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for biological invasions in aquatic environments

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A novel work group

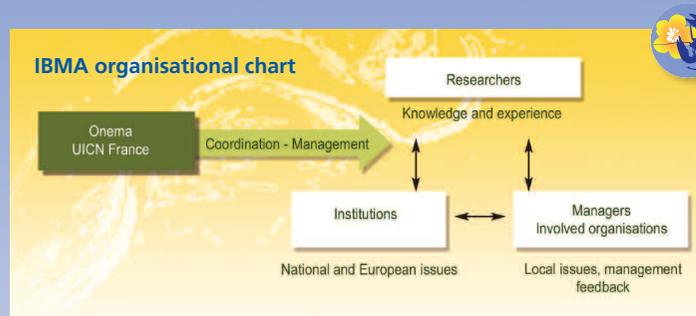
Invasive alien species (IAS) and their impacts represent a growing concern for the managers of natural areas. That is particularly true for aquatic environments where an array of organisations are now taking action.

To provide stakeholders with the necessary support, the Biological invasions in aquatic environments (IBMA) work group was created in 2009.

The work group is managed jointly by Onema and the IUCN French committee (International union for the conservation of nature).

The group serves as an interface for communication and discussion on how to manage IAS in aquatic environments. Current members include approximately 60 representatives of various stakeholders, including managers of natural areas, researchers, non-profits, public agencies, State services, local governments, etc.

The members of the work group meet twice yearly and regularly exchange information and ideas via an internet forum.



Support for management and decision-making

The main objective of the work group is to assist managers and support decision-makers. IBMA "digests" and makes available the knowledge gained on how to manage invasive alien species by:

- developing operational tools to improve knowledge and management of invasive alien species;
- identifying scientific issues and proposing programmes of applied research;
- participating in the formulation of strategies and public policies for IAS management;

- serving as a platform for data exchange and contacts between stakeholders;
- supporting management operations for certain species.

IBMA meeting.



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- Species fact sheets and management insights
- Dynamic mapping of management sites and results
- International, European, national and regional strategies and projects
- International, European and national regulations
- Document library including technical reports, informational tools, etc.

- Newsletter every two months
- Species alerts
- News and events
- Photo library

Over 1 250 documents available



IBMA poster.



Example of work by IBMA, the 240-page book of feedback from management projects.

Thanks to its network of stakeholders and the contacts established, IBMA contributes to monitoring and detecting invasive alien species in France.

Examples of species recently observed in France and for which the IBMA network served to relay the information: *Alternanthera philoxeroides* and *Neogobius fluviatilis*.

