



ANNOUNCING:

Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) Workshops – Modules 1 & 2

When and Where?

- **Wednesday April 7th** at the Sunshine Coast Forest District office in **Powell River, BC. 9am to 4pm**
- **Wednesday April 14th** at the Nanaimo Forest District office in **Nanaimo, BC. 9am to 4pm**
- **Thursday April 29th** at the North Island-Central Coast Forest District office in **Port McNeill, BC. 9am to 4pm**

What?

The Ministry of Forests and Range, in partnership with the Invasive Plant Council of BC and the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee, is offering **free one-day workshops** that are designed to provide participants with **key identifying characteristics of local invasive plant species**, as well as an overview of the IAPP database and mapping application. The workshop includes a considerable hands-on component that delivers practical experience in the use of the application - from **gathering data in the field to entering this data, running extracts and reports and displaying information**, both in the Data Entry and the Map Display modules.

With the release of the new IAPP, version 1.6, have come some exciting new changes and added features. Because of these enhancements **it is strongly suggested that both new and existing IAPP users, receive IAPP version 1.6 training.**

Workshop Content:

Module 1: 3 hours – Intro to IAPP; produce basic maps and information for the field.

1. Introductions – IPC – Regional Committees (local stuff) (30 min)
2. Invasive Plant Identification - lecture by IP Specialist (1 hour)
3. Break (15 min)
4. An introduction to the IAPP Application (DE + MD) (45 min)
 - i. Authorized access to IAPP Application
 - ii. Agencies / security / user levels
 - iii. Structure of IAPP Application
 - iv. Overview of record types and Extracts (on-line demo)
5. Map Display and Report-A-Weed exercise (30 min)

Module 2: 3 hours – Hands-on experience with IAPP (builds on Module 1).

6. Field exercise: (60 min)
 - i. Identification of invasive plants
 - ii. Filling out inventory and treatment forms
 - iii. Using hand held GPS units
 - iv. Estimating areas, etc.
7. Data entry into IAPP (60 min)

8. Generating extracts, printing maps, accessing and organizing information to accompany field maps. (45 min)
9. XID Software Demonstration (Plant Identification) (15 min)

What to Bring?

- Lap-top computer (preferable); and
- Handheld GPS (if possible)

To Register:

Workshop registration is free.

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Each workshop can only accommodate 10 – 20 people, so space is extremely limited! Reserve your spot now!