

A close-up photograph of a corn cob. The green husks are partially peeled back, revealing the yellowish-green kernels. A small, dark, segmented insect, possibly a caterpillar or a small beetle, is visible on one of the kernels. The background is blurred, showing more of the corn plant.

# Invasive Species

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# CABI and Invasive Species (IS)

- A focus since CABI established >100 years ago
- Member countries repeatedly identify IS as a priority
- 700+ years of experience in IS management
- CABI's strength: IPM with a focus on biological control (due diligence in regard to Nagoya protocol)
- Collaborative applied research on IS management core to CABI's Science Strategy
- Expertise and resources in knowledge management and dissemination: [www.cabi.org/isc](http://www.cabi.org/isc)
- Awareness creation: [www.invasive-species.org](http://www.invasive-species.org)
- Facilitates cooperation and collaboration amongst stakeholders
- Member of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Species ([www.cbd.int/invasive/lg](http://www.cbd.int/invasive/lg))
- New "Action on Invasives" programme aims to protect and improve the livelihoods of over 50 million poor rural households



# SDG 15.8 – Invasive Alien Species

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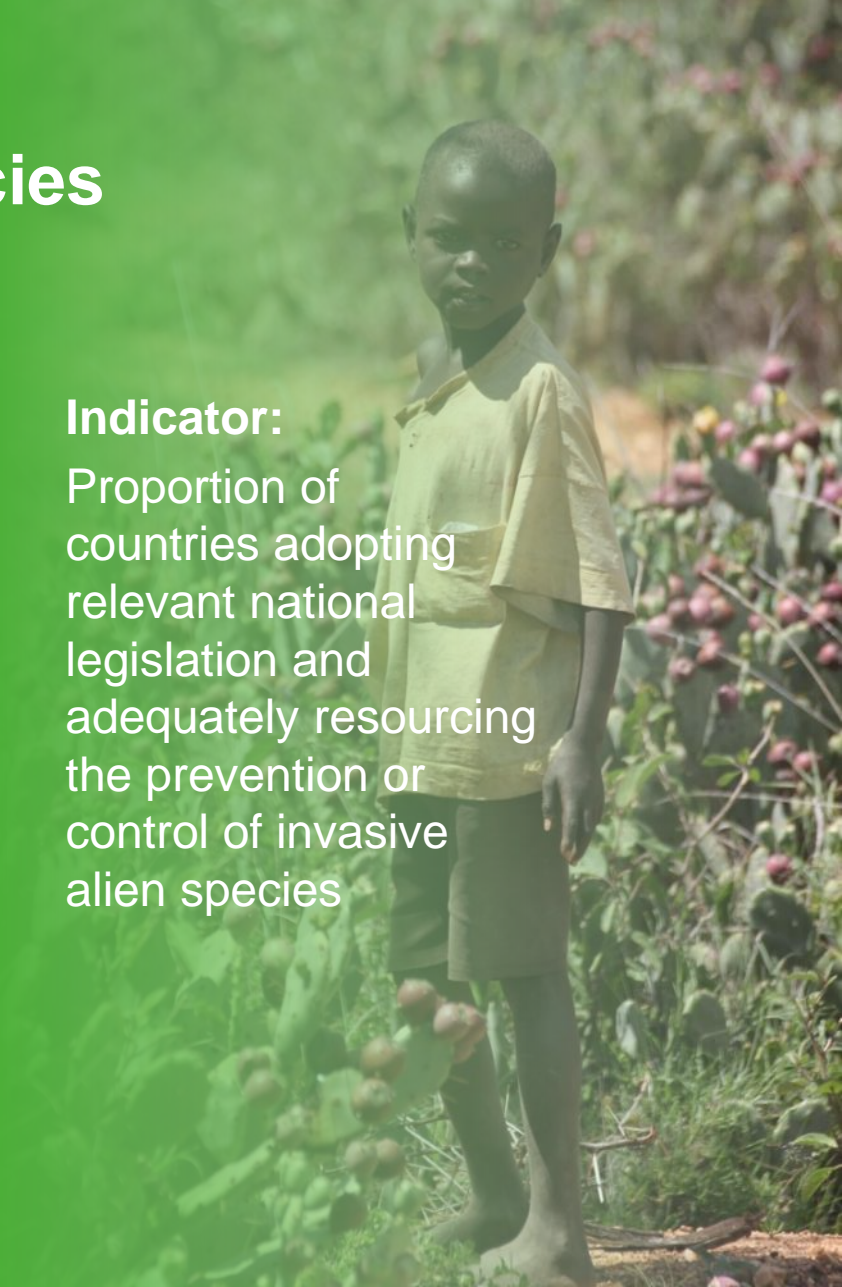


