



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Reporting Exotic/Invasive Species in South Carolina

*Combining Esri Technology with EDDMapS to Create a
Collaborative Tracking Solution*

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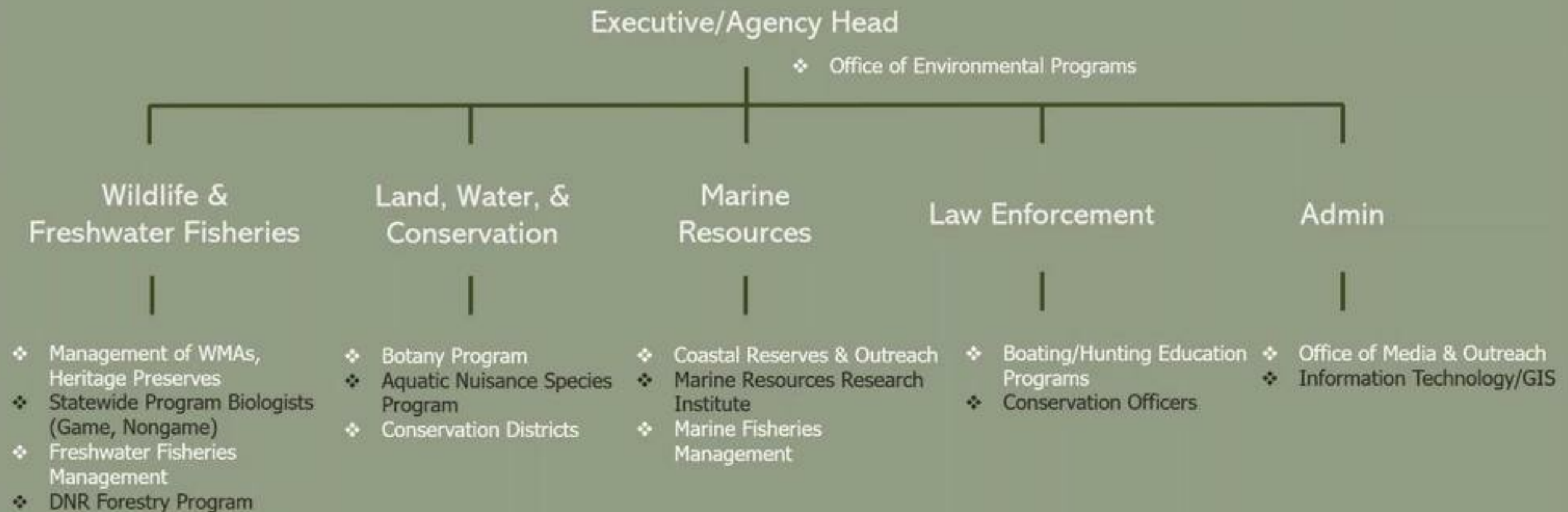


Live Life Outdoors



SCDNR Organizational Structure (Simplified):

