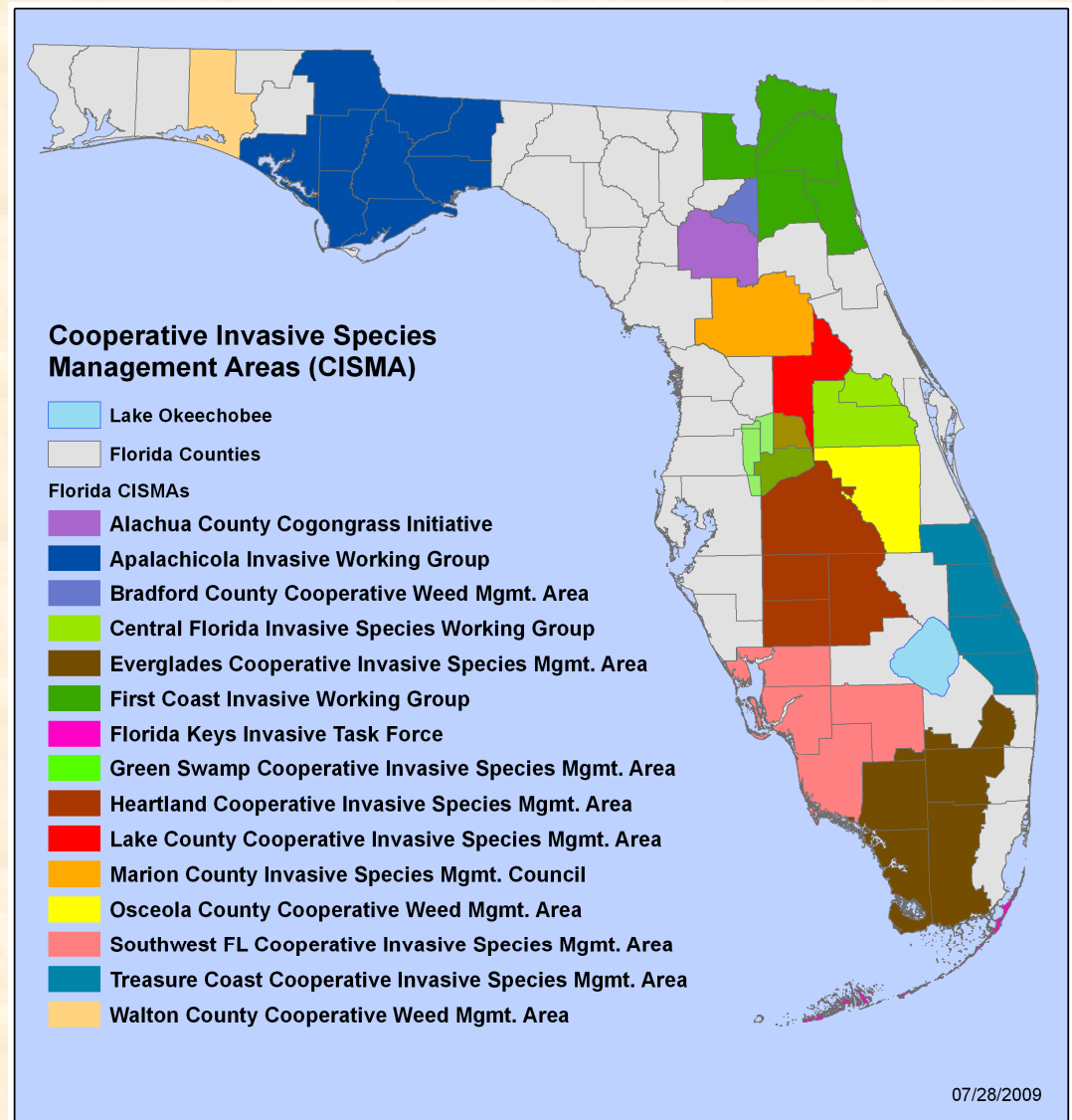


CISMA Call Agenda

- FISP Update (Kris/Erin)
- CISMA/CWMA Updates (All)
- News
- Wrap-up



Florida Invasive Species Partnership

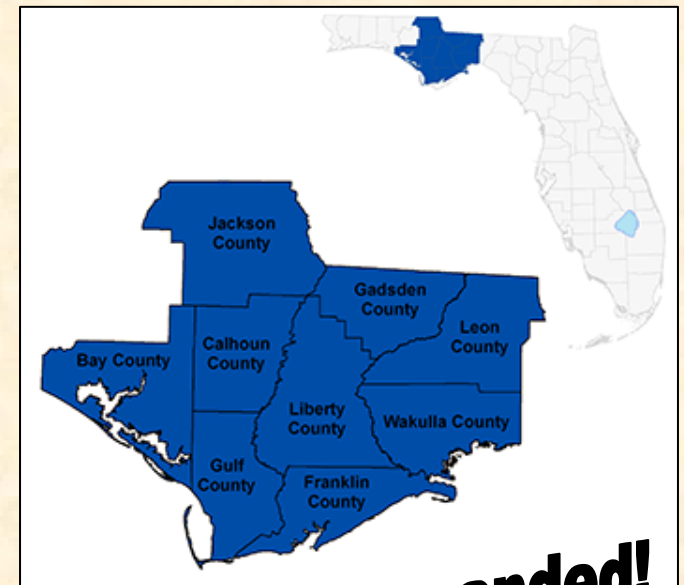
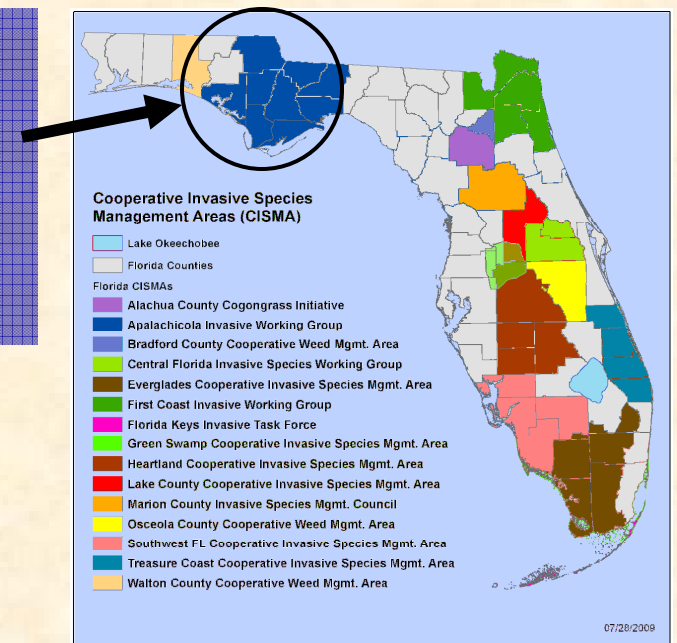
Invasive species know no boundaries. If landowners and land managers in Florida wish to achieve long-term success with regards to combating invasive species, it is critical to collaborate with all stakeholders, focusing on prevention as well as treatment.

- Draft FISP resolution is being circulated through agencies to determine feasibility of signing/if changes are needed
- TNC/DoD project has completed a CISMA Strategic Plan template for use by all – now under review by FISP members before placing on website/emailing to CISMA listserve
- Good information from CISMAs on drafting an agenda for a CISMA Kick-off meeting – will summarize and post on website under ‘How-to’ section – Thanks to all!

Apalachicola Invasive Working Group

- 2 private lands control projects finished treatment today (9/22/09)!
- Fall AIWG meeting scheduled for October 14
- Received \$25k from FWS Partners for private lands projects for next year
- Submitting proposal for DoD
- FNAI & TNC NWFL have created an address list for high-priority private landowners nearby conservation lands in our region. We will be contacting them this winter/spring.