## Goal:

By 2020, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems, and control or eradicate the priority species

## Indicator:

Proportion of countries adopting relevant national legislation and adequately resourcing the prevention or control of invasive alien species





## CABI's goals and activities in Invasive Species (IS)

1. Increased awareness of the presence, risks and costs of IS
  2. Enhanced capacities of countries to respond to the threat of IS
  3. Strengthened strategies/policies for IS management
  4. Effective management of IS including prevention, EDRR and control (IPM)
- Action on Invasives (Aoi) programme contributes to all goals
  - Specific projects contribute to one or more goals



# 1. Increased awareness of the presence, risks and costs of Invasive Species (IS)

- Undertake surveys to determine the presence and distribution of IS
- Develop, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of IS communication strategies
- Develop and apply methods for assessing and communicating the risks and costs of IS
- Strengthen areas of
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Gender and diversity
  - Management and analysis of big data sets

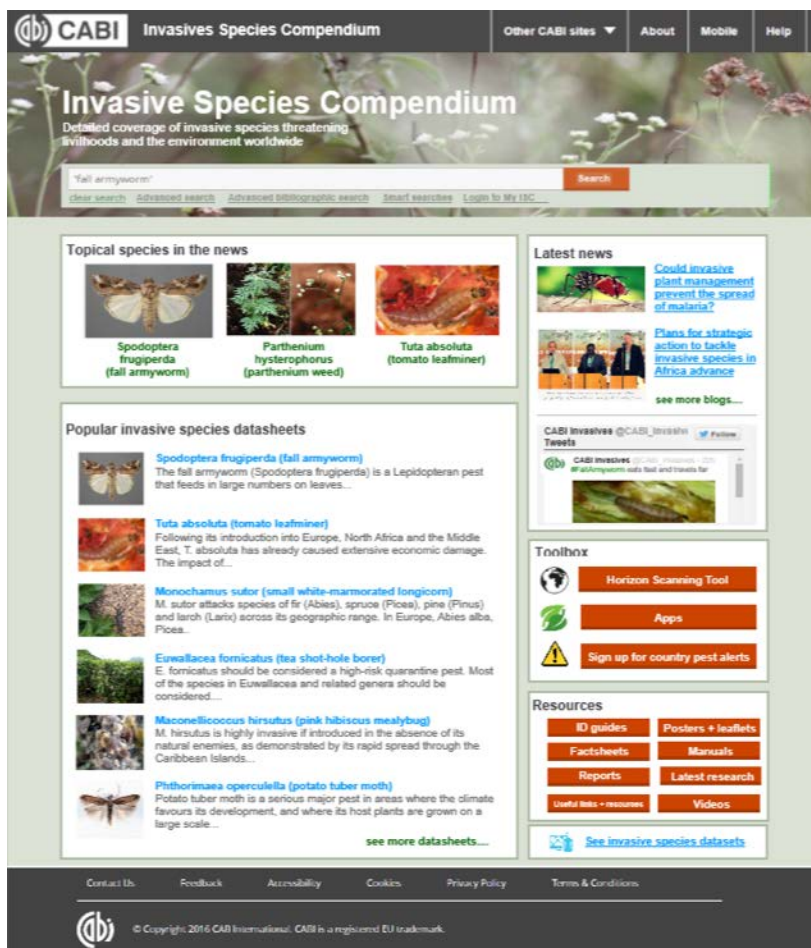




## 2. Enhanced capacities of countries to respond to the threat of Invasive Species (IS)

- Facilitate national and regional cross-sectoral cooperation/collaboration, building on Plantwise achievements
- Further develop knowledge and information resources and tools to support decision-making
- Provide training to national agricultural and environment organisations on the identification and management of IS

# Enhanced Invasive Species Compendium



[www.cabi.org/isc](http://www.cabi.org/isc)

## Enhancements

- Species “portals”
- Improved mapping
- Toolbox
  - Horizon scanning
  - Pest risk analysis (PRA)
- Resources
  - Diagnostics
  - Communication materials
  - Data
- Abstracts
- News

# Horizon Scanning Tool (beta)

Prioritizing invasive species threats

The Horizon Scanning Tool is a decision support aid that helps you identify and categorize species that might enter a particular country from another country.

