

## SUNCOAST INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANT WORKING GROUP

**Criteria:** The Suncoast Invasive Exotic Plant Working Group will evaluate exotic plant removal projects utilizing the following weighted criteria. Please complete a narrative explanation of each project you propose. The narrative evaluation should be concise.

1. 0-10 Are there currently matching funds available for this project? Project should be scored according to the following scale 1=10% match, 2=20% match, 3=30% match 4=40% match, 5=50% match, 6=60% match, 7=70% match, 8=80% match, 9=90% match, 10=100% match. All Volunteer labor is to be calculated at the current minimum wage rate of \$7.25 per hour. FEMA rates apply for equipment.
2. 0-5 Is there a management and/or restoration plan established for this site? And/or has there been a demonstrated commitment by the management agency on this site to control exotics to facilitate natural resource restoration? 0= No plan, 3=Commitment, 5= Plan in place
3. 0-5 Is there an existing/ongoing invasive exotic plant control program at this site? 0=No, 5=Yes
4. 0-10 Is the exotic plant control program capable of long-term maintenance and follow-up at this project site? Explain.
5. 0-10 Is completion/control of target species close at hand at this site? (Base score on percentage of infestation initially treated or controlled. 1=10%, 2=20%, 3=30% etc.)
6. 0-5 Are other inexpensive sources of labor available to be used at the site (e.g. DOC, Americorps, Wages, Volunteers)?
7. 0-5 Are there qualified staff or contractors available to oversee the project? Explain.
8. 0-5 Does this project area contain a high ratio of natives to exotics? (Explain method of determination).If there is a higher ratio of exotics, are there plans for native planting?
9. 0-8 Is there connectivity with other conservation lands? Project helps protect adjacent healthy natural areas. Project site abuts another natural area=8 Project site within 1 mile of another natural area=5 Project site within 10 miles of another natural area=3 Project site not within 10 miles of another natural area=0
10. 0-5 Are any partners involved in this project? (Explain role of partners)
11. 0-10 Is there an education or public awareness component to the project? Explain.
12. 0-5 Will this project benefit listed species? Describe species.
13. 0-5 Explain other possible benefits to exotic removal on this project.
14. 0-2 Does this project site contain Lygodium? 0=No 2=Yes

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15. 0-10 Priority 1: Maintenance of FLEPPC 2009 Category 1 ferns, grasses & vines (10 points)  
Priority 2: Initial treatment of FLEPPC 2009 Category 1 ferns, grasses & vines (5 points)  
Priority 3: Maintenance of all other Category 1 & 2 species (3 points)  
Priority 4: Initial control of all other Category 1 & 2 species adjacent to existing maintenance sites. (1 point)  
Choose only one of these options.
- 100 Maximum Total Points