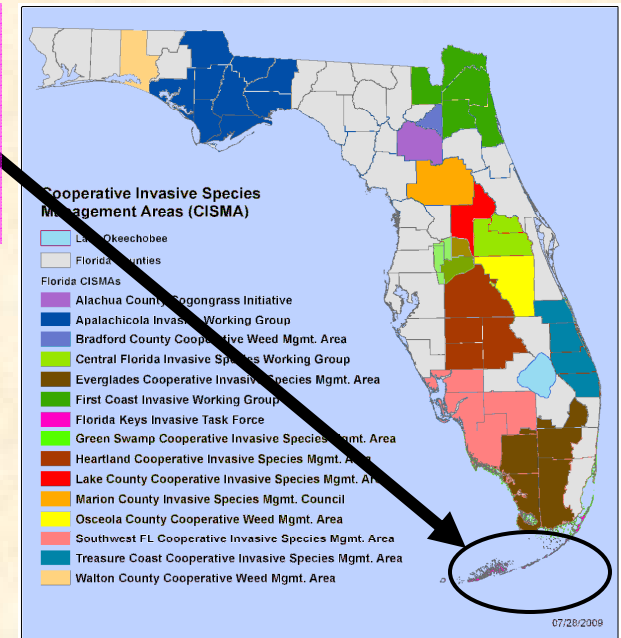
“The website is awesome!
Chuck has done a great job with it.”



AIWG has expanded!

Florida Keys Invasive Species Task Force

- Next TF meeting Sept. 24, 2009.
Will discuss:
 - EDRR Workday on Air Potato, Guinea Grass and just discovered Arundo
 - Bi-Annual Ranking of Invasive Exotic plants in the keys region
 - NEW: Priority setting of EDRR species
 - Setting dates for upcoming ID/Herbicide Trainings
- Website is great - its one of the only "group" sites that isn't blocked for fed/state folks.

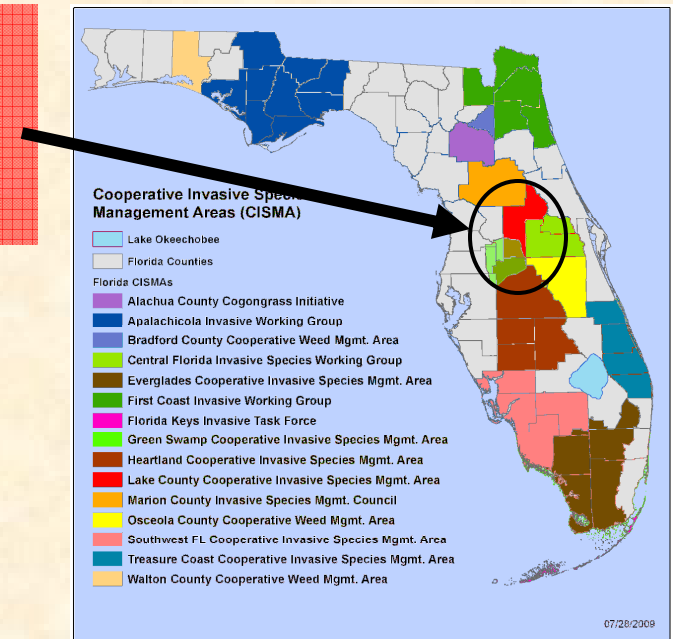


Don't let the Keys look like this! Why you should know what Air Potato looks like.

Lake County CISMA

- Rough draft of AlterNatives brochure ready on Friday (9/25/09). Still need to find funding for printing.
- Invasive Aquatics Workshop set for November 17th, 9 a.m. to noon at IFAS extension office in Tavares. Workshop will go over IPMS permitting rules and identification. CEUs may also be offered.
- Will have a representative/booth at upcoming Mt. Dora Annual Plant and Garden Fair (Nov. 7 & 8) as well as the Lake County Green Fair (Nov. 14).

“Website is working great. It is nice to have somewhere to refer people to for more information. Just need to add some more content and remember to update our calendar.”



Upcoming Events

Today ◀ ▶ Week Month Agenda

Showing events after 9/23.
[Look for earlier events](#)

Showing events until 10/31.
[Look for more](#)

