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# North American Invasive Species Network Workshop March 9-11, 2010 West Palm Beach, Florida

## Regional Centers and Institutes (2010)

Northeast Midwest Institute – Washington, D.C.

Center for Invasive Plant Management – Montana

National Marine Invasions Center (SERC) - Maryland

Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants - Florida

Institute for Biological Invasions – Tennessee



National Institute of Invasive Species Science – Colorado

Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health – Georgia

**Invasive Species Research Institute – Ontario, Canada** 

**Mexico - CONABIO** 

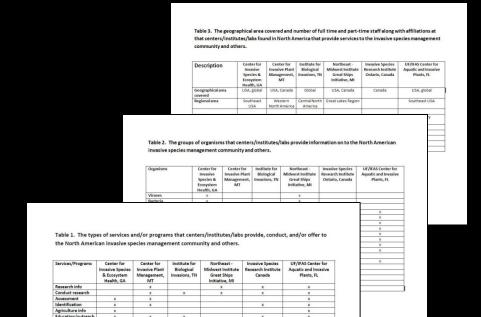
# NAISN Pre - Workshop Survey Results

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News & events

### Centers/Institutes (7)

- 19 Services/programs
- 18 groups of organisms
- 90 full/part-time employees
- All affiliated with universities
- 4 of the 7 have a global audience



# March Workshop



Overview
Focus Groups
DFC
Goals
Strategies
Action items

Representatives from Canada, U.S., and Mexico attended

# Helicopter Field Trip into the Everglades:



## Scope of the Network:

Canada, Mexico, and the United States – and all of their protectorates

### **Desired Future Condition Statement:**

NAISN - A consortium that uses a coordinated network to advance science-based understanding of, and effective response to, non-native invasive species in North America.



#### Goals:

- A transparent organizational structure
- Invasive Species Network Hubs act in a coordinated manner
- NAISN provides reliable resources and services across North America
- NAISN works across political boundaries in North America
- NAISN has the resources in place to achieve the DFC



### **Committees:**

- Alternative model (NAISN structure) committee
- Interim NAISN Organizing Committee
- Information Technology Committee
   NASIN and GISIN Subcommittee



## **Current leadership:**

- Dr. Robert Leavitt, Chair, Interim NAISN Organizing Committee
- Don C. Schmitz, NAISN Coordinator
- Chuck Bargeron, Chair, Information & Technology Committee
- Jim Graham, Chair, NAISN and GISIN Subcommittee



### **Action items:**

- Organize Regional Network Hubs\*
- Survey stakeholders and ID gaps
- NAISN 5 year strategic plan



\* Definition of Invasive Species Network Hub:

Regionally-based, thematic-based, and/or taxonomically-based focus of coordinated invasive species management activities that address common needs and pool resources in response to invasive species issues.



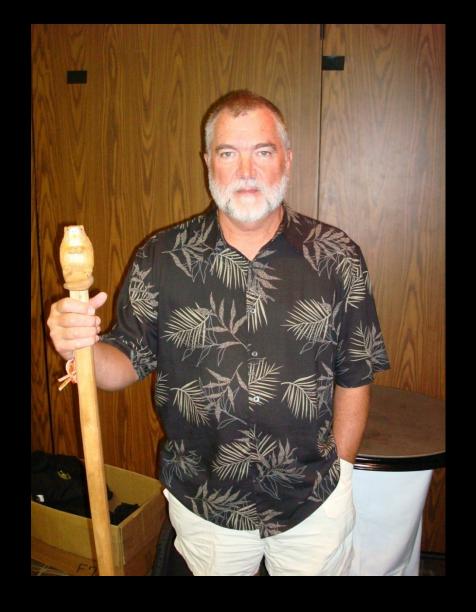
### **Future Services and actions:**

- Invasive Species Watch lists
- Coordinate and track research
- Track invasive species ranges due to climate change
- Define the invasive species problem in NA
- Connect the databases (GISIN)
- Coordinate rapid response



## Website:

http://www.naisn.org/



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