



# Tackling IAS problem with collaboration: practical hints and tips for municipalities and NGOs

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# About me and our project

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# Good partners for collaboration

- **Associations**
  - Nature/environmental conservation associations
  - Village associations
  - Town/city resident associations
- **Clubs**
  - Sport clubs
  - Scouts
- **Organizations**
  - Nature conservation organizations
  - Environmental organizations

## Pros:

- Here in Finnish Lapland, it has been noticed that they are interested in the IAS
- The limited resources of municipalities
  - encouragement to help with prevention work
  - encourages extermination of species from their "own" areas





# Practical tips

- **The municipality should issue a general weeding permit for IAS for their areas**
  - No need to ask permission every time
  - The species can be removed freely
  - Pay attention to the practices and laws of the countries!
- **Waste in the right place** → own place for the waste station, from which proper disposal
- **No new growth sites are created** → waste management company and road maintenance company training if possible?





# Invasive alien plant species waste container (IAPS)

- **What:** A waste container where residents can bring AIPS waste for free
- **Here in Lapland there are six municipalities where the containers are in use:** Pello, Kemi, Keminmaa, Tornio, Simo and Muonio
  - Some have only one container and some have more than one (2-4)





# How IAPS waste container works?

- KPL association coordinates the waste containers in Lapland → informs municipalities about the purpose and use of containers
- Municipalities decide themselves whether to use the containers or not
  - the municipality acquires the waste container itself and procures the emptying for it
  - KPL association sends the stickers and information signs to the waste container
- Make information signs according to the practices of the countries!
- Place the container in a place with lots of sightings AND/OR somewhere that makes sense logistically



Waste container sticker (IAPS waste container)

# Vieraskasvijätteen keräyspiste

What you can put in the container, how to put it in there (inside the garbage sack), mention of the general weeding permit

## Vieraskasvijätteen keräyspiste



Kurtturuusu



Jättipalsami

Jäteastian saa laittaa vieraskasvijätteen:

- juuret
- varret
- kukinnot
- siemenet

Ei multaa!

Tälle jätepisteelle saa tuoda säkitettyä vieraskasvijätettä. Kitkentälupa on annettu kaikille kunnan omistamille maille, joten talkoilla voi myös lenkkipolun varrella.

Kitkentäjätettä ei saa päästää leviämään esiintymän ulkopuolelle.

Mukana vieraskasvijäteastioiminnassa ovat Pidä Lappi Siistinä ry, alueesi jätehuolto sekä kunta.



Lupiini

EU:ssa ja kansallisella listalla haitallisiksi vieraskasveiksi on säädetty mm. jättipalsami, jättiputki, kurtturuusu ja lupiini.

### Vain vieraskasvijätteelle!

What it is (AIPS waste container)

who is involved in the operation of the waste container

list of invasive alien plant species

“Only for IAPS waste”



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# Thank you for your attention!

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