

Invasive Plant Workdays

2013 Everglades Invasive Species Summit

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Objectives

- *Brainstorm potential invasive plant management cooperative work projects for ECISMA in 2013-2014 then develop an action plan to implement most promising projects.*
- *Emphasis on rapid response projects and projects benefiting multiple partners*

Workday Objectives

- Educational – involving general public, raises awareness of issues
- Educational - for CISMA members, show techniques/ID skills
- Monitoring - Tracking regional priority species
- Control/EDRR - Addressing priority species and/or priority location
- Conservation

Rapid Response

- **Heteropterys brachiata** (Redwing) Miami-Dade County
 - Located on two preserves and two private properties (willing landowner)
 - Request to IFAS for Risk assessment
 - Add to ECISMA EDRR list if invasive potential
 - Monitoring—will incorporate assessment on first workday
 - Work day will be early December
 - Co-Leads: Jane Dozier and Jen Possley will act as co-leads

Rapid Response

- **Dalechampia scandens** (spurge creeper)
 - Broward County
- Monitoring work day
 - Ann Kolb, Tradewinds, Military Trail
 - Monitoring crews will also treat observed plants
 - Pat and LeRoy will be co-leads
 - Date: next spring? (Set date at next steering committee meeting)

Control/Monitoring

- Mikania micrantha
 - Miami-Dade will continue control efforts
 - Monitoring is primary objective of work day
 - Next Steps
 - Analyze monitoring data
 - Notify land owners of upcoming treatments/monitoring
- Dates: Tuesday November 19th thru Thursday 21st

Rapid Response

- *Lumnitzera racemosa*
 - Herbicide treatments in November (Miami-Dade)
 - Workday is **January 24th** (conveniently the same day as the Fairchild Chocolate Festival)
 - Monitoring and hand-pulling only
 - Co-Leads: Dennis, Sonya, Jennifer

National Invasive Species Awareness Week

- Big Cypress National Preserve invasive species management
- Tour with Dennis
- Possible collaboration with Florida Trail Association