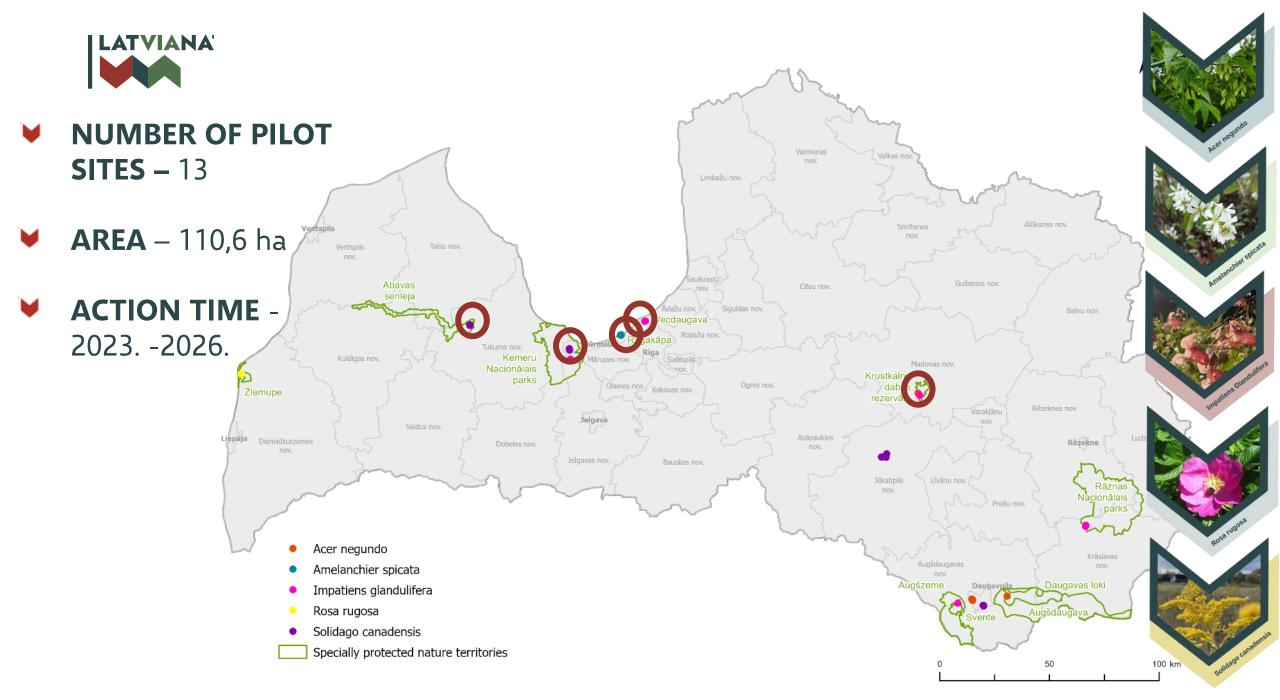
## Testing of eradication methods in pilot sites

**Action timeframe** - 01.01.23. - 30.12.26.

#### The aim of the action

- to test IAS eradication methods which are novel or little approbated in Latvia, and which later could be applied in other IAS invaded territories both in Latvia and abroad.
- to develop applicable, cost-effective methods with high replication potential, suitable for Latvian conditions.

**Deliverables:** Guidelines for eradication of *Rosa rugosa, Impatiens glandulifera, Solidago spp., Acer negundo* and *Amelanchier spicata -* **30/12/2027** 













### Acer negundo

- Krustkalni Strict Nature Reserve (NCA), 6,57 ha
- Daugavpils city (municipality),16,89 ha
- Daugavas loki Nature Park (NCA), 2,9

#### 5 methods:

- 1. treatment of stumps with plant protection products
- 2. uprooting with hand tools (volunteers)
- 3. trunk ringing
- 4. milling and mowing
- 5. frequent trimming of shoots
- 6. mulching of stumps









## Solidago canadensis

- Jēkabpils city (municipality), 1,96 ha
- Daugavpils city (municipality) 11,56 ha
- Abavas Senleja Nature Park, Kandavas city (municipality), 6,15 ha
- Ķemeri National Park (NCA), 2,93 ha

#### 5 methods:

- 1. mowing different frequency (2-3x)
- 2. milling/ harrowing, sowing the seeds of competing plants (*Dactylis glomerata* and grass-white clover mix) and mowing
- 3. milling and mowing
- 4. mulching
- 5. uprooting with hands (volunteers)