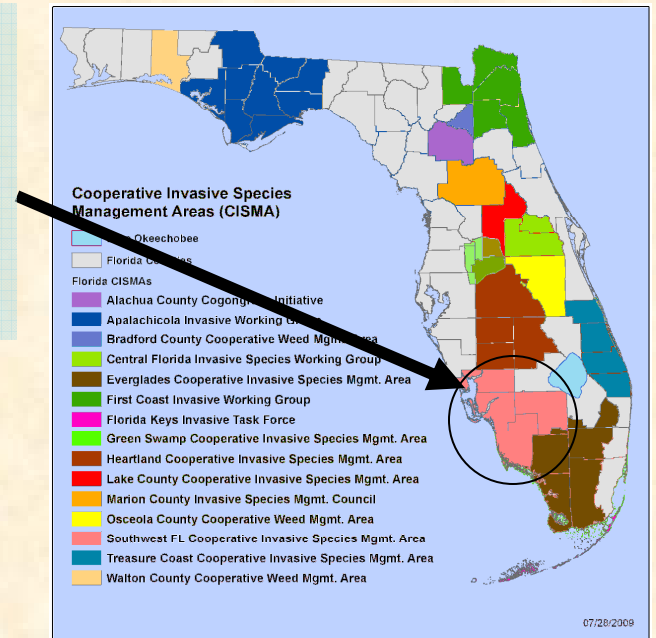
CISMA calendar
No dates ☹

Events shown in time zone:
Eastern Time

Google Calendar

Southwest Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

- Steering Committee met in August
 - working on criteria for future workdays to set ranking and priorities for use of public agency personnel/resources
 - finding future work days that will encompass private and public lands with goal of one or more events per county per year
- Annual Invasive Species Workshop is being planned for Dec. 1, 2009
- Outreach and sign-up of private landowners continues
- Update to all members sent out in Sept.
- Several speaking events have been held recently with another one being held during this conference call



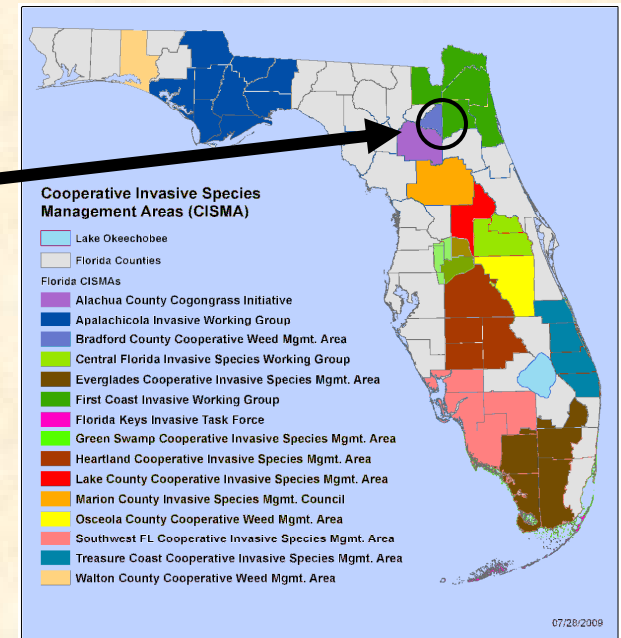
Upcoming Events

Workday: Oct. 24th
10am-2pm. Lee Co.
Conservation 20/20's
Caloosahatchee
Creeks property

See and Touch:
Oct. 10th 10am-2pm
Okaloacoochee Slough
State Forest Outdoors
Florida Day. Learn
about non-native

Bradford Co. Cooperative Weed Management Area

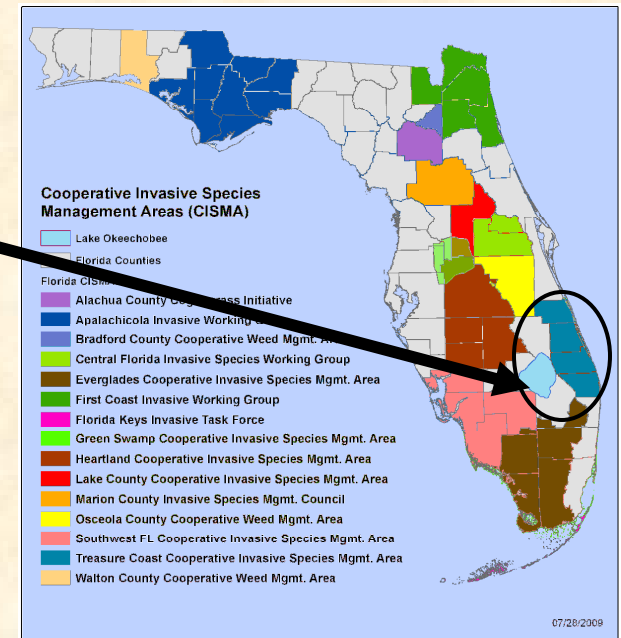
- Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District was not selected to submit a full proposal for a PTI Grant.
- We mailed 360 postcards with pictures of Tropical Soda Apple to people who had property listed as pasture by the Bradford County Property Appraiser. We have gotten 6 requests for treatment so far. The post card approach has given us better results than local newspaper articles.



