## 161 Invasive Alien Species present in Saint Lucia and their current status Ulrike Krauss, December 2011

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Source
Terrestrial: 120, one of	which is shared with	Freshwater	•
Vertebrates: 29			
Orange winged parrot	Amazona amazonica	Recent escape from captivity? Potentially competing with endemic parrot	This report
Black-and-white worm lizard	Amphisbaena fuliginosa	Single specimen found; believed to be introduced to Grenada and St Lucia from South America or Trinidad	[25]
Barbados anole	Anolis extremus	Expanding range; Possibly displacing the native <i>Anolis luciae</i>	This report
Cuban brown anole	Anolis sagrei	First sighted in 2002; established in La Toc and Dennery; reported invasive on several Caribbean islands	[23]
Alien anole lizard	Anolis wattsi	Displacing the native Anolis luciae	[9]
Cane toad	Bufo marinus	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity; "100 World's Worst IAS"	[9], [13], [17]
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	Cosmopolitan of Old World origin; implicated in spread of tick-borne diseases; Safety hazard at Hewanorra Airport due to bird strike risk	This report
Feral dogs	Canis lupus familiaris	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity	[4], [26]
Feral goats	Capra aegagrus hircus	Invasive on Dennery island; impacts on vegetation and animal habitat; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[9], [13]
Rock pigeon	Columba livia	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity; air-strike hazard at SLU airport	[17], this report
Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonariensis	Believed brood parasite on endemic oriole. Classified as native by some and alien by others, depending on definition: bird is spreading through islands without direct anthropogenic assistance	[28], [21], [36]
Opossum	Didelphis marsupialis marsupialis	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity. Classified as native by some and alien by others, depending on definition: believed to have been introduced by Amerindians	[4]
Agouti	Dasyprocta leporina	Reported to raid crops; but apparently	[5]

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	fulvus	uncommon. Classified as native by some and alien by others, depending on definition: believed to have been introduced by Amerindians	
Whistling frog	Eleutherodactylus martinicensis	May have displaced native Eleutherodactylus johnstonei on other islands; no information in impact in St Lucia	[9]
Feral cats	Felis catus	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[4], [13]
Saint Vincent dwarf gecko	Sphaerodactylus vincenti	Reported from Saint Lucia but presence not confirmed in 2009; probably extirpated. No negative impacts reported here but occupies same niche as the native <i>S. microlepis</i>	[7]
Indian mongoose	Herpestes javanicus	Widespread; severely impacting biodiversity, one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[4], [13], [14], [17]
Alien iguana	Iguana iguana	Localized, expanding in Soufriere area; threat to endemic iguana if two populations meet	[17], [24]
Mouse	Mus musculus	Widespread	[9]
Feral sheep	Ovis aries	Invasive on Dennery island; impacts on vegetation and animal habitat	[9]
Indian peafowl	Pavo cristatus	Held in captivity; noise nuisance has been reported	This report
African grey parrot	Psittacus erithacus	Sighting suspected at Gros Piton, March 2011	R. Graveson, pers. comm.
Brown rat	Rattus norvegicus	Widespread; severely impacting	[4], [13]
Black rat	Rattus rattus	biodiversity; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	
Red-snouted tree frog	Scinax ruber	Invasive?	[9], [17]
Eurasian collared- dove	Streptopelia decaocto	Escaped from captivity	This report
Feral pigs	Sus scrofa	Widespread and invasive in forest; threatening some rare bird and the endemic herpetofauna; control efforts would require simultaneous stop to resupply through continued escapes; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[4], [13], [26]
Bare-eyed thrush	Turdus nudigenis	Of South American origin; now found as	[2]

