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Invasive Species Compendium – an open access Internet resource

Wednesday 4 June 2014: 09.00-10.30 AST

registration

To register for a place, please send your Name, Address, Country, Email, Telephone number to **compend@cabi.org**, using 'ISC webinar' in the email Subject line.

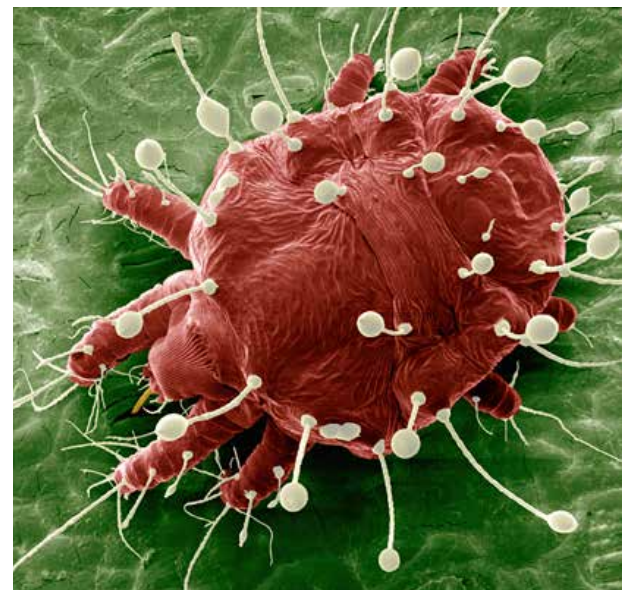### what is the Invasive Species Compendium?

Invasive Species are a major problem globally, causing significant harm to the environment, the economy, and to plant, animal and human health. As far back as 2001 it was estimated that IAS invasions cost the global economy more than US$1.4 trillion per annum, approximately 5% of global GDP at the time. This figure currently exceeds the annual figure for damage caused by climate change – it has been estimated that a 2°C increase in temperature will cost the global economy anything between 0.2 and 2% of global GDP.

The Invasive Species Compendium (ISC, **www.cabi.org/isc**) is a comprehensive open-access, online, knowledgebase, developed by a global partnership led by CABI. Launched in 2012, it contains detailed factsheets on over 1500 invasive species:

In addition, there are 7000 basic factsheets, including country sheets listing species' occurrence, and a bibliographic database of over 75,000 records.

who benefits from the ISC?

Scientists working on invasive species can save valuable time and money in gathering information on species, their global distribution, biology, management, etc. Policy makers can use it in preparation of regulations dealing with invasive species and to prioritize species for management. It is a valuable tool for training of port inspectors and those engaged in border bio-security surveillance and control to help them identify invasive species in global agricultural trade coming into their countries. It could be invaluable to agencies that determine early detection rapid response actions in developing species risk assessments. Farmers and businesses can use the knowledge in the ISC to minimize the presence of invasive species when exporting their agricultural products to other countries. The ISC can greatly contribute to a country's overall invasive species strategy.

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who manages the ISC?

The ISC is strategically directed by a Global Development Consortium of public, private, technical and development assistance organizations who provide both resourcing and content. CABI manages the budget, hosts and develops the Compendium software, commissions content and runs related fund-raising and dissemination actions.

Caribbean Webinar Training Session

This webinar is part of a regional training programme, funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Environment or Climate Action, Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Including Energy (ENRTP) as part of the project being implemented by CABI, "Updating, maintaining and enhancing the Invasive Species Compendium (ISC)".

The goal of the webinar will be to introduce IAS specialists in the Caribbean countries to the use of the structured datasets on IAS in the Compendium, thereby increasing accessibility and improving IAS mitigation/management by:

- Providing scientists, regulatory officers, environmentalists, conservationists, commodity importers/exporters and others involved in the management of invasives with the ability to quickly and efficiently find the authoritative information that they need.
- Training potential users of the ISC who will promote the tool in their sector of IAS management
- Providing feedback on the expected impacts of the use of the ISC and appropriate ways of measuring the impacts and further knowledge of how the ISC could better serve the needs of the Caribbean.

the workshop will be participatory with

- A 45-minute demonstration of the Compendium
- A 45-minute questions and answer session

after the training

- Participants will have a good understanding of the coverage and kind of information held within the Compendium
- Participants will be proficient in finding information within the Compendium

requirements

Participants must be computer literate and will require a personal laptop or desktop computer with Internet access.

For the webinar session we will be using the GoToMeeting software. Please see below for the basic computer system requirements required for using the GoToMeeting software:

Windows operating system: Windows 2003 Server / Windows XP / Windows Vista / Windows 7 / Windows 8

Mac Operating system: Mac OS® X 10.6 (Snow Leopard®) / Mac OS® X 10.7 (Lion®) / Mac OS® X 10.8 (Mountain Lion®)

Browser: Google Chrome™ 5.0 or newer / Mozilla® Firefox® 4.0 or newer / Internet Explorer® 7.0 or newer / Safari® 3.0 or newer

Internet: DSL or better with minimum bandwidth of 700Kbps

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