

# Agenda

- FISP Update (Kris)
- CISMA/CWMA Updates (All)
- Presentation: Everglades CISMA website  
Tony Pernas
- Upcoming meetings and other info
- Wrap-up

# Florida Invasive Species Partnership

Invasive exotic species know no boundaries. If landowners and land managers in Florida wish to achieve long-term success, it is critical for them to reach out and collaborate with all stakeholders. Need to focus on prevention as well as treatment.

## Update on FISP:

- [www.floridainvasives.org](http://www.floridainvasives.org) is live
- UGA contract to begin work on CISMA websites in Jan. 2009
- New FISP/matrix Factsheet completed, find on website
- Moderated/presented at TWS
- Article in Winter Wildland Weeds
- Kathy has gone to DC!!
- Next in-person meeting Jan 09



# First Coast Invasive Species Working Group

## Volunteer Restoration Success!

Tamarisk work day on November 6, 2008

39 Folks, 13 Different Agencies/Orgs

10,000 stems treated/removed

Dredge project & Land management BMPs

## Training Success!

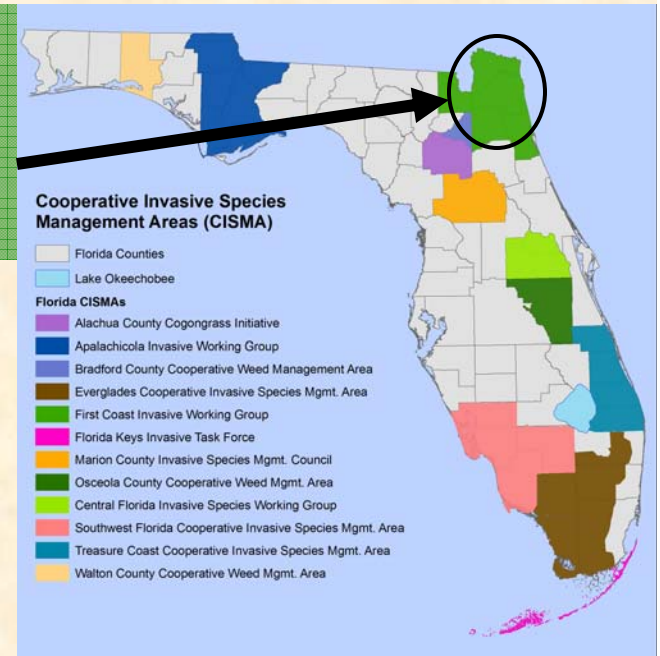
St. Johns Co. Invasive Plant ID. & Control Training

