

Project name:	Nordic Collaboration on Invasive Alien Species: Networks, Resources, and Early Warning Systems
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1. Summary of the project:

This project aims to strengthen Nordic cooperation in managing Invasive Alien Species (IAS) by fostering increased knowledge-sharing, creating policy recommendations, and encouraging community engagement. Key deliverables include the establishment of Nordic networks, workshops, and events to enhance collaboration, the creation of a centralised toolbox for eradication and inventory management, and the development of policy recommendations to guide future action at both national and Nordic levels. A citizen science initiative must also be launched to engage local communities in IAS mapping and eradication efforts.

At the core of these efforts, a shared Nordic IAS Platform must be developed to serve as a central hub for Nordic IAS-related knowledge, best practices, and resources. This platform should also be able to integrate with GIS / data / maps or similar, be able to host a Nordic early warning system and support cooperation among policymakers, authorities, and the public. The project aligns with Target 6 of the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, reinforcing joint efforts to prevent and mitigate IAS threats across the Nordic region.

A final seminar must present key findings and outline next steps, accompanied by a report summarising results.

2. Commission

Objectives

- Strengthen Nordic cooperation on IAS through centralised information-sharing.
- Establish a Nordic early warning system for IAS, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities.
- Provide a robust hosting solution for Nordic IAS data and resources, ensuring accessibility and long-term usability.
- Strengthen public awareness through information campaigns targeting municipalities and citizens.
- Develop policy recommendations for national and Nordic-level IAS management.

Target group

- Nordic environmental authorities responsible for IAS management.
- National and local governments across all eight Nordic countries.
- Policymakers shaping IAS-related legislation and regulations.
- Nordic citizens, with a focus on engagement through citizen science programs.

Tasks

- Organise workshops and events for stakeholders from all of the 8 Nordic countries, as well as integrating insights from the Nordic IAS Network.
- Create a centralised toolbox for eradication and inventories for IAS in the Nordics
- Create a list of Nordic doorknocker species.
- Conduct an IAS pathway analysis, identifying key introduction and spread pathways.
- Launch an information campaign, developing targeted materials for municipalities and citizens.
- Establish citizen science programmes, supporting IAS mapping and potential eradication efforts.
- Create policy recommendations for future actions on a national and Nordic level.
- Host a final seminar, disseminating project findings and outlining next steps.

Output (deliverables)

- **Networks, Workshops, and Events**
 - i. Implementation of Kunming-Montreal IAS Target 6 from a Nordic perspective.
 - ii. Knowledge-sharing and synergy-building activities across all 8 Nordic countries.
 - The Nordic Small Society's group (*Småsamfundsgruppen*) should also be actively included in these efforts.
- **New Nordic IAS Platform**
 - i. A functional, user-friendly platform hosting IAS-related information, tools, and best practices.
 - ii. Potential integration or compatibility with a Nordic early warning system.
 - iii. The platform should be able to integrate with GIS / data / maps or similar
 - iv. Translation capabilities into English and other Scandinavian languages.
- **Centralized Toolbox for IAS Eradication and Inventory Management**

- i. Interactive toolbox providing best practices, inventories and eradication strategies. It should be possible to update the toolbox and knowledgebase regularly and it should be adaptable for different formats such as interactive content, video as well as PDF documents.
 - ii. Hosted on the Nordic IAS Platform for accessibility and updates.
- **List of Nordic Doorknocker Species**
 - i. A compiled list of species posing an IAS risk to the Nordic region based on geographical locations and/or migration patterns.
- **IAS Pathway Analysis**
 - i. Pathway analysis of key introduction and spread pathways.
 - Islands as priority sites should be included
- **Information Campaign**
 - i. Development of awareness materials targeting municipalities and citizens.
 - ii. Development of awareness materials focusing on preventing spread to priority sites such as islands and islets
 - iii. Dissemination via workshops, social media, and other communication channels.
- **Policy Recommendations**
 - i. Policy recommendations for future national and Nordic-level IAS management actions.
- **Citizen Science Programs**
 - i. Initiatives for local communities to engage in IAS mapping and eradication.
- **Final Seminar and Report**
 - i. Presentation of project findings, highlighting key takeaways and next steps.
 - ii. Report summarising results and future recommendations. The report must be published through the Nordic Council of Ministers' publishing department. Publication costs must be covered by the project budget (estimated at DKK 50,000).