Don't forget to contact the local Conservation Districts in your CISMA or CWMA. The association's website www.afcd.us has maps of the Conservation Districts and a roster of Supervisors and staff

Treasure Coast CISMA

- Increased communication and involvement with IFAS in St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Beginning to integrate their educational programs with CISMA efforts.
- Distributing "Do Not Release Unwanted Pets" poster to env. ed. centers, pet stores, IFAS office.
- Annual Workplan draft is rough, but
 - agreement that much of what we do depends on species ranking.
 - agreement to begin creating/adopting lists and ranking EDRR species.
- Asked Chuck to place specific weed alert and posters on TC CISMA website for others to use.
- Invasive Animal Subcommittee Acting Chair resigned; searching for new person to lead efforts.

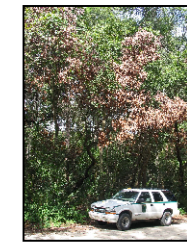


PEST ALERT

DON'T TRANSPORT REDBAY FIREWOOD

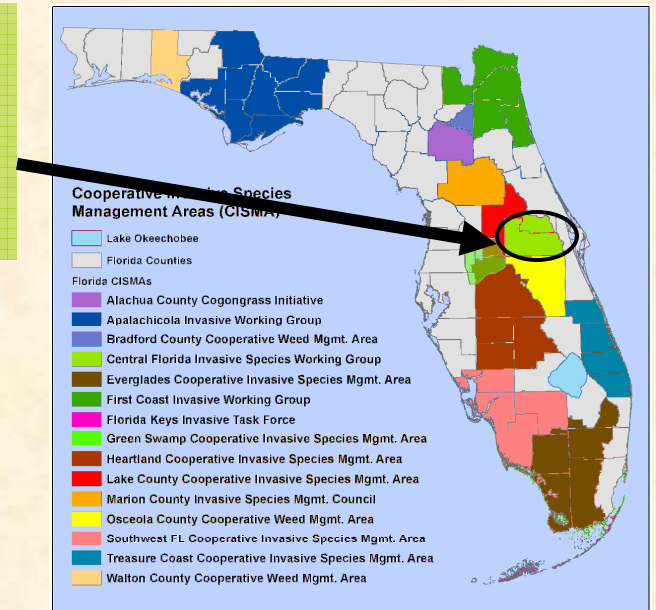
Non-native insects, diseases and invasive plants are major threats to our nation's forests. Of current concern in Florida is the accidental introduction of the **Redbay Ambrosia Beetle and its associated fungus from Asia**. This beetle is killing redbay trees at an alarming rate, and related trees like sassafras are also at risk. This exotic tree-killing pest can spread to new areas through the movement of infested wood.

- Please do not bring redbay firewood from places outside the local area.
- If you have already brought redbay firewood from somewhere else, burn all of it thoroughly.



Central Florida Invasive Species Working Group

1. Biannual meeting, Oct. 6, Wekiwa Springs State Park.
 - a) Topics include: Florida Yards and Neighbors program overview, history of exotics on the Wekiva River, herbicide law, “the trouble with Natal grass,” and Lygodium monitoring.
 - b) Survey for members using Survey Monkey placed on the CFISWG website (very cool!).
2. Grasses Workshop scheduled for October 22
 - a) Overwhelming response!
 - b) Secured Dr. Taylor as classroom instructor.
3. Steering Committee met in August.
 - a) We are finally creating a map!
 - b) Developing a herbicide matrix for website.
 - c) Adding model for exotics database that a land owner can use for own property w/ links to GIS.
 - d) May have Pet Amnesty Day.
 - e) Possible formation of Florida Native Plant Society Chapter in Seminole County.