November 20, 2008 9-12

45 Participants from diverse groups

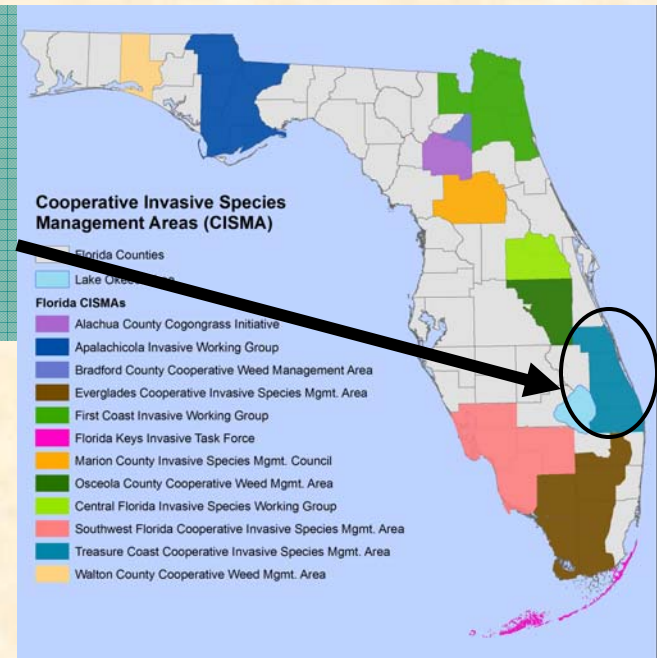
## Prevention/Outreach

Pet Amnesty Day: Nov 22, 2008 held at Jacksonville Zoo by FFWCC



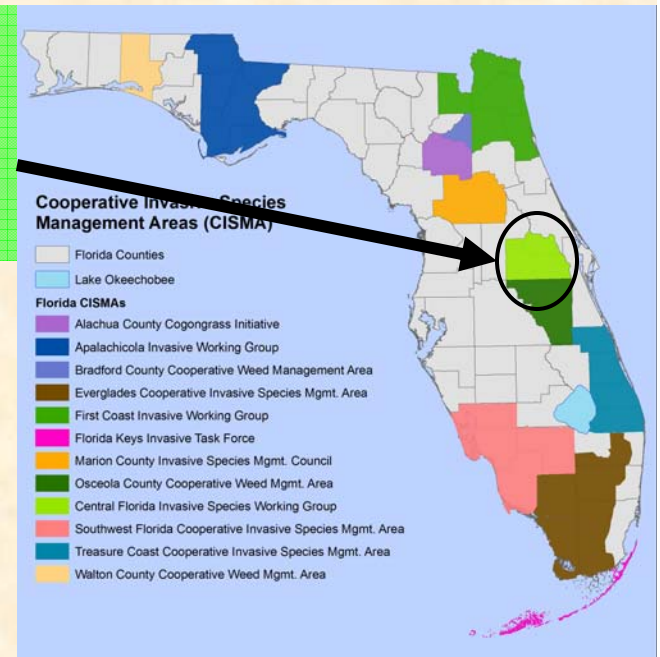
# Treasure Coast Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

- TC CISMA will celebrate it's 1 year anniversary in Dec.
- 3 Goals with objectives and strategies in a reasonable draft form. Next meeting will continue on revising these.
- TC CISMA is active with about 12 engaged participants, representing all 4 counties, monthly. We just lost one National Wildlife Refuge land manager participant, but gained another, and gained one FFWCC participant. One participant, Debbie Devore of the USFWS, is now part of the FISP statewide committee.
- Coastal Program Agreement for \$64,000 has moved forward with public and private land invasive removal of Scaevola taccada. Public land managers working with the RC & D are determining how their agency will "handle" finances. Small, specific, very willing private landowners are being considered for Scaevola removal.
- USFWS Challenge Cost Share Agreement for \$46,000 is being signed to finance two, short-term technicians that will remove invasive plants and perform other restoration tasks on conservation lands in Martin County.



# Central Florida Invasive Species Working Group

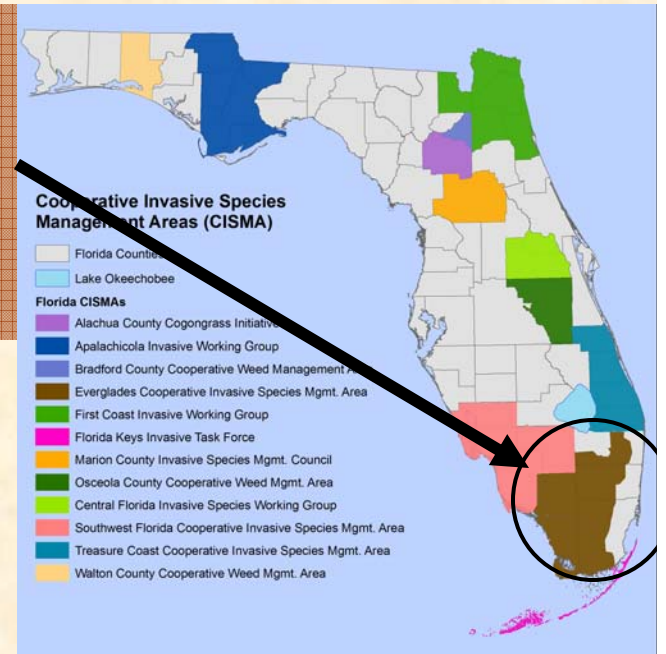
- CFISWG Invasive Plant ID Workshop
  - We had 30 participants.
  - Speakers: Chris Matson, TNC; Mark Rizzo, Orange County; Dennis Mudge, IFAS; Dr. Greg MacDonald, UF.
  - UCF provided lecture room and lunches for everyone.
  - Field trip in PM led by Chris Matson – everyone liked the field identification.
- Next workshop advanced in April.
- Will be holding a grasses workshop in spring (both exotics and natives).
- 1st workday will be held at UCF. Will do big press release.