Using the Horizon Scanning Tool



Refine by: ?	Results: 2382 species found				Current search:
Source countries	Show: 25 Page: 1 of 96	Download as CSV			Other countries
Pathways	Preferred scientific name	International common name	Taxonomic group	View datasheet	Japan X China X Korea, DPR X
Plant hosts	Abrus precatorius	rosary pea	Plants	CPC (Full) ISC (Full)	Korea, Republic of X
Plant parts in trade	Abutilon theophrasti	velvet leaf	Plants	CPC (Full) ISC (Full)	Malaysia X Vietnam X Laos X
Habitats	Acacia confusa		Plants	CPC (Full) ISC (Full) ?	Papua New Guinea X
Taxonomic group	Acalolepta cervina	coffee longhorn	Invertebrates	CPC (Basic) ?	Singapore X Indonesia X
	Acanthophilus hellanhi	fly, capsule	Invertebrates	CPC (Full)	Pathways
	Acanthocoris scaber		Invertebrates	CPC (Basic) ?	Container or bulk X
	Acanthocoris scabrator	squash bug	Invertebrates	CPC (Full) ?	Containers and packaging-non-wood X
	Acanthocoris sordidus	winter cherry bug	Invertebrates	CPC (Basic) ?	Containers and packaging-wood X
	Acantholyda parki		Invertebrates	CPC (Basic) ?	Debris and waste associated with human activities X
	Acaephylla steinwardeni		Invertebrates	CPC (Basic) ?	Floating vegetation and debris X
	Acarus siro	flour mite	Invertebrates	CPC (Full) ?	Hitchhikers in or on plane X
	Aceria rufi	rose/rosea mite	Invertebrates	CPC (Full)	Hitchhikers on land vehicles X
					Hitchhikers on ship or boat X
					Machinery and equipment X
					Mail X
					Mulch, straw, baskets and sod X
					People and their luggage/equipment X
					Ship bilge water X
					Ship ballast water and sediment X
					Ship hull fouling X
					Soil, sand, gravel X
					Including datasheets with no

**Targeted users:** risk assessors, plant protection officers, quarantine officers, protected area managers and researchers

**Potential threats can be prioritised by:**

- Habitats
- Pathways
- Plant hosts
- Plant parts in trade
- Taxonomic group

**Results output** as a list with links to datasheets in the ISC and CPC. Exportable as .csv for analysis

<https://www.cabi.org/horizonscanningtool>

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### 3. Strengthened policies/ strategies for Invasive Species (IS) management

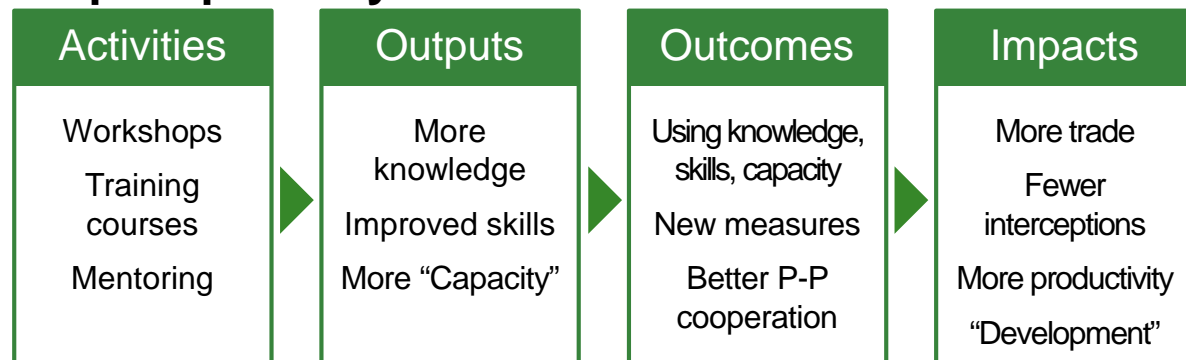
- Assist countries to strengthen and/or develop and implement National Invasive Species Strategies and Action Plans (NISSAPs), Ecosystem Management Plans (EMPs) and biosecurity plans
- Assist countries to strengthen regulatory frameworks for the improved management of IS



# Australia-Africa Plant Biosecurity Partnership (AAPBP)

- Funded by ACIAR, led by PBCRC and CABI
- Focus on capacity development
  - 10 countries in East and South Africa
  - 15 Senior Fellows (NPPOs)
  - 30 Associates (NPPOs, private sector)
  - Six week study tour in Australia
  - Series of four training workshops
  - Mentoring, building networks