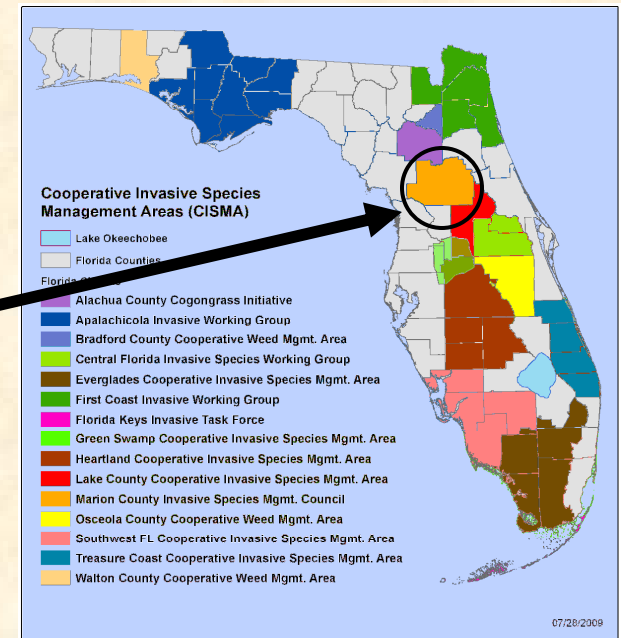


New plant for To Be Watched List: *Merremia dissecta*, Noyau Vine

<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Plant.aspx?id=117>

Marion Co. Invasive Species Management Council

- We are working on a major publicity push for October to prime people for treating cogongrass during the optimum Halloween through hard freeze time window that follows.
- We plan to use this visibility to promote a joint MCISMC -Audubon – Florida Native Plant Society – Garden Club event focusing attention on invasive species problems in Marion County.
- In the process of setting a date and making plans for that event now.



Importance of training!

Know your look-alike natives when treating.

In South Africa - 150 Indigenous Yellowwood Trees Destroyed as Invasive Alien Species

<http://ecoworldly.com/2009/08/06/150-indigenous-yellowwood-trees-destroyed-as-invasive-alien-species-lessons-for-south-africa/>

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Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

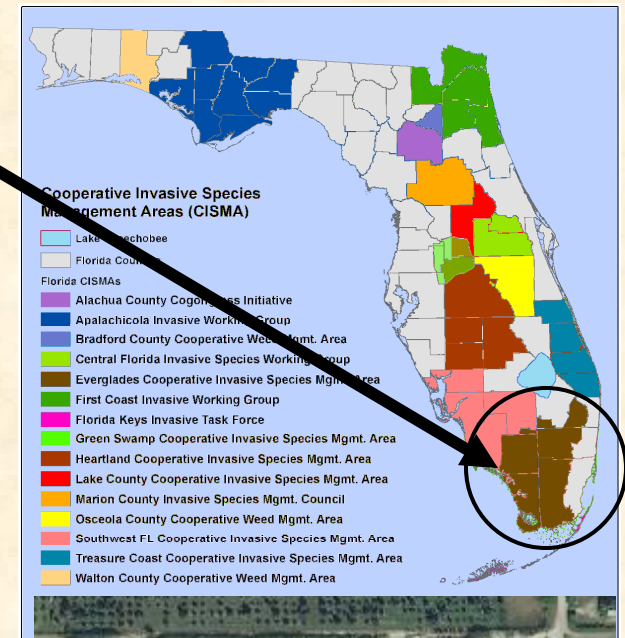
Nile monitor and tegu lizard rapid response continues in South Miami Dade:

- Ten traps run by NPS, FWC and Miami Dade biologists around Redlands Rock Mine
- Both Argentine and Columbian tegus have been captured
- Surveys continue to determine scope of tegu infestation

Evidence of a reproducing population of African rock pythons in the Bird Road Basin (Krome Ave & US 41)

Applied for a grant from the Everglades Foundation to fund EDRR for new exotic species

EDRR subcommittee meeting tomorrow to discuss EDRR plan and funding opportunities