- Next steering committee – Dec.4. Will work on strategic plan/ annual work plan.
- Next working group meeting will be end of January.

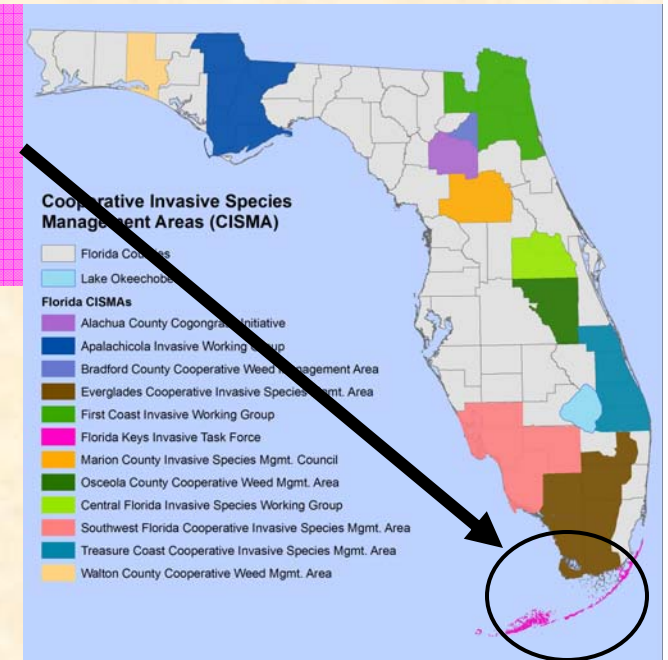
# Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

- Next steering committee meeting Dec. 3 at Loxahatchee NWR
- Moving forward with EDRR on Sacred Ibis (current efforts with USDA Wildlife Services)
- Sooooooooooooo close to having the MOU signed between all partners!
- Found a non-native mangrove that is expanding from original planting at Fairchild Tropical Gardens



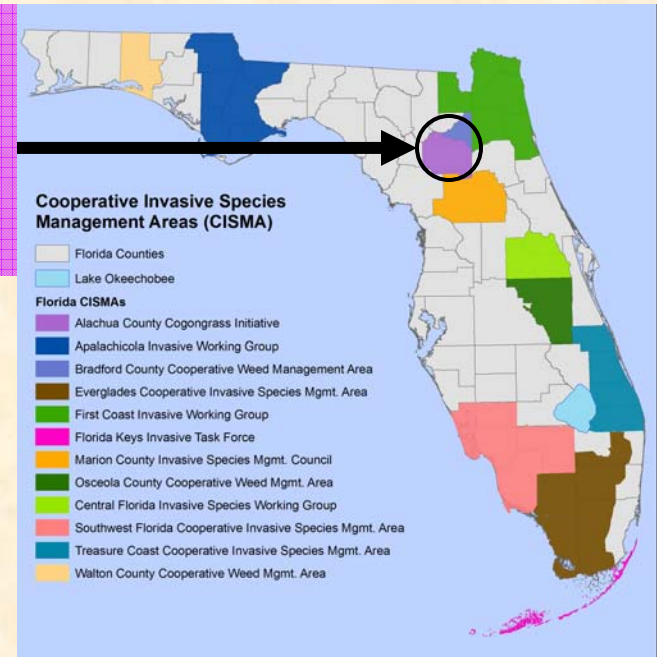
# Florida Keys Invasive Species Task Force