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		far north as Guadeloupe impacting endemic birds	
Monkeys	Unknown species	Localized in Desrameaux, Monchy and environs. There are also credible reports of a free-living pair in the Soufrière area, though their current status is unknown	[17]
Invertebrates:33, one	of which is shared wi	th Freshwater	
Coconut mite	Aceria guerreronis	Present	[17]
Giant African snail	Achatina fulica	Invasive; impacting native molluscs and vegetation through forage	[17]
Tiger mosquito	Aedes aegypti	Widespread with on-going severe impact. adults are aerial/terrestrial and vector Dengue fever, larvae are aquatic; control attempts by cultural and chemical means	[14], [31]
Citrus Blackfly	Aleurocanthus woglumi	Agricultural pest	[3], [16]
Tropical Bont Tick	Amblyomma variegatum	Livestock pest of African origin	[14]
West Indian Fruit fly	Anestrepha obliqua	Agricultural pest	[14]
Gliricidia moth	Azeta repugnalis	Present since 2001	[22]
Sweet potato whitefly	Bemisia tabaci	Belongs to GISD "100 World's Worst IAS"; IAS of environmental importance or agricultural pests only? Wide host range and virus vector.	[13], [16]
Sweet potato weevil	Cylas formicarius	Agricultural pest of Asian origin	[14]
White cedar thrips	Holopothrips iniquilnus	Present since 2007	[17], [22]
[terrestrial snail]	Huttonella bicolour	Introduced, of peninsular Malaysian origin; impact on Saint Lucia poorly documented	[32], [33]
Florida leatherleaf	Leidyula floridana	Introduced slug; impact on Saint Lucia poorly documented	[32], [33]
Vegetable leaf miner	Liriomyza sativae		[3]
Pink Hibiscus mealybug	Macronellicoccus hirsutus	Invasive, successfully controlled by classical biocontrol	[17]
Root-knot nematode	Meloidogyne incognita	Cosmopolitan agricultural pest; native range unclear	[3]
Green stink bug	Nezara viridula	**	[3]
African dung beetle	Ontophagus gazellae	Invasive; threatening endemic dung beetle species	[8]
Papaya mealybug	Paracoccus marginatus	Invasive	[17]

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Crazy ant	Paratrechina Iongicornis	Commensal of Old World origin	[13]
Citrus leaf miner	Phyllocnistis citrella stainton	IAS of environmental importance or citrus pests only?	[16], [22]
Burrowing nematode	Radopholus similis	Cosmopolitan agricultural pest; native range unclear	[3]
Red palm mite	Raoiella indica	Invasive	[17]
Tick savaan	Rhipicephalus microplus (formerly Boophilus microplus)	Livestock pest; vector of tick fever complex	[14]
Chilli thrips	Scirtothrips dorsalis	Agricultural pest, present since 2004	[22]
Mango seed weevil	Sternochetus mangiferae	IAS of environmental importance or mango pests only?	[16]
[terrestrial snail]	Streptostele musaecola	Introduced molluscivore; impact on Saint Lucia poorly documented	[32], [33]
Oleander moth	Syntomeida epilais	Present since 1982	[22]
Tramp ant	Tapinoma melanocephalum	Commensal of Old World origin	[13]
Melon thrips	Thrips palmi	Agricultural pest	[22]
Brown Citrus Aphid	Toxoptera citricida	Environmental importance or citrus pests only? Vector of CTV	[14], [16]
Varroa mite	Varroa destructor	Present; invasive	[17]
Pancake slug	Veronicella sloanei	Native to Jamaica; introduced in Eastern Caribbean; pest status	[32], [33]
Unidentified sandfly	Leptoconops bequaerti?	Recent expansion into in-land areas and intensification of nuisance throughout day. Several sandfly species can vector leishmaniasis	This report
Plants: 50			
Red sandalwood tree; Dalmawi	Adenanthera pavonina	Exotic, but not naturalized; Invasive; Present	[1], [13] [15],
Woman's tongue	Albizia lebbeck	Present; reported invasive in Caribbean	[13]
Popgun tree	Ardisia elliptica	Common ornamental (of Asian origin - tropical Japan) in Castries area. Reported as invasive in many countries. Favours river floodplains in sun or shade	[15]
Giant cane	Arundo donax	Probably extirpated in Saint Lucia; belongs to GISD "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15]
Neem	Azadirachta indica	Escaped from cultivation, Asian origin;	[15], [19]

