



SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE



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Invasive Species Priorities Update
Task Force Meeting
April 25, 2024

Protecting America's Everglades from Invasive Species

WRDA 2020

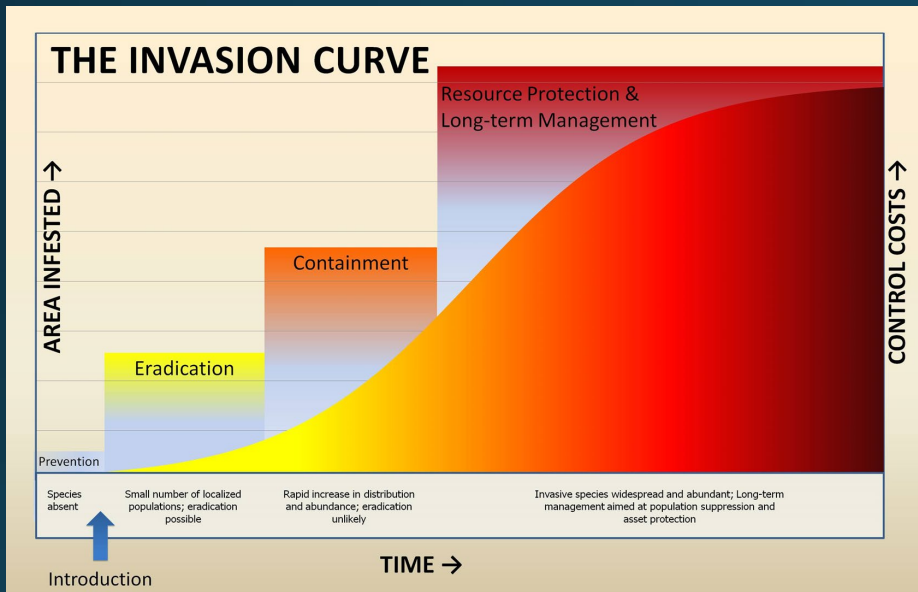
- Formalized the Task Force's existing activities

- Protects America's investments

- Requires development of priority lists

- **Directs** the Task Force to use its coordination abilities

- Recommends inclusion of trained volunteers as appropriate



The Vision

Protect the South Florida Ecosystem
from Invasive Species Impacts

WRDA 2020: Progress

Progress

- ✓ Initial Prevention Priority Species List
- ✓ Prevention Recommendations
 - Tool Development Underway- University of Florida (UF) and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
 - Target of Tool Development
 - Impacts to native flora and fauna
 - Impacts to indicator species

Next Steps

Develop priority lists for landed species:

- Invaders appropriate for Early Detection/Rapid Response (EDRR)
- Established species in Containment or Long-term Management
- UF/USGS expert workshop and prioritization process

Next Steps, Continued

- Conduct inventory of:
 - Existing detection programs
 - Available tools
 - Existing funding
- Development of a work plan to provide schedule of activities and milestones
- Recommendations from Task Force

Discussion