

Southwest Florida CISMA Annual Meeting

Location: Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

375 Sanctuary Rd. West

Naples, FL 34120

February 3rd, 2012 9am – 12pm

1. Review areas of activity for SWFL CISMA 9:00-10:00am

The SWFL CISMA operates using a 5-year work plan to track achievements and to allow for long-term planning. The work plan focuses on the following areas: early detection and rapid response for various non-native invasive threats; outreach efforts; education of policy makers and other partners; prioritizing non-native invasive species threats; and, identifying and working to complete research needs.

Members will provide a discussion of what they are engaged in on their lands that achieve these goals in a moderated discussion. The discussion should spur members to add in activities or methods of engagement with additional landowners or policy makers in the region. Many of the suggestions and activities that are discussed will be used to fine tune the SW FL CISMA 5-year work plan, or included later in the functional session break out groups.

2. Work day planning and ranking 10:00-10:30am

The steering committee is looking to create 6 work days for 2012 in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, and Hendry counties as CISMA outreach. The moderated session will discuss the merits of various workday locations and decide on the appropriate places to use CISMA resources. No ranking sheet exists yet, but participants wishing to propose projects should keep the following in mind with information that they bring to present verbally:

- allow for meaningful accomplishment (i.e. avoid treating ½ an acre of 10 foot tall Brazilian pepper that covers 80 acres) the day of the event;
- include lands that border roadways, public lands, or the interface between a public and private landowner;
- provide a setting for general public participation and/or media coverage;
- permission of neighboring landowners (if their lands will be treated)

Workday proposers are asked to bring 8 copies of a map of the areas proposed for the workday. The host of the workday is expected to obtain all permissions and to help to coordinate securing of adequate supplies and volunteers, with the CISMA members will help to augment.

BREAK 10:30-10:40am

3. Break-out sessions in functional groups 10:40-12:00pm

- Invasive animals [M. Knight]
- Outreach and Partnerships [M. Weston]

- Invasive plants [various]

Participants will break into the functional groups they would like to partner with more in the future. Current actions will be discussed more in-depth, along with creating working lists for future actions in the three functional group areas that align with the SWFL CISMA 5-year work plan. Breakouts will focus on training needs (EDRR emphasis) in general, defining focus invasive species to target, and setting meeting dates for these respective groups. Participants will leave with a mode of action for bringing CISMA into their day-to-day activities and knowledge of actions needed to strengthen partnerships that address their own resource management concerns.

4. **LUNCH** **12:00-1:00pm**

Bring your own lunch or lunch purchase is available on-site and nearby.

5. **OPTIONAL SESSION** **1:00-3:00pm**

Python training will be available to a limited number of sign-ups on a first - come, first – serve basis through indicating your interest in your registration sign-up.

People wishing to register for the 2012 Southwest Florida CISMA annual meeting should email the group at: southwestflorida@floridainvasives.org
We hope to see everyone for our first annual SW FL CIMSA meeting.