- 2 Air Potato Workdays (EDRR) have been held on Big Pine Key
- Discovered new invasive grasses on past wildfire site
- Working on "No Pets Left Behind" campaign
- Draft 3 yr plan finished (finalization meeting Dec 4th)

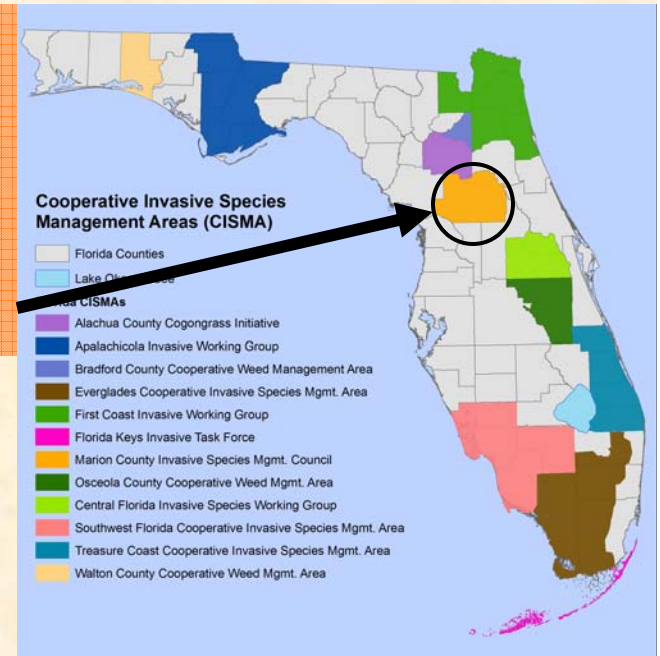


# Alachua County Cogongrass Initiative

- Heather has created a hybrid field data form that seems to incorporate everything FNAI and SE-EPPC (EDDMaps) both would like as far as data is concerned (editor note – this is good discussion for CISMA website creation since we will be incorporating EDDMaps)
- REQUEST: Please send Heather any other BMP's folks are using would be appreciated at [hmartin@alachuacounty.us](mailto:hmartin@alachuacounty.us)



# Marion Co. Invasive Species Management Council

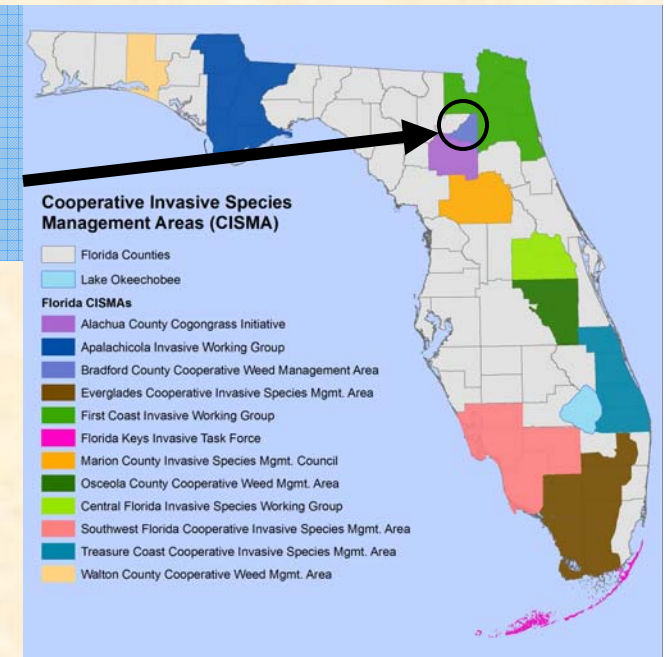


- **Celebration!** ISMC finally has county approval to begin work on our second Pulling Together Initiative grant!
- Greg Wiley and Linda Duever working to set up a contract to get back into active gear.
- Working on defining cogongrass-free zones and neighborhood program areas – all will be put on a map
- Coordinating across the county line with Alachua county. Some of the neighborhood programs will be able to assist both CISMAs!