## Impatiens glandulifera

- Krustkalni Strict Nature Reserve (NCA), 0,08 ha
- Ķemeri National Park (NCA), 3,21 ha
- Vecdaugava Nature Reserve (NCA, private property), 6,6 ha
- Svente Nature Park (municipality), 0,76 ha
- Rāzna National Park, Beitāni mound (NCA),
   7,86 ha

#### 5 metods:

- 1. steaming
- 2. grazing with horses
- 3. milling and sowing the seeds of competing plants (*Eupatorium cannabinum*)
- 4. rooting with hands (volunteers)
- 5. mulching











## Amelanchier spicata

• Ragakāpa Nature Park (NCA), 32,9 ha

#### 4 methods:

- 1. uprooting with hand tools
- 2. removal with a small tractor
- 3. treatment of stumps with plant protection products
- 4. frequent trimming of shoots













#### Rosa rugosa

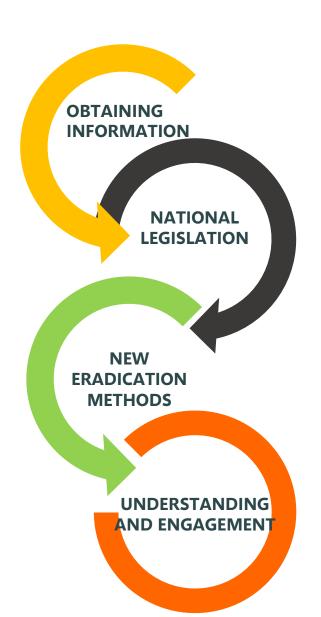
• Ziemupe Nature Reserve (LSF), 10,08 ha

#### 4 methods:

- 1. digging with hand tools
- 2. digging with a tractor (excavator)
- 3. removal with a small tractor
- 4. burning with a gas burner



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# **Playing**

## cards











Escape

room



Ziemeļvidzemes biosfēras rezervāts/North Vidzeme...

28 Feb 2024 · 🚱



## Invasive Species Manager/ Invazīvo sugu pārvaldnieks

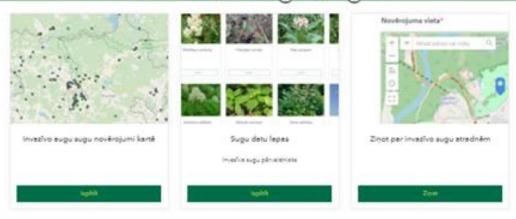


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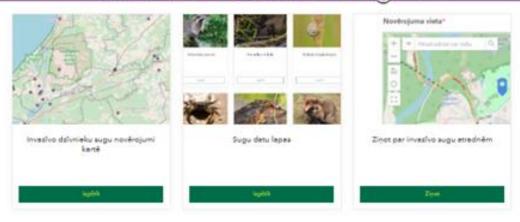
#### Invazīvo sugu pārvaldnieks

Sugu datu lapas un novêrojuma anketas

#### Invazīvās augu sugas



#### Invazīvās dzīvnieku sugas





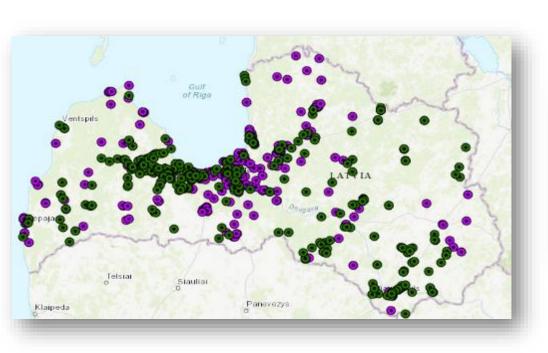






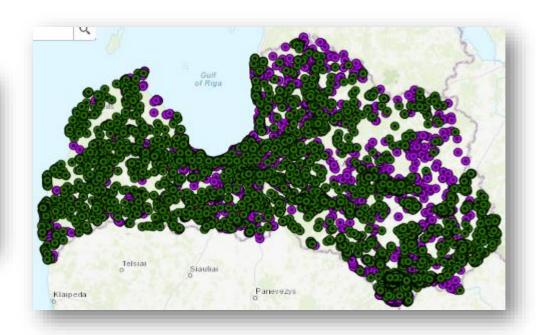


## Invasive species manager





06.05.2021.