Communication of results

Effective communication is essential to the success and impact of this project. A dedicated communication strategy must be developed to ensure timely, clear, and accessible dissemination of progress, results, and key insights.

What should be delivered (in which form, format, and language)

- An operational Nordic IAS platform with a designated Nordic hosting nation to host and update the platform for at least 10 years.
- Knowledge base / toolbox / information materials available in digital format with some print-ready versions in PDFs.
- Language: The platform should be in English and at least one Scandinavian language. All materials should be in English and at least one Scandinavian language.

Budget

2026: 1.389.050 DKK

2027: 1.389.050 DKK

The total budget is 2.778.100 **DKK**. All proposals must be submitted in **Danish Krone (DKK)**. Offers in other currencies will **not** be accepted.

Tender submission

Proposals must be submitted in **Danish Krone (DKK)**. Offers in other currencies will **not** be accepted.

Proposals can be written in a Scandinavian language (Danish, Norwegian or Swedish) or in English.

All projects that are granted funding need to meet the Nordic Council of Ministers' conditions: <https://www.norden.org/en/information/how-apply-funding-nordic-council-ministers>

Projects funded with resources from the Nordic Council of ministers must, where relevant, comply with the three cross-sectoral perspectives:

- Sustainable development
- Gender equality
- Integration of child and youth perspectives

Successful integration of these perspectives is essential to achieving the vision of the Nordic Region as the world's most sustainable and integrated region by 2030.

Projects financed with Nordic funds must comply with the three cross-sectoral perspectives. More details can be found here: <https://pub.norden.org/politiknord2020-719/>

Additional specific requirements for this project:

- The project must cover all 8 Nordic countries
- The proposal should clearly describe:
 - The approach to ensuring Nordic relevance and coverage.
 - The planned methodology and work plan, including timeline and division of responsibilities.
 - Proposed team composition and relevant qualifications.
 - Budget in DKK, with clear specification of costs, including estimated publication costs.

Additionally, we require that project team have:

- Proven expertise in IAS management, biodiversity conservation, or related environmental fields.
- Experience in developing and maintaining digital platforms, particularly knowledge-sharing hubs.
- Capacity to deliver content in English and at least one Scandinavian language.
- Experience working with GIS data or research data

Project organisation

The project will be overseen by a Nordic Steering Group, consisting of representatives from the Nature Programme and the Nordic IAS Network. This group will provide strategic

guidance, ensure alignment with Nordic priorities, and facilitate collaboration across participating countries.

The selected supplier will be responsible for:

- Coordinating project activities and ensuring timely delivery of outputs.
- Engaging with the Nordic Steering Group for expert input and decision-making.
- Maintaining communication with stakeholders, including national authorities, policymakers, and local communities.
- Ensuring long-term sustainability of the Nordic IAS Platform, including a hosting plan for at least 10 years.

Language

English and at least one Scandinavian country

3. Eligibility Requirements

These are absolute requirements that must be met in order to proceed in the tendering process

The supplier must be a legally established institution, organisation or company (company certificate required) and have experience in carrying out projects.

The project is financed with funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers and should include all of the 8 Nordic countries (including Greenland, Åland and the Faroe Islands).

Further proposals

- The supplier should possess relevant experience in comparable projects.
- The supplier should have sufficient execution capacity to complete the project successfully.

4. Assessment criteria

The assessment will be based on a holistic evaluation in which the offers are assessed based on the following objective criteria:

1. Understanding of the assignment (20%)
2. Competence and experience (20%)
3. Communication of project and results (10%)
4. Offered price (50%)

5. Schedule

Application deadline: 05.10.2025

Deadline for questions: 22.08.2025

Choosing the supplier: 28.11.2025

Project start: 01.01.2026

Project completion: 31.12.2027

6. Background documents

We would recommend you have a look at the website set-up for the Nordic Nature-based Solutions guide and policy: [NBSguide.org](https://nbsguide.org) & [NBSpolicy.org](https://nbspolicy.org)