



BARENTS

Invasive Alien Species



Barents Invasive Alien Species (IAS)
6/2022 - 12/2024

Enhancing governance, educational initiatives, and collaborative efforts in IAS management across the Barents Region

COMMUNAL AND LOCAL ACTORS

Promoting cooperation on invasive alien species in the Barents region

We aim to raise awareness, strengthen collaboration, and transfer knowledge between different actors working with the management of invasive alien species. We share information on our website on IAS and host webinars featuring diverse themes. We manage a **Facebook group named Invasive Alien Species professionals in Finland, Norway, and Sweden**. This will serve as an accessible gathering hub for IAS actors.

Activating of actors in the invasive alien species management work

We will strengthen the management of invasive alien plant species beyond country borders by exchanging ideas, practices and experience, by organising webinars for municipal actors, work demonstrations on the eradication methods and by training new invasive species coordinators. This is organised by Rural Women's Advisory Organization.

Developing control methods against pink salmon

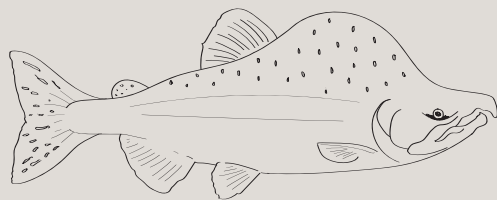
The population size on pink salmon has significantly increased in the Tana river in recent years. We are developing removal fishing methods to reduce the invasive pink salmon in river Tana. We collaborate with local fishermen utilizing their traditional knowledge of the Tana river valley, migratory fish behavior, and fishing methods. The development work is carried out by Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke).

CITIZENS

Communication and educational materials on invasive alien plants

We create content for citizens in various languages, including guides on controlling invasive alien plants and educational online series. The materials are produced by the project partner World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and are available through the project's website and social media.

Target species



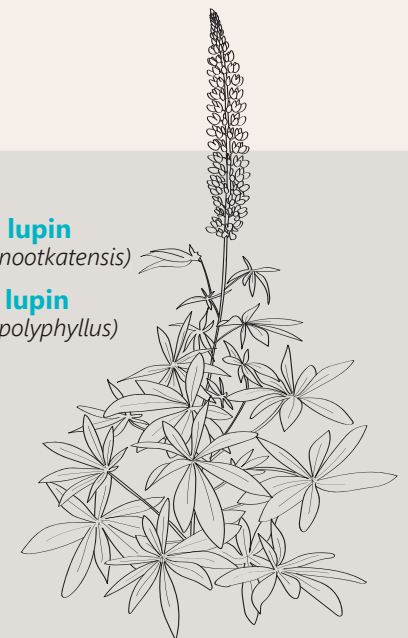
Pink salmon
(*Oncorhynchus gorbusha*)



Himalayan balsam
(*Impatiens glandulifera*)



Hogweeds
(*Heracleum persicum* -group)



Nootka lupin
(*Lupinus nootkatensis*)
Garden lupin
(*Lupinus polyphyllus*)

Project languages:

English, Finnish, Swedish,
Norwegian, North Saami

Target species:

Nootka lupin, garden lupin,
Himalayan balsam, hogweeds,
pink salmon

Technical details

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Finland (Luke)

Ministry responsible: Ministry of Agriculture
and Forestry of Finland

Partners: World Wide Fund for Nature
& Rural Women's Advisory Organization



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