

Translational Invasion Ecology & Climate Change: Bridging research and practice to address the greatest drivers of global change

Toni Lyn Morelli

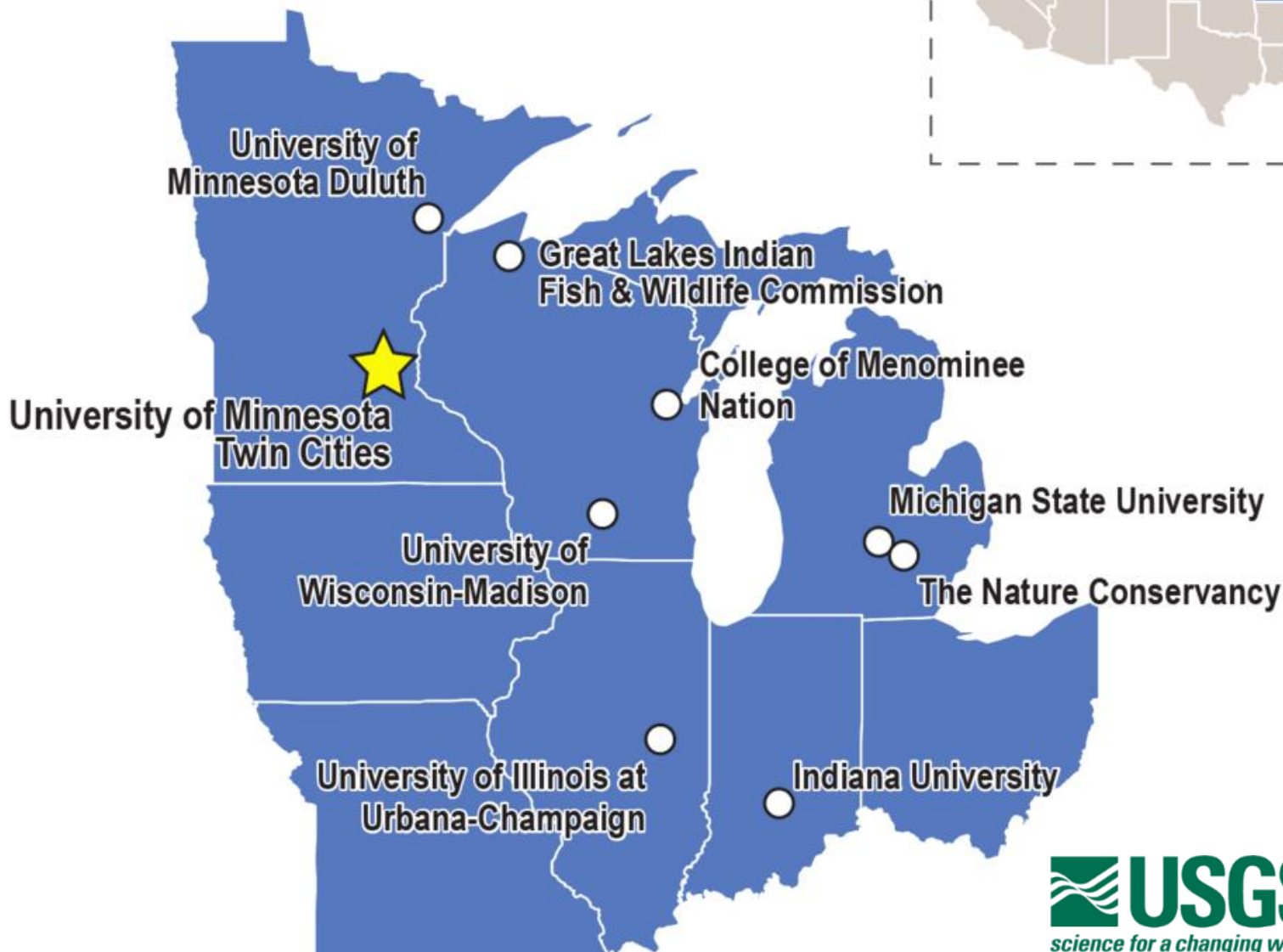
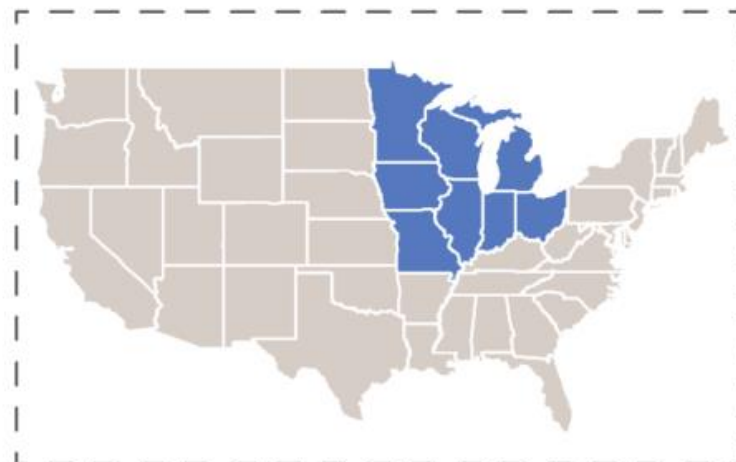
USGS - NE Climate Adaptation Science Center