## Impact pathway





## 4. Effective management of Invasive Species (IS), including prevention, EDRR and control

- Prioritise risks and threats from IS in agriculture and the environment
- Undertake collaborative research on improved methods for the management of prioritised IS
- Provide the information/tools needed by stakeholders (particularly the men and women most impacted) to take action against IS
- Promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM), especially the use of host specific and damaging biocontrol agents and other low-risk methods for improved IS control



# Example: Biological control of *Cassava mealybug*



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- Native to South America it was accidentally introduced to Africa in the early 1970s
- Reduced cassava yields by 80%
- Biological control research conducted by CABI in collaboration with other organizations resulted in the introduction of the biocontrol agent *Epidinocarsis loepei*
- Improved yields by 2 ½ tons/hectare
- Benefit:cost ratio of 149:1

# Example: Biological control of Mango mealybug



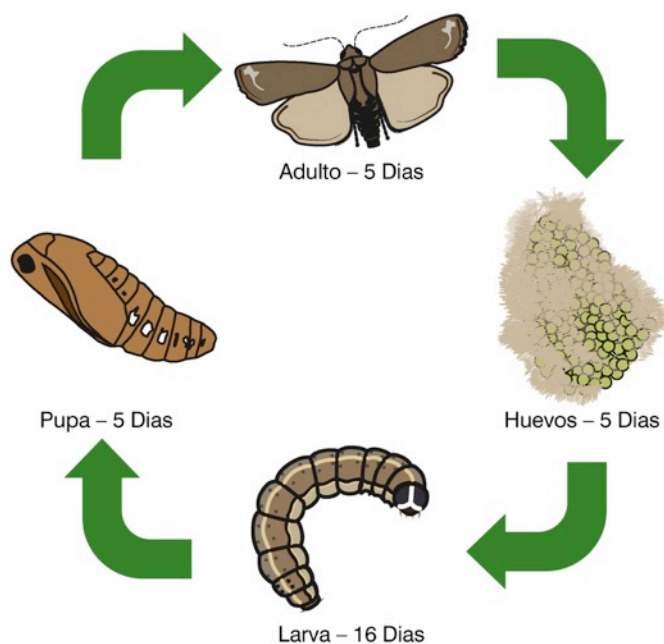
- Native to Asia it was accidentally introduced to Africa in the 1980s
- Biological control research conducted by CABI in collaboration with other organizations resulted in the introduction of the biocontrol agent *Gyranusoidea tebygi*
- Improved fruit production by 142% with each mango producer gaining US\$328/year
- Benefit:cost ratio of 145:1 in Benin alone



# Potential for biological control of fall armyworm (FAW) in Africa

- FAW originates in South/Central America and has become a major invasive species in Africa and has now also reached Asia (India)
- Crop losses in key crops, especially maize
- Search for classical biological control agents in South America have started for eventual export to Africa
- Classical biocontrol approach relies on free exchange of genetic resources
- Experience on the management of these species from LAC
- **South – South Cooperation**

Cogollero *Spodoptera frugiperda*



Review Article

REVISÃO DA BIOLOGIA, OCORRÊNCIA E CONTROLE DE *Spodoptera frugiperda* (LEPIDOPTERA, NOCTUIDAE) EM MILHO NO BRASIL

BIOLOGY REVIEW, OCCURRENCE AND CONTROL OF *Spodoptera frugiperda* (LEPIDOPTERA, NOCTUIDAE) IN CORN IN BRAZIL



# Biological control of invasive alien plants

Target	Agent	Country
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	<i>Cyrtobagous salviniae</i>	Zambia, Uganda
<i>Lantana camara</i>	<i>Uroplata girardi</i>	Zambia
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	<i>Neochetina</i> spp.	Ethiopia, Maramba R – Zambia
<i>E. crassipes</i>	<i>Eccritotarsus catariensis</i>	Ghana
<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	<i>Dactylopius opuntiae</i>	Kenya
<i>O. monacantha</i>	<i>Dactylopius ceylonicus</i>	Kenya
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	<i>Zygogramma bicolorata</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	<i>Cecidochara connexa</i>	Tanzania
<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i>	<i>Dactylopius opuntiae</i>	Kenya*
<i>Lantana camara</i>	<i>Aceria lantanae</i>	Malawi*
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	<i>Neohydronomus affinis</i>	Malawi*
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	<i>Heteropsylla spinulosa</i>	Malawi*
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	<i>Dasineura rubiformis</i>	Malawi



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