Background

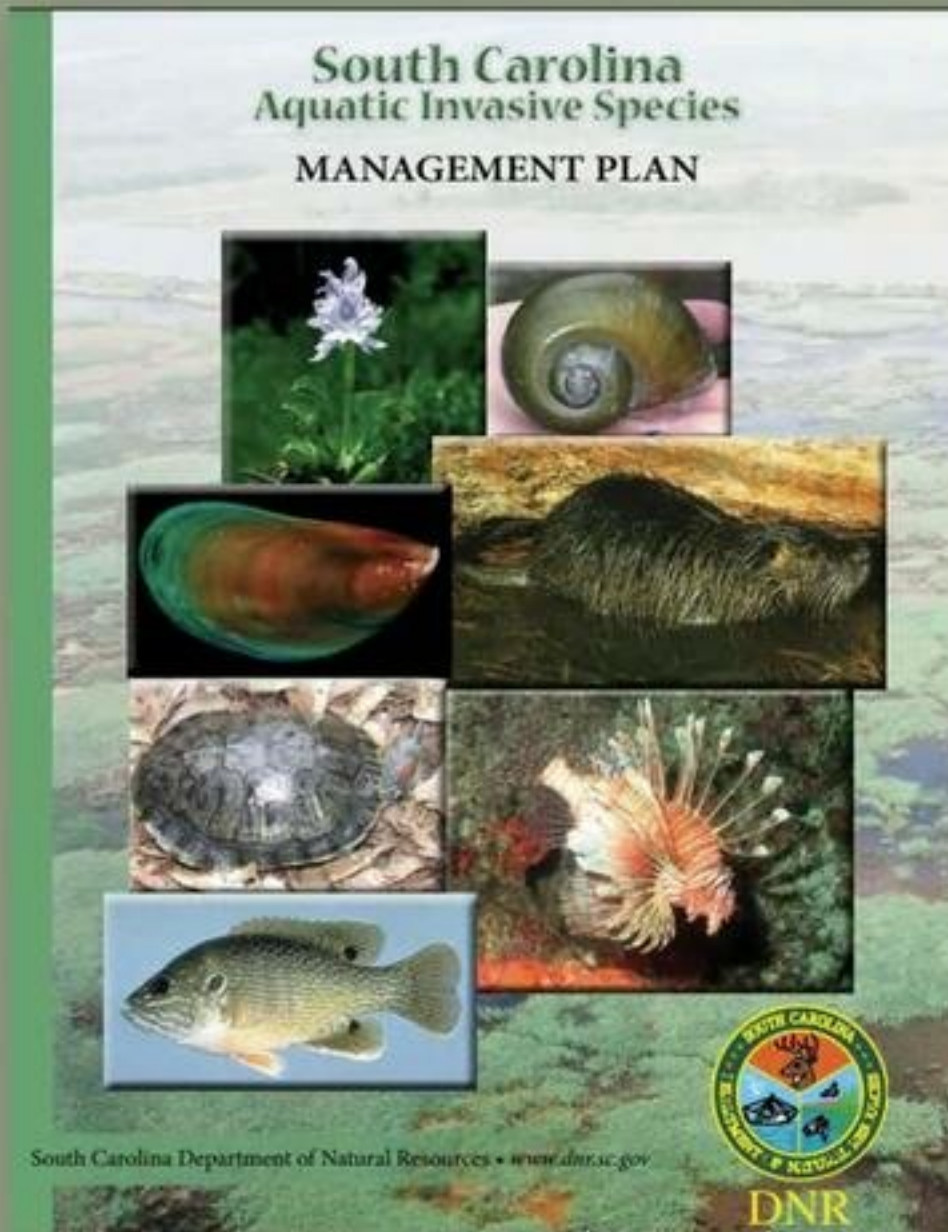


...and more!!

All listed programs have some involvement with non-native species management or education



Non-native species work in SC



Published in 2008



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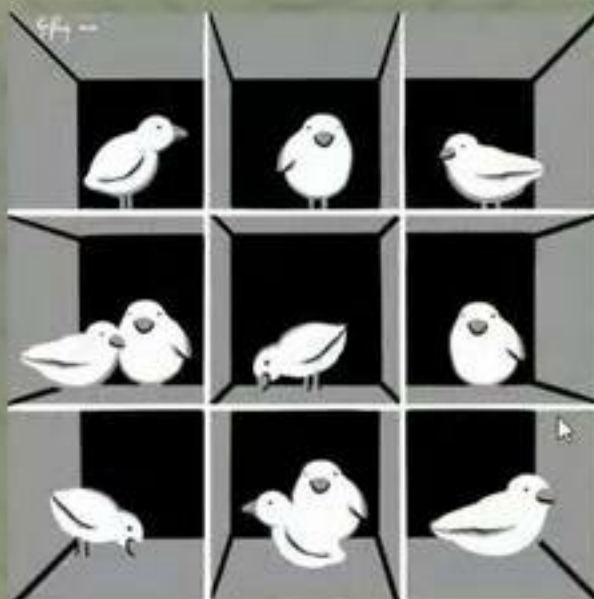


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Tracking of non-native species data to date

- ❖ Each agency has collected data through it's own program
 - ❖ Survey123 (organizational datasets using GIS)
 - ❖ iNaturalist
- ❖ Some data shared with national datasets, like USGS NAS



Black & White Tegu Sighting Form

Take or upload photo:

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Notes: (Please use the back of the form to provide additional information about your sighting.)