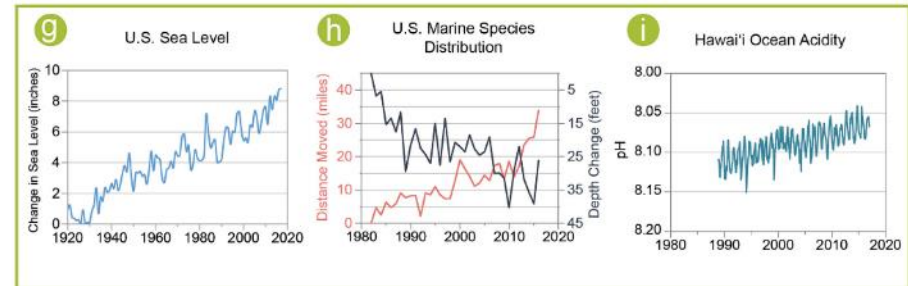
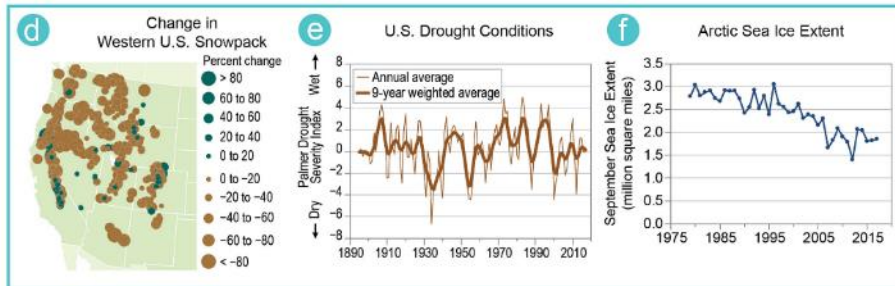
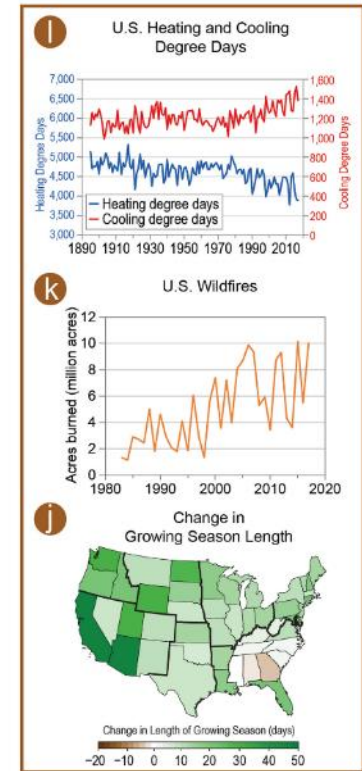