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		Risk in disturbed and burnt habitats	
Desert date	Balanites aegyptica	Present; reported invasive in Caribbean; of African origin	[13];
		Not listed as present	[15]
Common bamboo	Bambusa vulgaris	Very common and invasive	[8]
Pitted beardgrass	Bothriochloa pertusa	Native to the Indian subcontinent, southeastern Asia; can cover large areas of xeric areas at low elevation: coastal grasslands and savanna	[15]
Basket plant	Callisia fragrans	Recent arrival? Escapes from cultivation, thrives in deciduous seasonal forest; serious potential threat on Pitons	[15]
Ylang-ylang	Cananga odorata	Common on Piton Springs –Pacience road; potential threat in lower montane rainforest and riparian systems	[15]
Casuarine	Casuarina equisetifolia	Reported invasive on many Caribbean islands, but still localized where planted in Saint Lucia	[9], [13], [15]
Jack in the bush; Fléwi Nwèl	Chromolaena odorata	Present; listed as invasive in Caribbean; Listed as indigenous	[13]v [15]
Ivy gourd	Coccinia grandis	Invasive of African and Asian origin; Covering indigenous vegetation in mesic areas of Babonneau; risk in disturbed and burnt habitats	[15], [19]
Glue; Sip	Cordia obliqua	Invasive of Indian origin; Tree of secondary coastal woodlands, savannas and seasonal swamps. Very common in Vieux Fort Beach area; risk in disturbed and burnt habitats	[15], [19]
Spiked spiralflag ginger	Costus spicatus	Present; potential threat in lower montane rainforest	[15]
Rubber vine; Lèt makak, Zong makak	Cryptostegia madagascariensis	Invasive from Madagascar; Common in Laborie, Micoud and Vieux Fort; Risk in disturbed and burnt habitats; Potential threat to xeric savanna	[15], [19]
Lemongrass; Sitonnèl	Cymbopogon citrates	Naturalized of Old World origin; quite rare, but presenting a fire & IAS hazard in critical areas, e.g. Pigeon Island;	[15]
Flambouyant	Delonix regia	Naturalized in St Lucia; invasive in **	[15] [3]
Golden pothos	Epipremnum pinnatum	Vine of S.E. Asia; cultivated ornamental; naturalized and replacing native <i>Monstera adansonii</i> in some river valleys	[15]

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Mother of cocoa	Gliricidia sepium	**	[15] [3]
Lavender; Lavann	Hedychium coronarium	Invasive of Asian origin; Common; Preference for very wet semi-open spots, especially roadsides and forest rivers; possibly replacing indigenous and very rare orchid Habenaria monorrhiza	[15]
Heliconia	Heliconia wagneriana	Planted along forest edge from where it could invade disturbed, burnt habitats and lower montane rainforest	[15], [19]
Busy-lizzie	Impatiens balsamina	Present; potential threat in lower montane rainforest	[15]
Busy-lizzie	Impatiens walleriana	Present; potential threat in lower montane rainforest	[15]
Stalkleaf murainagrass	Ischaemum timorense	Naturalized of Asian origin, common in open and semi-open wet areas at lower and middle elevations; Appears to be invasive in Choiseul ravines	[15]
Jatropha Medsinnyè beni	Jatropha curcas	Imported for biofuel nursery in Plateau. Several batches were distributed prior to abandonment of project. Plant of tropical American origin has proven invasive elsewhere	This report
Leucaena	Leucaena leucocephala	Exotic, but not naturalized in Saint Lucia; Invasive; Planted for charcoal production to protect mangrove	[9], [12] [11]
Swordfern	Macrothelypteris torresiana	Naturalized from Africa, Asia and/or Pacific; Probably becoming more common; Terrestrial fern of dark shady roadsides and ravines	[15]
Mazapan	Malvaviscus penduliflorus	Present; potential threat in lower montane rainforest	[15]
Paper bark tree	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Exotic, but not invasive; Not listed as present: Invasive	[9], [15], [13]
Catclaw mimosa	Mimosa pigra	Naturalized; of African origin; Spreading fast; Assumed to be recent arrival; Risk in disturbed and burnt habitats; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15], [19]
Bitter gourd	Momordica charantia		[3]
Asian sword fern	Nephrolepis brownii	Invasive of African and Asia origin; Replacing indigenous <i>Nephrolepis</i>	[15], [19]

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		rivularis; Risk in disturbed and burnt habitats	
Monk orchid	Oeceoclades maculata	Orchid of Old World origin; Present on Gros Piton, rare in Saint Lucia;	[15]
		Invasive in Puerto Rico and other Caribbean Islands	[6]
Patchouli	Pogostemon cablin	Present; potential threat in lower montane rainforest	[15]
MacArthur palm	Ptychosperma macarthurii	Present in disturbed forest: Union, Morne Fortune; potential threat to semi-evergreen seasonal forest	[15]
Royal palm; Palmis	Roystonea oleracea	Present where planted; potential threat to semi-evergreen seasonal forest and riparian systems	[15]
Roseleaf bramble; Fonbwèz	Rubus rosifolius	Mildly invasive in man-made clearings in Saint Lucia; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[15]
Mother-in-law's tongue; Lanng bèlmè	Sansevieria hyacinthoides	Present; potential threat to dry woodland on Pitons	[15]
Mother-in-law's tongue;	Sansevieria trifasciata	Present; potential threat to dry woodland on Pitons	[15]
Beach cabbage	Scaevola taccada	Detected in 2012 at Cas en Basm, where it is spreading, and Jalousie	[15]
Saltmeadow cordgrass	Spartina patens	Present; potential threat to sandy beach edge	[15]
Scaveola	Scaevola spp.	Planted at Anse Galet, Cap Estate, and spreading. Invasive in many coastal areas around the tropics.	[15]
African tulip tree	Spathodea campanulata	Spreading along Union River and elsewhere; potential threat to semi-evergreen seasonal forest; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15]
Phillippine Orchid	Spathoglottis plicata	Invasive of Asian origin; Very common and moving into forest	[15]
Arrowhead vine	Syngonium podophyllum	Vine still uncommon, present in Millet and Roseau; risk in disturbed and burnt habitats	[15], [19]
Yellow trumpetbush	Tecoma stans	Moule a Chique and Petit Piton; cultivated ornamental that is invasive in several countries; West Indian origin, but unlikely Saint Lucian	[15], this report

