



Invasive Species

Research Chapter

What is the Invasive Species Research Chapter (ISRC)?

The ESA has recently announced the formation of a series of Research Chapters, with the aim of facilitating a greater level of interaction among its members who share common research interests.

Australia is home to some of the world's most unique biodiversity, much of which is under increasing threat from invasive species. Australian ecologists are at the forefront of invasive species research and management.

In response to this the ESA has initiated the Invasive Species Research Chapter (ISRC). The ISRC is a collection of ESA members with a shared interest in the ecology and management of invasive species.

Why would I join the ISRC?

Participation in the ISRC will provide ESA members with the opportunity to:

- Engage with people who share similar intellectual passions for understanding invasive species and their impacts on Australian landscapes
- For new ESA members and students to engage with established researchers in their field
- Develop vibrant collaborations
- Be part of a group of engaged experts within ESA who can contribute to policy debates on invasive species management
- Participate in regular thematic events as part of the ESA

What are the planned activities for the ISRC?

Ideas for 2012 ISRC activities will be discussed at the inaugural meeting held at ESA2011, Hobart. Potential activities include development of:

- Symposia for ESA2012, Melbourne
- Short courses on invader management practices
- Discussion papers on the state of invasive species research in Australia
- Reviews on 'hot-topics' in invasive species research
- Coordination of regional events

How do I join a Research Chapter

If you are interested in joining the ISRC, or any of the other RCs of the ESA, please contact Ben Gooden, NSW Regional Councillor and nominated ISRC Convenor for 2011/12.

The ESA will launch the ISRC with an inaugural social event for members at ESA2011 in Hobart. Anyone interested in drinks 'n' nibbles and lively discussions are encouraged to contact Ben before the meeting so that attendance can be catered for.

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