First Coast Invasive Species Working Group

-Notes from last update as placeholder –

DOF Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share Program

June 16th: Nassau

June 24th: Baker County

July 16th: Charlton County

Inaugural Pepper Busters Team

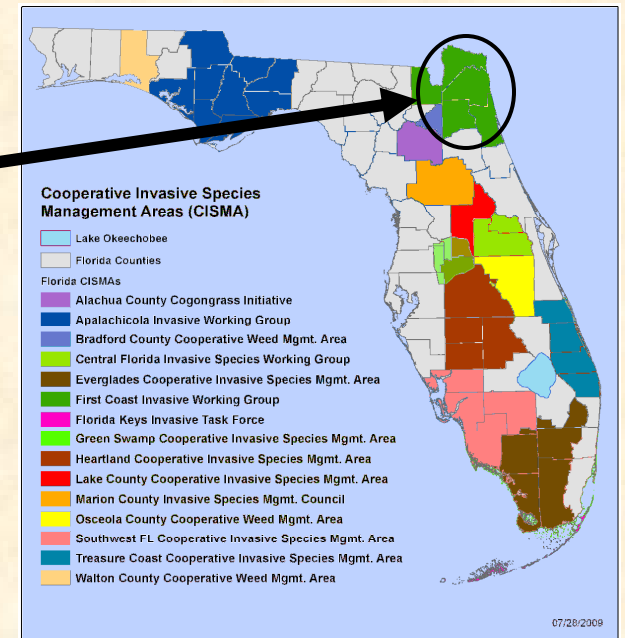
Three FCIWG partners made the news with the very first Pepper Busters team composed of SCA volunteers! The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR), SCA (Student Conservation Association) and St. Johns County (SJC) teamed up to remove invasive species focusing primarily on Brazilian pepper at two County Parks.

To read the article and watch the TV clip, visit link below:

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=141256&catid=3>

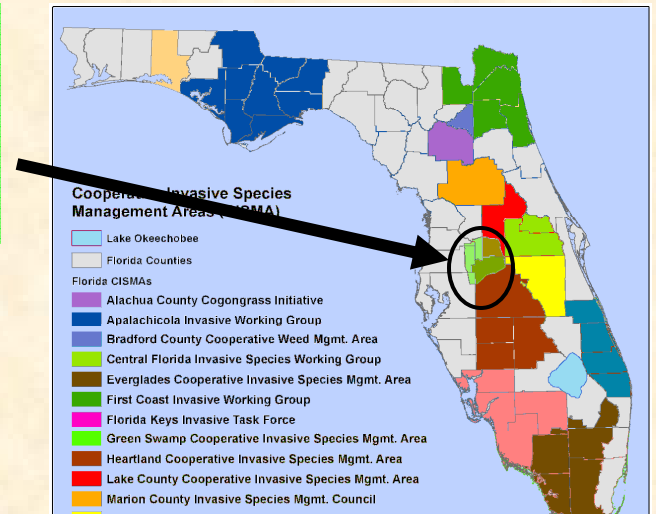
FCIWG Steering Committee

Steering Committee structure approved by group. Will hold official launch meeting late summer.



Green Swamp CISMA

- Notes from last update as placeholder-
- Will present at the upcoming Tampa Bay Watershed Forest Working Group
- Meeting with county extension offices w/info packets on Old World climbing fern, the CFLS and the efforts of the Green Swamp CISMA
 - Have met with three of the county extension offices to discuss.
 - An agent at the Lake County office has distributed packets of Old World climbing fern info to 16 large private property owners.
- Checking unverified records of *L. microphyllum* in the EDDMaps database in our area. Some records appear to be *L. japonicum*.



ATTENTION!
Have you observed this vine in the Green Swamp area?

What is it?
Old World climbing fern is an introduced vine that is rapidly invading flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and cypress swamps in central Florida. Originally detected in south Florida, it is rapidly spreading to the north. Old World climbing fern smothers other plants, including young and old trees, and it creates thick mats on the ground. It is flammable and carries fire into the tree canopy, wetlands and forested swamps and hammocks where fire is normally excluded.

Who should be concerned?
Property owners, timber interests, hunters, bird watchers, hikers and others who enjoy the many outdoor activities provided by the Green Swamp's diverse, natural habitats.

Where does it grow?
This fern most commonly occurs in moist habitats but also grows in shallow water and dry areas. Areas most at risk include cypress wetlands, hardwood hammocks, pine flatwoods, wetland prairies and edges of water bodies.