# Bradford Co. Cooperative Weed Management Area

- Still not received funds for PTI grant
- FDOT has sprayed some cogongrass along ROWs. Hope to be able to carry this effort farther over the fenceline onto adjacent private lands.
- Decided to proceed with forming the CWMA since the initial steps do not require funds.
- Have been doing some mapping using funds the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District receives from the Bradford County Commission.

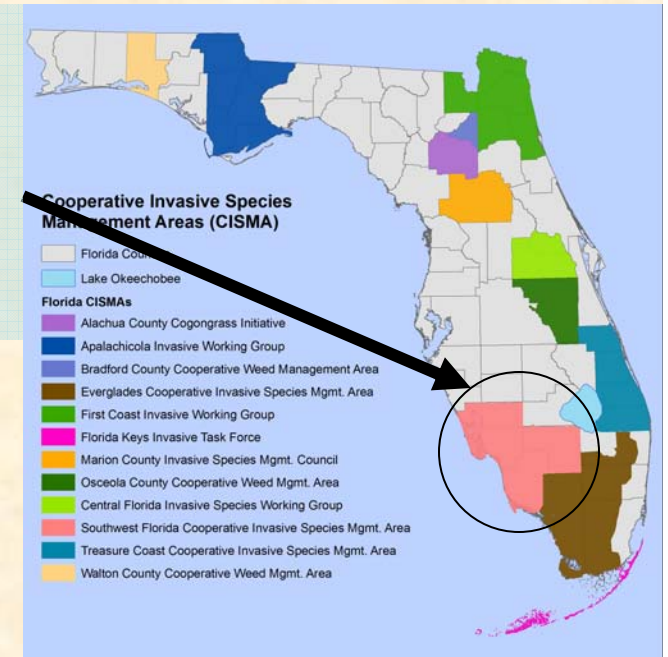


**1<sup>st</sup> organizational meeting: Dec. 10, 2008**

Initial target species:  
TSA, Japanese Climbing Fern,  
Chinese Tallow,  
Cogongrass, and  
air potato.

# Southwest Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

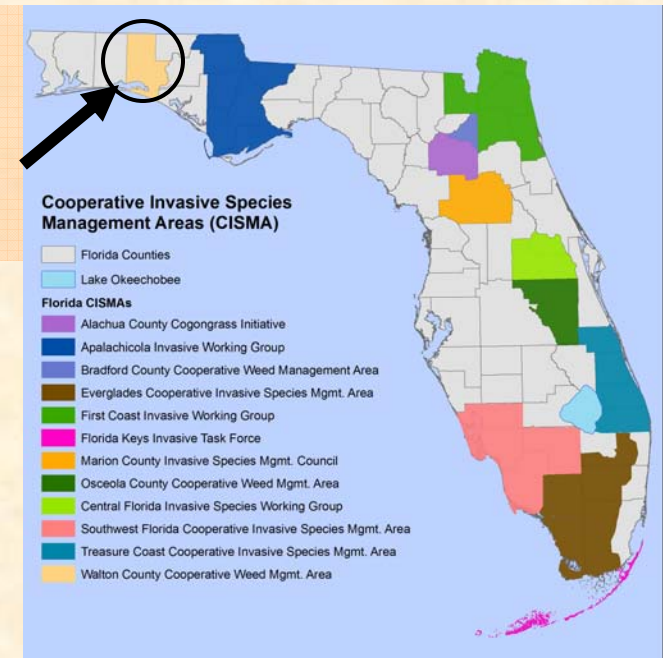
Will hold workshop and breakout  
session at SW Florida Exotics  
Workshop on Dec. 2 in Ft. Myers



# Walton County Cooperative Weed Management Area

Notes from last month as placeholder  
Approached by County Commissioner in  
late August/early September 2008 to  
revisit this idea.