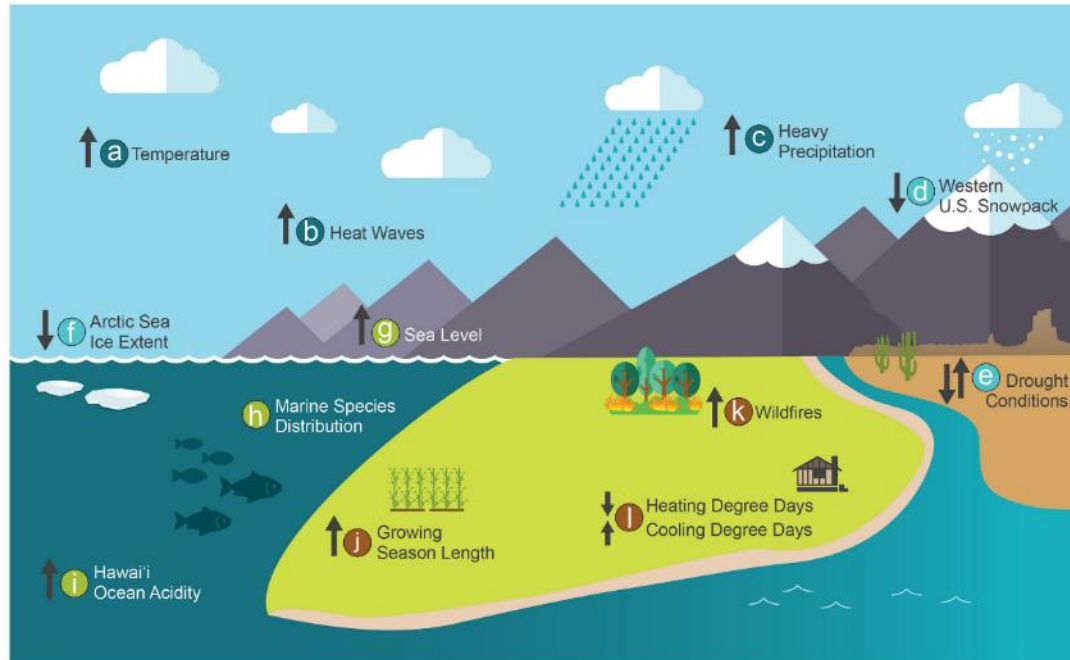
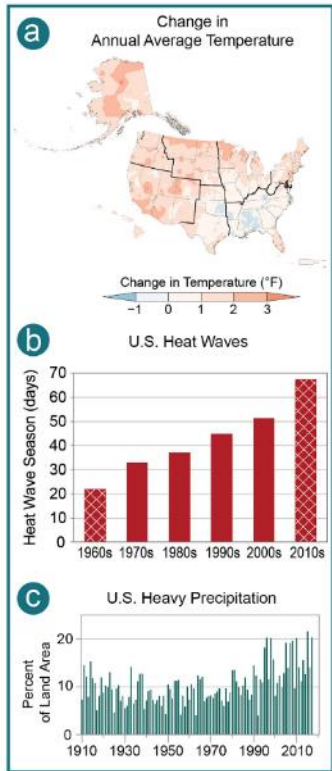
Outline