18.12.2021.

18.12.2024.

₩3610 reports on plants records

₩1248 reports on animals records





#### Campaign «Let's Catch Invasive Species in Latvia's Nature»

Integrated communication campaign May-June, 2023 to:

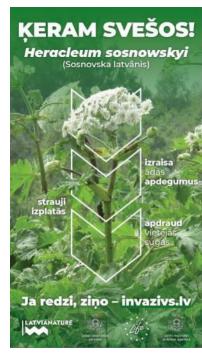
- ▼ introduce to invasive alien species
- ▶ promote <u>www.invazivs.lv</u>
- promote reporting (citizen science)
- increase the number of reports



#### **Focus**

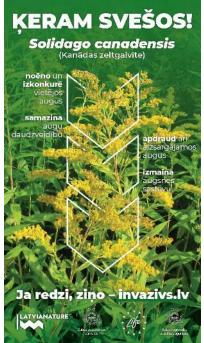




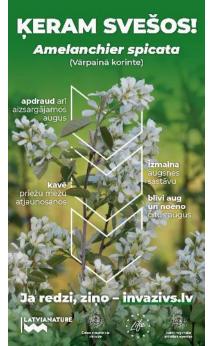














#### **Campaign overview**

- **Launch event**: Premiere of the documentary «Invasive Species Detectives» (<u>www.invazivs.lv</u>)
- Publicity: press releases, expert interviews, article series, live broadcasts
- Advertising: On state owned and commercial TV and radio
- ▶ **Digital communication**: Google ads, section on news portal (156k audience), interactive game
- ➤ Social media communication: Visuals with engaging descriptions on Facebook and Instagram, boosting, Facebook groups
- **Video interviews** with experts
- **Volunteer eradication event** with experts









## EU LIFE Programme project "Optimising the Governance and Management of the Natura 2000 Protected Areas Network in Latvia"

(LIFE19 IPE/LV/000010 LIFE-IP LatViaNature)



































# LIFE-IP LatViaNature volunteer events





















## "Let's Do It for Nature" initiative – volunteer events

- For people who love nature and enjoy being outdoors the "Let's Do It for Nature" is a great opportunity to do good things for nature as volunteers, meet new people and learn new skills
- •Invasive alien species eradication; cutting down bushes; mowing meadows, harvesting hay; removal of fallen trees and beaver dams in rivers where needed; prevention of erosion of coastal habitats etc.



# Invasive species eradicated within volunteer events

- Rugosa Rose/Japanese Rose (Rosa Rugosa)
- Himalayan balsam (Impatiens glandulifera)
- Blue lettuce (Lactuca tatarica)
- Many-leaved lupine (Lupinus polyphyllus)
- Dwarf serviceberry (Amelanchier spicata)
- Canadian goldenrod (Solidago canadensis)
- Boxelder maple (Acer Negundo)





# ▼ Volunteer activities complement the works in locations that are difficult to access

Canadian goldenrod (Solidago canadensis)
eradication volunteer event in wooded
area in Ķemeri National Park

Dwarf serviceberry (Amelanchier spicata) eradication volunteer event on steep slopes in Nature Park «Ragakāpa»









## **LATVIANATURE**

- Doing good work with true added value:
  - Educational insight (why, how, when) that promotes better possibility of replicability and transferability







































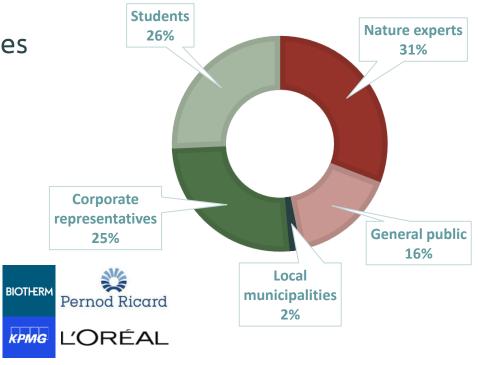
# Volunteer events in LIFE-IP LatViaNature project within "Let's Do It for Nature" initiative

- ▼ 1338 participants from diverse target audiences
- ∀ Various ecosystems and habitats

#### From which:

- 24 events-invasive alien species eradication
- ▼ 794 participants from diverse target audiences

TARGET AUDIENCES (N=1338)





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# Thank You!











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