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## 1. Summary of the project:

This project aims to strengthen Nordic cooperation in managing terrestrial and fresh-water Invasive Alien Species (IAS) by fostering increased knowledge-sharing, creating or sharing policy recommendations, and encouraging community engagement. Key deliverables include the establishment of a Nordic network on IAS, workshop(s), 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 can 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 the network, containing best practices and resources in relation to IAS work. This platform should also be able to integrate with digital maps, 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, organisations and citizens.
- Develop policy recommendations for national and Nordic-level IAS management.


### Target groups
- 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.
- Organisations and businesses with focus on for example horticulture, gardening and forestry.

**Main outputs (deliverables)**
- **Networks, Workshops, and Events**
    i. Organise workshops and events for stakeholders from at least 3 Nordic countries, as well as integrating insights from the Nordic IAS Network.
    ii. Implementation of Kunming-Montreal IAS Target 6 from a Nordic perspective.
    iii. Knowledge-sharing and synergy-building activities across at least 3 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. The platform must be in English and can also be translated to a Scandinavian language.

- **Centralized Toolbox for IAS Eradication and Inventory Management**
    i. Create a centralised toolbox for eradication and inventories for IAS in the Nordics.
    ii. 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.
    iii. Hosted on the Nordic IAS Platform for accessibility and updates.

- **Policy Recommendations**
    i. Create policy recommendations for future national and Nordic-level IAS management actions.

- **Final Seminar and Report**
    i. Host a final seminar, disseminating project findings and outlining next steps.
    ii. Presentation of project findings, highlighting key takeaways and next steps.
    iii. 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).

**Optional tasks and deliverables**
- **IAS Pathway Analysis**
    i. Pathway analysis of key introduction and spread pathways.

- **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.

- **Citizen Science Programs**
    i. Establish citizen science programs, supporting IAS mapping and potential eradication efforts.
    ii. Initiatives for local communities to engage in IAS mapping and eradication.

- **Information Campaign**
    i. Launch an information campaign, developing targeted materials for municipalities, organisations and citizens.
    ii. Development of awareness materials targeting municipalities and citizens.
    iii. Development of awareness materials focusing on preventing spread to priority sites such as islands and islets.
    iv. Dissemination via workshops, social media, and other communication channels.

## 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 must be in English and can be translated to Scandinavian. All materials must be in English and can be translated to Scandinavian language.

## Budget

**2026:** 648.850 DKK
**2027:** 1.500.000 DKK

The total budget is 2.148.850 **DKK**. All proposals must be submitted in **Danish Krone (DKK)**. Offers in other currencies will **not** be accepted.

For projects spanning multiple years, funds for the second project year will be reserved for subsequent allocation once the available resources of the Nature Programme have been determined, and subject to the availability of funds.

Accordingly, for two-year projects, a contract will in practice be concluded for the amount applied for in 2026, followed by a supplementary contract for the amount applied for in 2027 as soon as the Nature Programme has been allocated the budgeted funds from the Nordic Council of Ministers for 2027 (early 2027).

## Tender submission

*Criteria for tender submissions*

- 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.
- 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 optionally a Scandinavian language

## 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 group must include entities from at least three different countries of which two are Nordic countries. The project is financed with funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers whose general conditions apply, see Conditions for funding from Nordic Council of Ministers.

**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:** 08.04.2026

**Deadline for questions:** 08.03.2026

**Choosing the supplier:** 29.05.2026

**Project start:** 01.07.2026

**Project completion:** 31.12.2027

## 6. How to submit

Proposals must be submitted to **nbm@us.fo** no later than **Wednesday, April 8th, 2026**.

Please attach:
• The proposal in PDF format
• The proposal in Word format
• CVs, if applicable, as an appendix in PDF format (maximum 1 page per person)

The application must use the form provided through keypsportal.fo and below and must not exceed 25 pages (excluding *"Guidelines for applications for project funding"* and *"Instructions for completing the form"*).

The proposal must contain only the application form itself and, if applicable, an appendix with CV(s).

The proposal may be written in a Scandinavian language or in English.

Download application form HERE

## 7. Background documents

NOBANIS. 2015. Invasive Alien Species: Pathway Analysis and Horizon Scanning for Countries in Northern Europe. NCM, TemaNord.

Bevanger, Kjetil. 2021. Invasive Alien Species in Scandinavia

CAFF and PAME. 2017. Arctic Invasive Alien Species: Strategy and Action Plan, Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna and Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

IUCN. 2018. Guidelines for invasive species planning and management on islands.