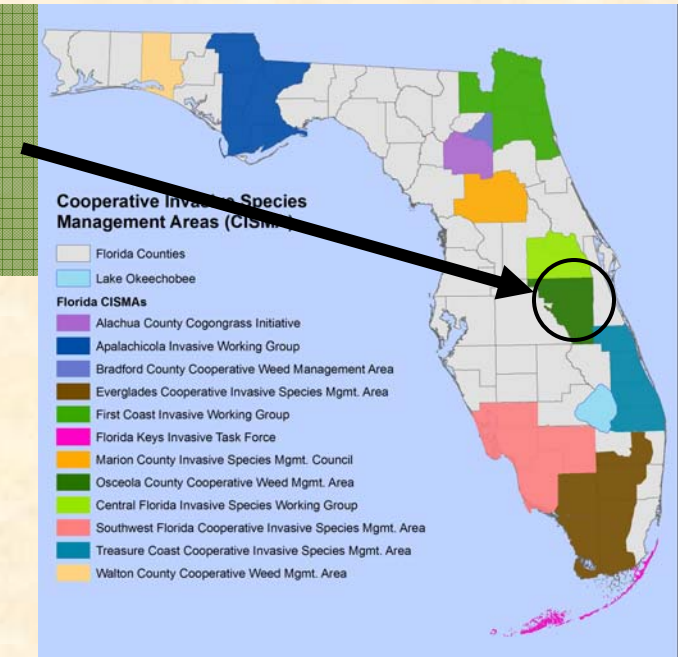
- The first organization meeting was held in May 2007.
- Goal to create a comprehensive cogon grass control project in Walton County. Currently, the group is working on educating decision makers. An initial county project has begun to map and treat a major cogongrass infestation in a county borrow pit.



# Osceola Co. Cooperative Weed Management Area

Notes from last month as placeholder

- Formal organizational meeting was held in August 2007
- Mission of the Osceola County Cooperative Weed Management Area is to *identify, inventory, and monitor selected weed species in order to secure funding and conduct integrated pest management.*

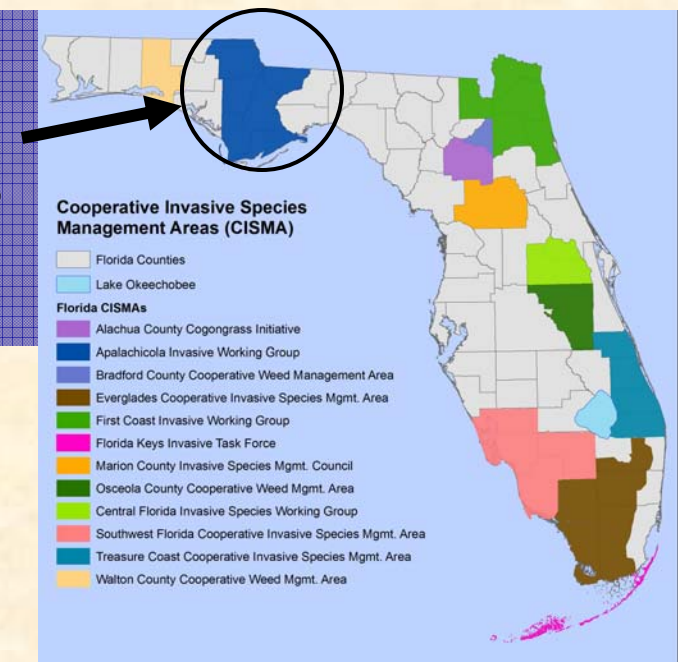


# Apalachicola River Watershed Invasive Species Working Group

Notes from last month as placeholder

This group is now a subcommittee of the Apalachicola Regional Stewardship Alliance.

- Established in 2003 as network for land managers to address the growing threat of invasive non-native species in the Apalachicola River watershed.
- Tri-annual meetings, initiating control projects on private lands, assisting with grant writing, compiling and sharing data, coordinating with partners for outreach and education. Have completed control project on cogongrass with educational signs on a major state road.

