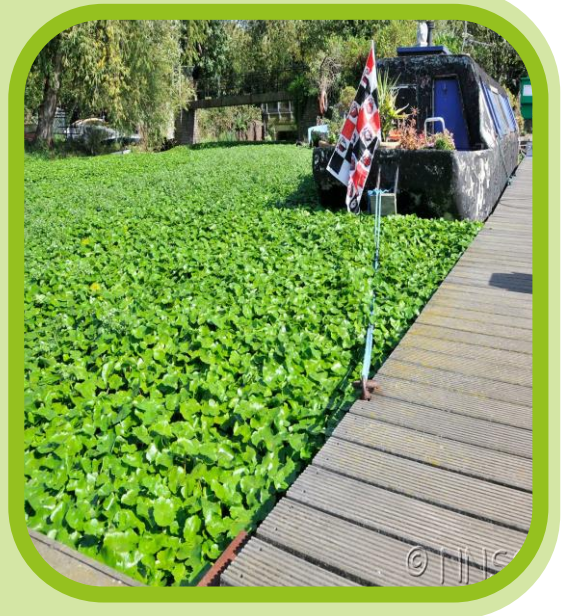


The problem with invasive non native species

Invasive non native species (INNS) are plants or animals that are not native to the country or region and have the ability to spread causing a range of damage.

While they can arrive through natural means, human behaviour and our activities, such as trade, tourism, travel and transport are drivers of their spread



INNS cause a wide range of different problems, but these can be broadly divided into:

Environmental impacts, including increased risk of flooding and erosion, outcompeting native species and transmitting disease leading to local extinctions

Health and social impacts, include preventing access to recreational spaces such as parkland or river banks, or to activities such as recreational fishing or exercise. Some INNS can even cause serious health problems for humans that

encounter them

Economic impacts, include disrupting navigation, increased flood risk, blocked and damaged water pipes and pumps, costly remediation work

These impacts can be very costly, and can increase as INNS spread

Biosecurity: you can help stop the spread of INNS through the following actions:

CHECK your equipment, clothing and footwear

CLEAN everything thoroughly, use hot water if possible

DRY everything, as some species can survive for up to two weeks in damp conditions



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