- Climate change is exacerbating IS impacts
- Translational Invasion Ecology (e.g., RISCC) can help
- How RISCC is relevant to MI Invasive Species Program and other partners

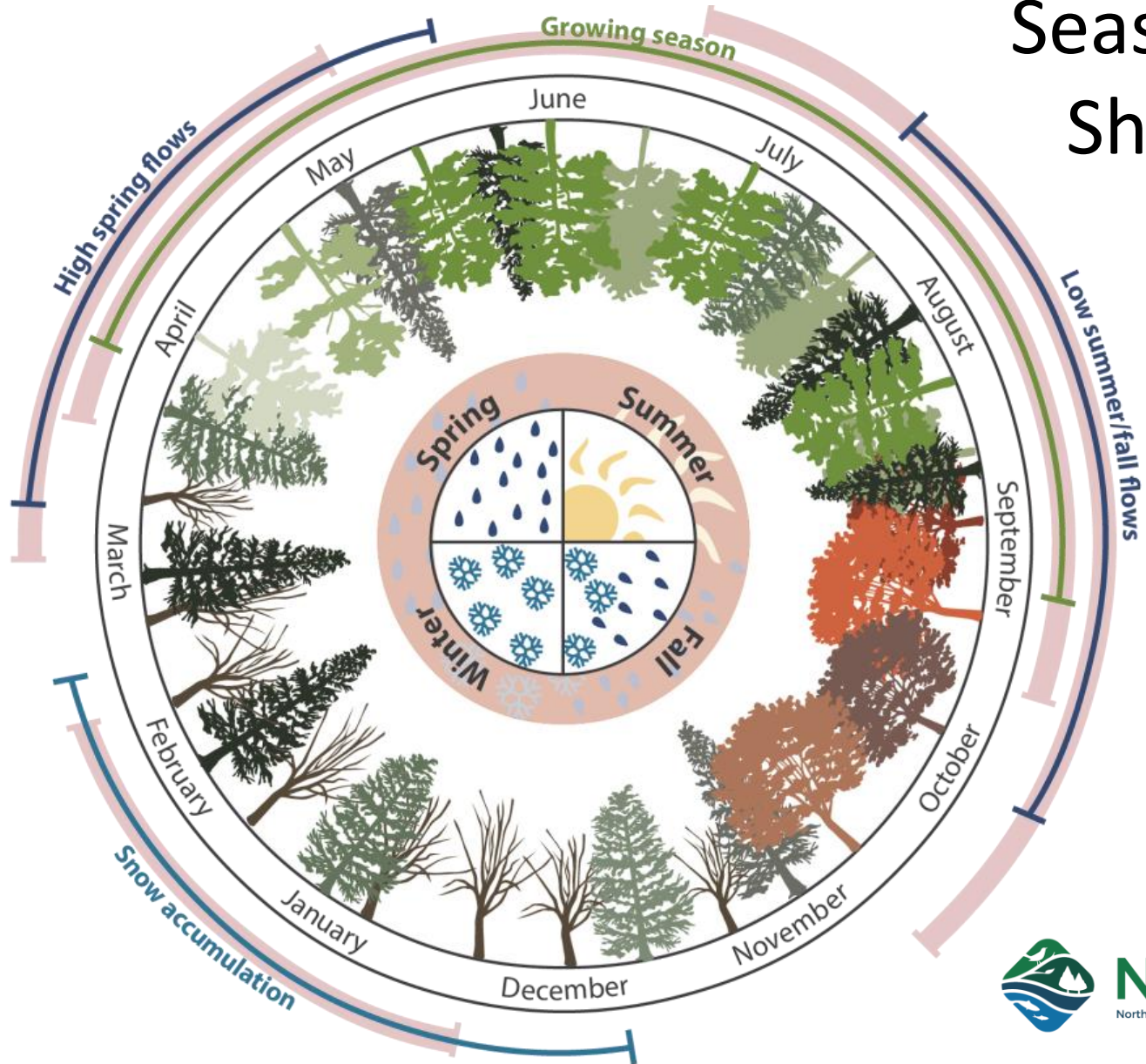
MIDWEST CLIMATE ADAPTATION SCIENCE CENTER & CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