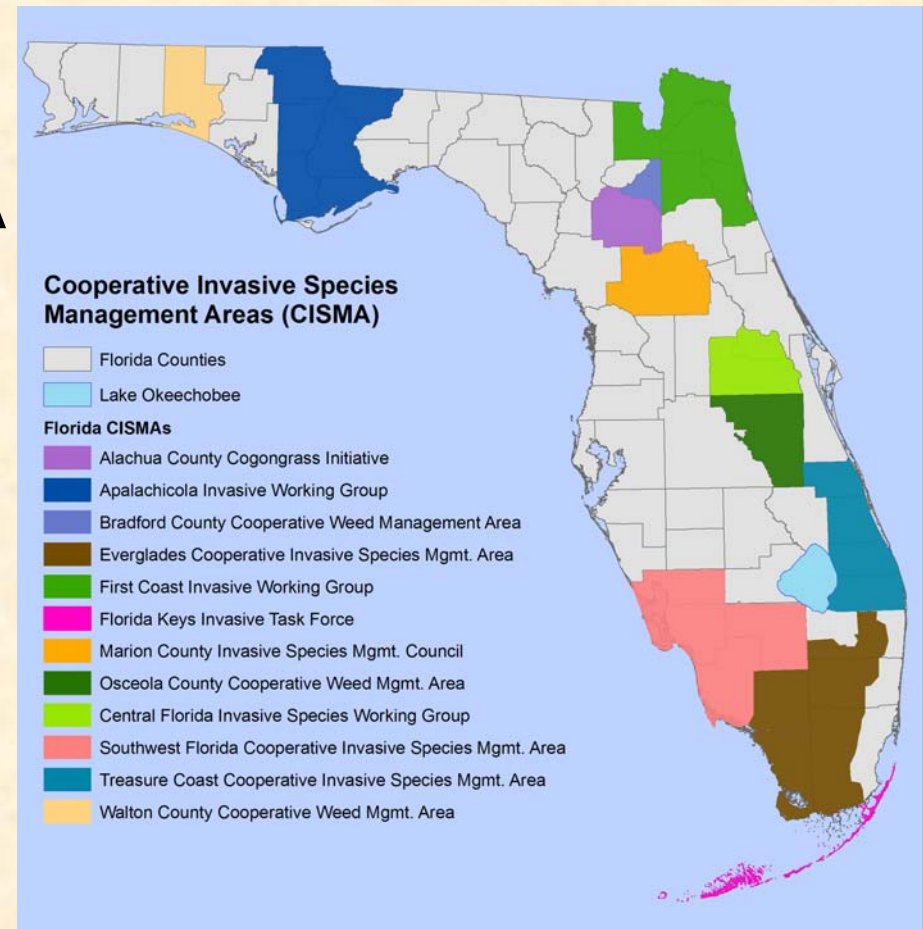


# Other start-ups?

Anybody know of others?

-Possibly a great Greenswamp area CISMA (focus on OWCF)

Would you like to suggest others or suggest expansion of any of the current CISMAs?



# CISMA websites

## Responses from CISMAs:

- A link to TC CISMA where we can put our completed documents or projects, working documents, maps, participant contact list, to do list, questions.
- Keys -Just took a deeper look at the Everglades cisma site. Does it have an alert email system? That's my main desire....
- Central FI – how soon!!
- Marion Co – how will each CISMA keep information updated?

## Everglades CISMA website presentation:

- See Nov26\_08\_ECISMAwebsite.pdf for presentation given by Tony Pernas

# Upcoming Meetings

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- SW Florida Invasive Workshop – December 2, 2008, all day (Naples, FL) – SW CISMA breakout workshop
- Python Workshop – December 10, 2008 at SFWMD Stuart office – contact Art Roybal for more info [Art\\_Roybal@fws.gov](mailto:Art_Roybal@fws.gov)

## Others:

- FLEPPC call for abstracts ([www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org))
- IRC hiring for invasive positions in Florida Keys ([www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org))

# Next Topic Discussion

December 24 = yeah, right. Meeting cancelled.

January 28, 2009 = ? (possibly revisit CISMA websites to kick off UGA work)

Suggested topic for early spring –  
Farmbill programs

# Thank you for joining us today!

Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 1:30pm

- PHONE: 1-866-642-1665 and enter passcode: 698452
- WEB: log in at [nethope.webex.com](http://nethope.webex.com)
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