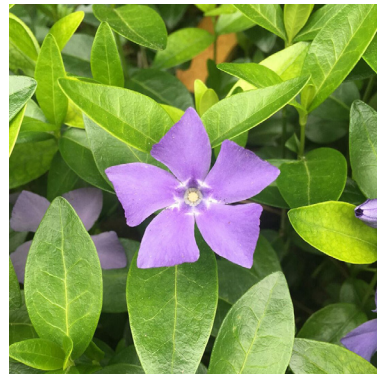




Strategic Plan

2018 - 2023





Our Vision

Metro Vancouver communities are free of invasive species, with sustainable programs in place to contain, control, and prevent future introductions.

Our Mission

The Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver (ISCMV) provides leadership in the region on invasive species management through programs, resources, services and collaboration with partners.

An invasive species is one that occurs outside its natural range and whose introduction has significant ecological, social and/or economic impacts.



Who We Are

The ISCMV represents and serves a diverse range of invasive species management interests across the region. Members include representatives from all levels of government, stewardship groups, academic institutions, environmental professionals, nurseries, landscapers, non-profit organizations and the public.

Originally established in 2006 as the Greater Vancouver Invasive Plant Council, the ISCMV is a non-profit society and one of many regional invasive species organizations across British Columbia. The ISCMV works closely with land managers and other partners throughout the Metro Vancouver region on invasive species issues.

Background

Invasive species are the second-greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide, after habitat loss.¹ They can impact the environment, the economy and public health and safety. Their presence has implications for biodiversity, food security, recreation, culture, housing and real estate, transportation, climate-change planning, infrastructure, agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

While the Metro Vancouver region is a relatively small geographic area of British Columbia, over half the provincial population lives within its 3,000 square kilometers. This region is a major transportation hub for both goods and people, and a significant center for horticultural trade and development, key pathways for the introduction and spread of many invasive species.

¹ Lowe S., Browne M., Boudjelas S., De Poorter M. (2000) *100 of the World's Worst Invasive Alien Species: A selection from the Global Invasive Species Database*. Published by the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Available at: www.issg.org/booklet.pdf

FIVE-YEAR **Strategic Plan** 2018 - 2023

Goal 1: Provide strong and sustainable leadership

Finding a balance between effective management practices and protecting the environment is an ongoing challenge that requires long-term leadership and collaboration. The ISCMV will continue to be a resilient and adaptable organization in the dynamic world of invasive species management.

STRATEGIES:

- a) Collect, compile and share information on invasive species management
- b) Expand collaboration with regional, provincial, national and international partners
- c) Respond creatively to the needs of regional partners and fill gaps where appropriate
- d) Cultivate sustainable and diverse funding partnerships

Goal 2: Improve awareness and understanding

The ISCMV is a knowledge hub for information and expertise within the region for anyone seeking solutions and support. The ISCMV strives to be a lead organization for invasive species information and technical training in the Metro Vancouver region.

STRATEGIES:

- a) Deliver public education and outreach programs
- b) Provide a comprehensive website and resources
- c) Host biannual forums and events that present relevant issues of concern
- d) Facilitate collaborative and professional development opportunities for invasive species practitioners



Photo: Stanley Park Ecology Society



Goal 3: Promote effective invasive species management

The ISCMV has expert knowledge on current and new invasive species management approaches and will continue to provide support and guidance for partners to improve management efforts in the Metro Vancouver region.

STRATEGIES:

- a) Work with partners to develop, maintain and advocate for best management practices for priority invasive species
- b) Increase awareness of regional invasive species management needs
- c) Promote invasive species research and education
- d) Offer specialty operations services and facilitate early detection-rapid response (EDRR)

Adaptive Management

Monitoring progress, identifying challenges and finding solutions to overcome those challenges are key elements of this plan. Through monitoring, assessment and collaboration with partners, the ISCMV will continue to adapt its programs in response to new threats, technological advances, changing regulatory regimes, and other factors.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING:

- Implementation of the strategies in this Strategic Plan will be reflected in annual work programs and budgets.
- A progress report will be prepared every year and the Plan will be reviewed every five years.



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