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Maiden fern	Thelypteris extensa	Naturalized from SE. Asia and Indonesia; Quite rare but becoming commoner; Terrestrial on moist, shady roadsides	[15]
Moses-in-the-cradle	Tradescantia spathacea	Escaped ornamental, naturalized? Present in dry rocky hills in the north, a real danger for the Pitons	[15]
Wandering jew	Tradescantia zebrina	Invasive of African origin; Escaped ornamental; Very common around Gros Piton trail; very rare elsewhere	[15]
Microbes and Viruse	s: 8		
Anaplasmosis	Anaplasma sp.	Anaplasmosis in ruminants	This report (pers. comm Veterinary Division)
Blue tongue	Bluetongue virus (BTV)	Indirect evidence of virus presence, but not the disease	This report (pers. comm Veterinary Division)
Fungal blight	Cercosporidium sequoiae	Pathogen affecting tree plantations of Cupressus lusitanica since 2005	[22]
Citrus Tristeza	Citrus Tristeza Clausterovirus	Citrus pest	[14], [16]
Dengue fever virus	DENV	Virus fluctuates seasonally; vectored by Aedes aegypti	[14]
Witches' broom of cocoa	Moniliophthora (=Crinipellis) perniciosa	Early phase of establishment	[18]
Black Sigatoka	Mycosphaerella fijiensis	Early phase of establishment	[7]
Pepper Mild Mottle Virus	PMMV	&&	[3]
Marine: 7, one of whi	ch is shared with Fresl	hwater	
Green macroalgae	Chlorophyta spp.	Present; invasiveness not assessed	[17]
Sea turtle virus	Fibropapillomatosis (FP)	Present	[17]
Mediterranean seasgrass	Halophila stipulacea	Invasive in Dominica, Probably recent introduction to Saint Lucia: present in Anse La Raye, Marigot and Labrelotte Bays; threat to native seagrasses	[37]
Mozambique tilapia	Oreochromis mossambicus	Invasive in fresh and brackish water; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13]

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Brown macroalgae	Phaeophyta spp.	Present; invasiveness not assessed	[17]
Red macroalgae	Rhodophyta spp.	Present; invasiveness not assessed	[17]
Sargassum seaweed	Sargassum fluitans & S. natans	Drifting through Caribbean with unusual sea currents in 2011; massive mats and deposits on beaches, but local proliferation limited	This report
Freshwater: 17, one o	f which is shared with	n Terrestrial, one with Marine	
Animals: 9, one of wh	ich is shared with Ter	restrial, one with Marine	
Tiger mosquito	Aedes aegypti	Widespread with on-going severe impact. adults are aerial/terrestrial and vector Dengue fever, larvae are aquatic; control attempts by cultural and chemical means	[14], [31]
Marsh snail	Biomphalaria glabrata	Present; host/vector of Schistosoma mansoni; eradication failed, impact control by focussed molluscicide treatment following survey	[29], [34]
Giant river prawn	Macrobrachium rosenbergii	Probably naturalized; introduced for aquaculture form Taiwan; invasiveness unclear	[10]
Malaysian trumpet snail	Melanoides tuberculata	Apparently introduced to control  Biomphalaria glabrata; also impacting non-target species	[27]
Obscure swamp eel	Ophisternon aenigmaticum	Naturalized; native to North America; invasiveness unclear	[10]
Mozambique tilapia	Oreochromis mossambicus	Invasive in fresh and brackish water; introduced for aquaculture in 1970s	[10], [12]
Nile tilapia	Oreochromis niloticus	Probably naturalized with ecological impact; introduced for aquaculture in 1970s	[10]
Schistosoma parasite	Schistosoma mansoni	Present; eradication failed, impact control by focussed molluscicide treatment following survey	[29], [34]
Red-eared slider	Trachemys scripta elegans	Escaped/released from captivity; likely to impact aquatic ecosystems,e.g. through predation.	This report
Plants: 8			
Calathea	Calathea lutea	Large stands at Bexon River; potential threat to riparian habitat	[15]
Spiral ginger	Costus scaber	Present, potential threat to riparian habitats	[15]
Umbrella sedge	Cyperus difformis	Invasive of Asian origin; Detected in Cul de Sac swamp in March 2010	[15]

