

Invasive/Exotic Species and Biodiversity Impacts

Poster activity and presentation

Group members:

Introduction of exotic or invasive species is one of the main causes of loss of biodiversity. Working in a group of three.

Research one exotic or non-native species in Washington State.

- Where the invasive species is currently found?
- Where it came from?
- Whether it was introduced accidentally or deliberately.
- What harm it does to the environment or economy?
- What native species have been displaced?
- What can be done to prevent further spreading of the invasive species?

Each group will share its findings next week by creating an informational poster presentation.

The poster will include the following information:

- Picture
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Here are several great sites to get started with your research.

<http://www.invasivespecies.wa.gov/priorities.shtml>

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/ais/species.html>

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/biodiversity/threats/Invasives.aspx>