Location:

Where did you see the tegu? (Please provide a detailed description of the location, including the address, street name, and any other relevant information.)

Sighting Date:

When did you see the tegu? (Please provide the date in YYYY-MM-DD format.)

Select the species that most looks like the tegu you saw:

☐ Black & White Tegu (Total reports: 85)

☐ Other species (Please provide the name of the species in the comments section.)

Enter: SCDNR Injurious/Invasive Wildlife Working Group

- ❖ First meeting in 2020
- ❖ Brought together staff from all divisions within SCDNR (other agencies i.e. USGS)
- ❖ Focused on a solution to develop an overarching non-native reporting database across taxa
- ❖ Great News: It already exists!
 - ❖ EDDMapS staff regularly attended meetings to answer questions about functionality.



EDDMapS—Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System

Invasive Species Mapping Made Easy!

- 📍 Real-time tracking of invasive species and pest occurrences
- 📍 Local and national distribution maps
- 📍 Electronic early detection reporting tools
- 📍 Library of identification and management information

<https://www.eddmaps.org/>

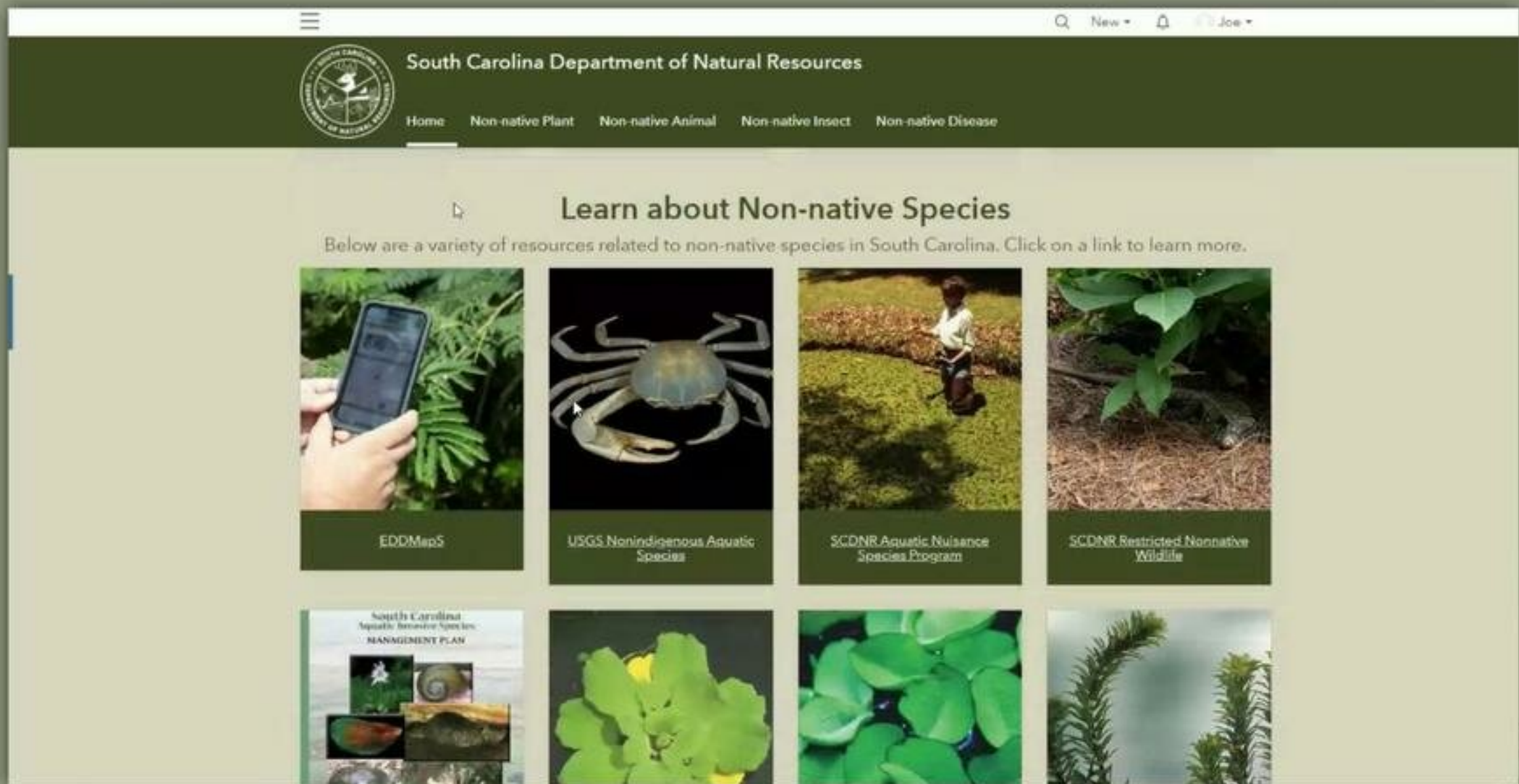


Criteria for SCDNR:



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| ❖ Must be connected/branded as an SCDNR-oriented product | ➡ | ❖ EDDMapS interface is continent-wide, but embedded features available for specific states |
| ❖ Must allow for any non-native species to be reported | ➡ | ❖ EDDMapS maintains a list of all regulated and emerging non-native plants, insects, fungi/diseases and wildlife. |
| ❖ Must be able to support submissions by the public | ➡ | ❖ EDDMapS interface requires a login; embedded feature contains a workaround for public use |
| ❖ Must allow for data verification | ➡ | ❖ Users from state agencies can be assigned as verifiers to confirm/follow up with questionable records |
| ❖ Ability to pull from external records preferred. | ➡ | ❖ Regular updates from iNaturalist database, with more APIs anticipated in the future |

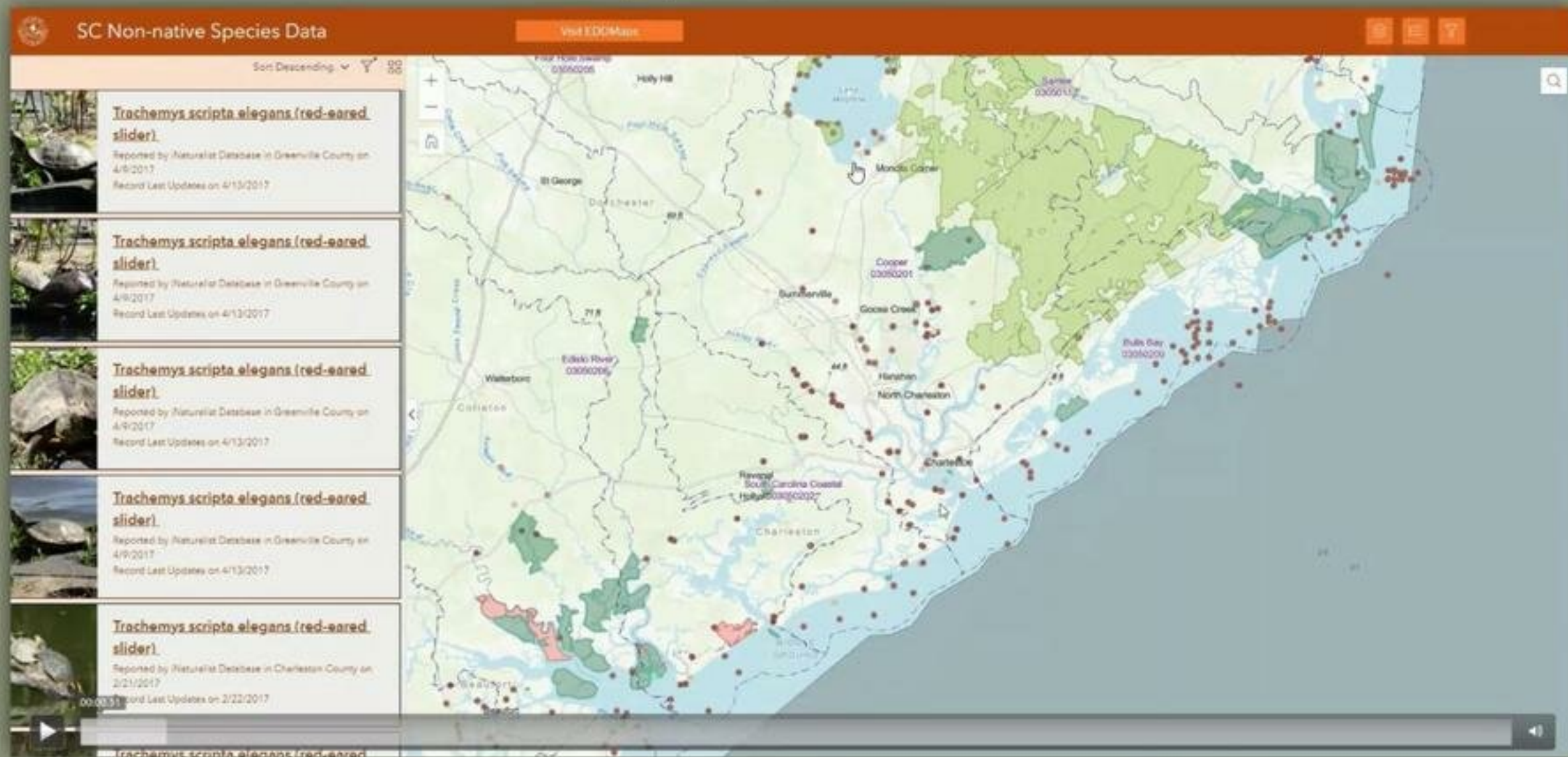
Integration with ArcGIS Hub for rapid deployment