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Water hyacinth	Eichhornia crassipes	Naturalized; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"; popular ornamental clogs drainage canals	[13], [15]
Woodrose	Merremia tuberose	Expanding into Union River; huge vines; potential threat to riparian systems	[15]
Golden Flamboyant	Peltophorum pterocarpum	Few specimen in swampy spots and mangroves; potential threat to swamp forest	[15]
Water lettuce	Pistia stratiotes	Ornamental in ponds, e.g. Dame Pearlette Louisy Primary School, in flood- prone Union valley	This report
Java plum	Syzygium cumini	Common on Piaye River; potential threat to riparian systems	[15]

## Twenty Species native to Saint Lucia that could turn invasive and threaten biodiversity in other countries

Common name	Scientific name	Threatens	Source
Terrestrial: 19			
Antillean Crested Hummingbird; Fou-	Orthorhyncus cristatus	Flagged as threat to native birds in Barbados	[20]
fou		Also rated as common throughout West Indies	[30]
Knotgrass	Paspalum distichum	**	[3]
Carib Grackle; Merle	Quiscalus lugubris	Flagged as threat to native birds in Barbados;	[20]
		Also rated as common in Lesser Antilles, from Anguilla to Grenada; possible introduced to Lesser Antilles north of	[30]
		Montserrat;	This
		Common in Trinidad	report
	Q. lugubris inflexirostris	Subspecies endemic to Saint Lucia	[35]
Black-faced Grassquit	Tiaris bicolour	Flagged as threat to native birds in Barbados	[20]
		Also rated as common throughout West Indies	[30]
Black-whiskered Vireo	Vireo altiloquus	Flagged as threat to native birds in Barbados	[20]
		Also rated as common throughout much of the West Indies	[30]

Fire ant	Solenopsis geminata	Tropical plantations; threat to butterflies; already widespread globally	[13]
Little fire ant	Wasmannia auropunctata	Reduces arthropod diversity; painful stings. On the Galapagos, it impacts tortoises. Already widely spread, but great threat in the Pacific region. One of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13]
Pumpwood; bwa kannon	Cecropia schreberiana	Fast-growing pioneer species; useful to reforest landslides and other disturbed areas; also used for building rafts and musical instruments. One of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[15]
West Indian cedar; Acajou	Cedrela odorata	Threatened due to overexploitation in native range. Planted exotic on several Pacific islands. Risk of invasiveness in disturbed areas	[13]
Bitter bush; Fléwi Nwèl	Chromolaena odorata	Indigenous and very common; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15]
Soap bush; Kaka mèl	Clidemia hirta	Very common; covers clearings to extent that prevent forest regrowth; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15]
Blacksage; Jiwòf flè, Bwa wa tou, Pis a bed	Lantana camara and L. strigocamara	Indigenous and very common; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"; already of pantropical distribution	[13], [15]
Leucaena	Leucaena leucocephala	Indigenous and introduced germplasm, common; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"; already of pantropical distribution	[13], [15]
Cat's claw vine	Macfadyena unguis-cati	Tropical forests outside its origin (Central and South America, West Indies)	[13]
American rope; Kacho	Mikania micrantha	Indigenous and introduced germplasm, common; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"; already widespread globally	[13], [15]
Guava; Gwiyav	Psidium guajava	Some pastures and field in tropics; already widespread globally	[13]
Singapore daisy; Venvenn kawayib	Sphagneticola trilobata	Indigenous and common; one of "100 World's Worst IAS"	[13], [15]
Shrubby false buttonwood; Ti makònèt	Spermacoce verticillata	Threat to Pacific ecosystems	[13]
White cedar; Pòwyé	Tabebuia heterophylla	Threat to Pacific ecosystems, dry coastal woodlands and secondary forest	[13]
Freshwater: 1			
Guppy	Poecilia reticulate	Popular, fast-breeding aquarium fish. Invasive in wide range of aquatic habitats;	[13]

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	threatening cyprinids and killifishes; can	
	carry exotic parasites; already widespread	
	globally	

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