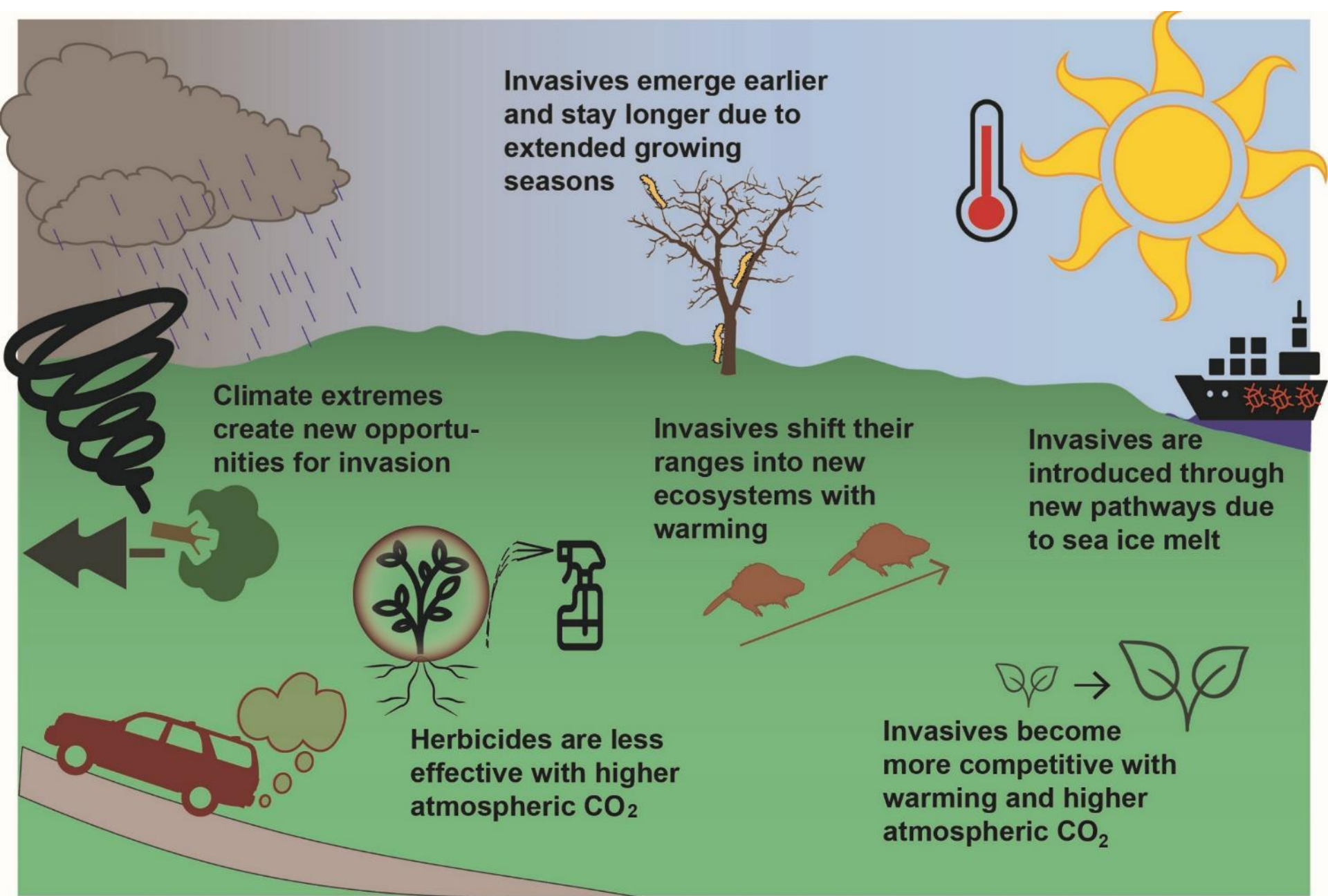
Indicators of Climate Change



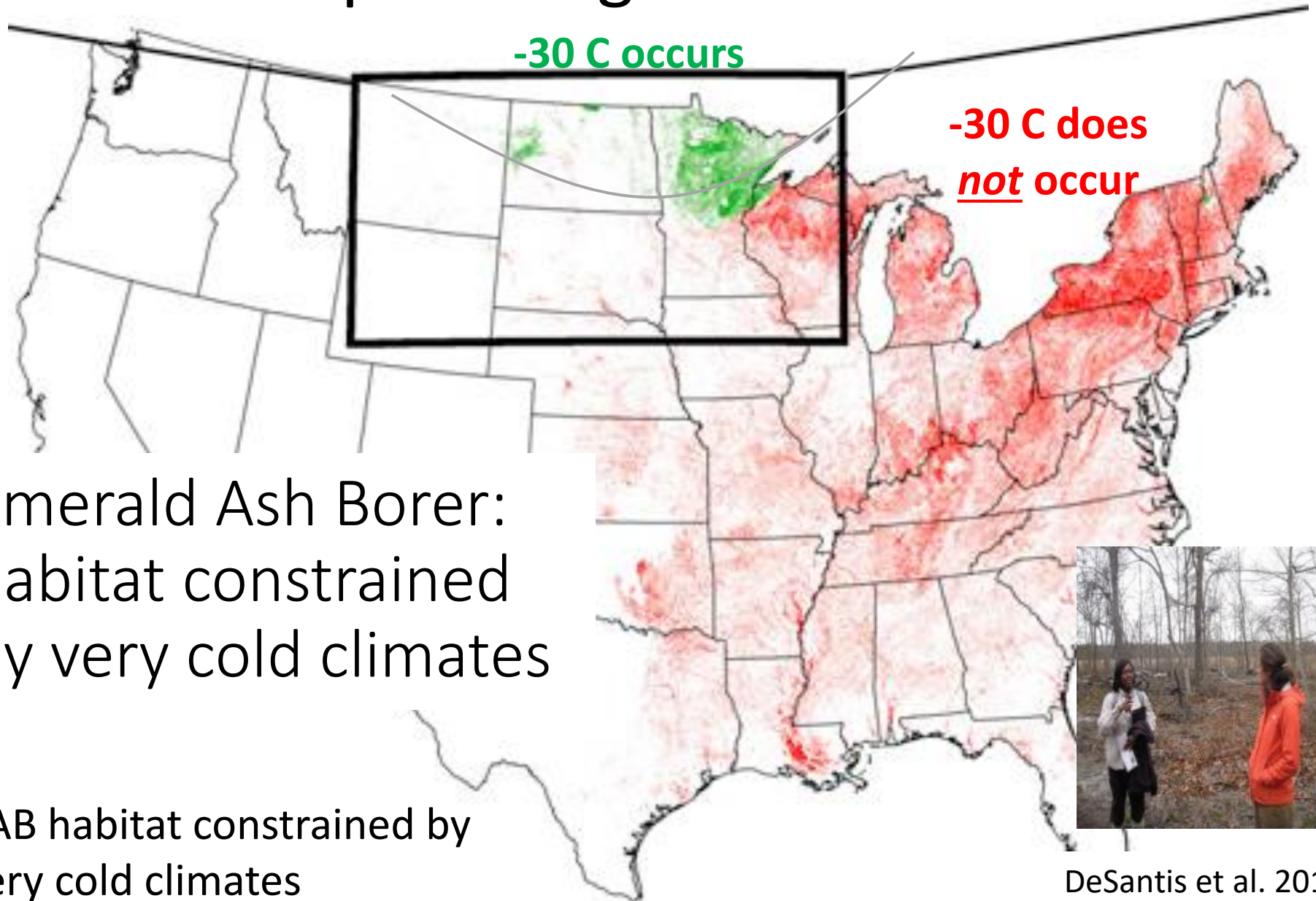
Seasonal Shifts



Shifted season projected from increasing temperatures and precipitation changes