<https://non-native-species-scdnr.hub.arcgis.com/>



SCDNR Reviewer application



- ❖ SCDNR Staff who are not verifiers can view records in a web application using the EDDMapS REST service and visit the original record page. Other invasives datasets are also included (USFS invasive plants, USGS NAS, etc..)



What's Next:

- ❖ SCDNR featuring new site on landing page (dnr.sc.gov) as of this morning!
- ❖ Multiple unique social media posts will feature the site over the course of several months
- ❖ SCDNR verifiers have already begun working through existing records for release
- ❖ Tool should allow for better communication and rapid response to invasive threats across divisions as new observations are submitted



The screenshot shows the homepage of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources website. At the top, there is a header with the text "Life's Better Outdoors" and "South Carolina Department of Natural Resources". Below this is a navigation bar with links for Buy, Boating, Education, Fishing, Hunting, Land, Maps, Regulations, Water, and Wildlife. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a yellow banner with a fire icon and the text "No fires restriction - Jocassee Gorges", followed by a paragraph explaining the restriction. Below this is a green section titled "Learn About + Report Non-Native Species" with an image of a fish. To the right of this section is a white box titled "Non-Native Species" with text about SCDNR's partnership with EDDMapS. Below the green section is a white box titled "Welcome to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources" with a paragraph about the agency's mission. At the bottom, there are three white boxes with images and titles: "Buy a license", "Rules & Regulations", and "Office & Property Locations".

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Buy Boating Education Fishing Hunting Land Maps Regulations Water Wildlife

No fires restriction - Jocassee Gorges
Effective Oct. 10, 2022, [Jocassee Gorges](#) is under a no fires restriction until further notice due to a lack of rain and extremely dry conditions.


 **Learn About + Report Non-Native Species**


Non-Native Species
SCDNR has partnered with EDDMapS for the public to be able to report their sightings of potentially invasive species in the state to protect South Carolina's natural resources.
[More about non-native species](#)

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Welcome to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Whether you need to purchase a hunting or fishing license, want to get a refresher on the rules and regulations, or simply want to know where you should go, our agency provides resources to help anyone prepare for their next outdoor adventure.

 **Buy a license**
Purchase your licenses, tags and permits through Go Outdoors SC, South Carolina's online licensing and boat titling system.

 **Rules & Regulations**
Learn what's new in the 2022-23 rules and regulations.

 **Office & Property Locations**
Find SCDNR's office locations around the state as well as holidays and property closures.



Thanks!

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