What is being done?
A regional effort is under way to prevent the spread of Old World climbing fern into and within the Green Swamp area.

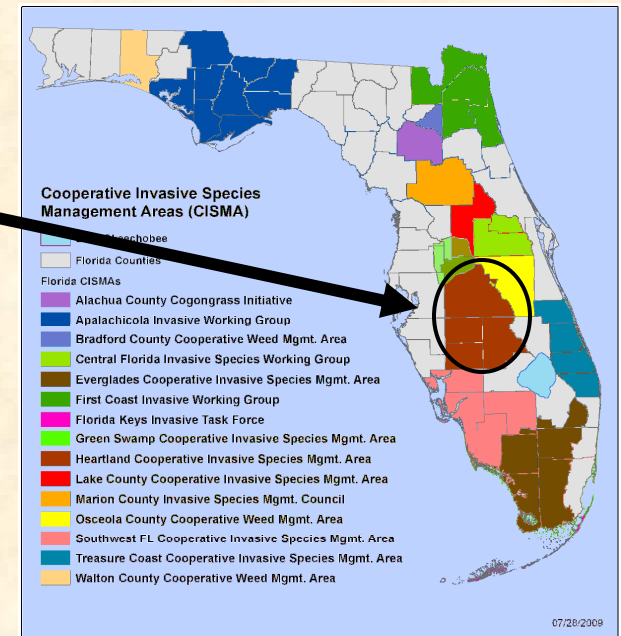
How can I help?
We need your help to find and eliminate any new infestations. Visit www.floridainvasives.org/greenswamp/ to learn more about Old World climbing fern and this regional effort to protect the Green Swamp.

Report any infestations you see.
Call Rosalind Rowe with The Nature Conservancy at (863) 635-7506 (rrowe@tnc.org), Brian Nelson with the Southwest Florida Water Management District at 1-800-423-1476 (brian.nelson@watermatters.org) or your county Extension agent.

Green Swamp CISMA
Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area
www.floridainvasives.org/greenswamp/

Heartland CISMA

- Notes from last update as placeholder –
- Formed easily, as a natural progression from an already active Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Working Group (LWREWG) subcommittee on invasive species management.
- Successes of these partners in the past include:
 - 2004, 2006 and 2008 coordinated aerial surveys of *Lygodium* spp. and other invasive plants on partners' lands and adjacent private lands.
 - supporting formation of the Central Florida Lygodium Strategy: assistance for private property owners in treating *Lygodium* spp.
- - Newest success:
 - Commitment to making an aerial survey happen in 2010.



Mission is to facilitate a network for land managers to address the growing threat of invasive non-native species in west-central Florida. It will provide the outreach, collective support and strategic infrastructure to effectively manage invasive species across boundaries, in the four-county area of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties.

News

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2009 List of Invasive Plant Species is online <http://www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm>. If you would like hardcopies of the printed brochure, email Karen Brown at kpbrown@ufl.edu with quantity and shipping address. Please prioritize use for training and for community awareness.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week is January 10-14, 2010. What can your CISMA can do to 'celebrate'? <http://www.nisaw.org/>

Next Call: Preventing the Release of Unwanted Exotic Pets

Maia McGuire, Sea Grant Extension Agent in Flagler/St Johns Counties, and Jenny Tinnell, FWC biologist, will present on the "Don't Release Your Pet" campaign in Florida as well as FWC's Pet Amnesty Days.

Let's take the holidays off!

There will be **no calls/online meetings during November & December**. We will start up again on the 4th Wednesday of January – January 27, 2010

Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) Monthly Call

– Hosted by the Florida Invasive Species Partnership (FISP)

participation is voluntary, we promise it will only last 1 hour, and we can guarantee that you will enjoy the conversations

4th Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm

NOT in November or December, 2009!

email kserbesoffking@tnc.org for more information or go to floridainvasives.org to join up for list serve announcements

Participate online

and/or

Participate by phone

go to: nethope.webex.com

US Toll-free: 1-866-642-1665

Enter meeting number: 829 485 191

Participant Passcode: 698452

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Florida Invasive Species Partnership (www.FloridaInvasives.org)