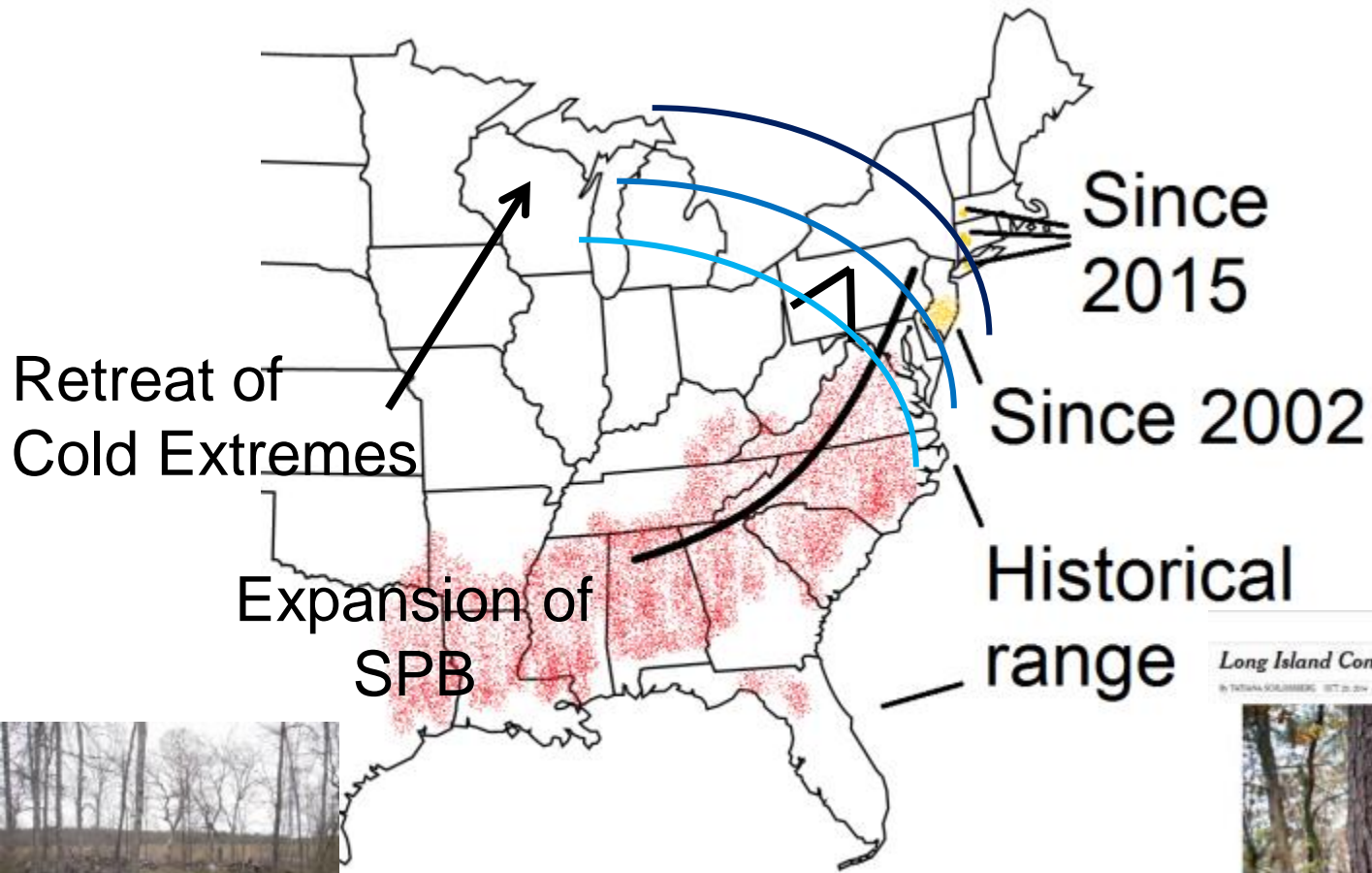
Warmer temperatures are increasing forest pest range and abundance



Emerald Ash Borer:
habitat constrained
by very cold climates

EAB habitat constrained by
very cold climates

Southern Pine Beetle expansion with warmer winters



Retreat of Cold Extremes

Expansion of SPB

Since 2015

Since 2002

Historical range



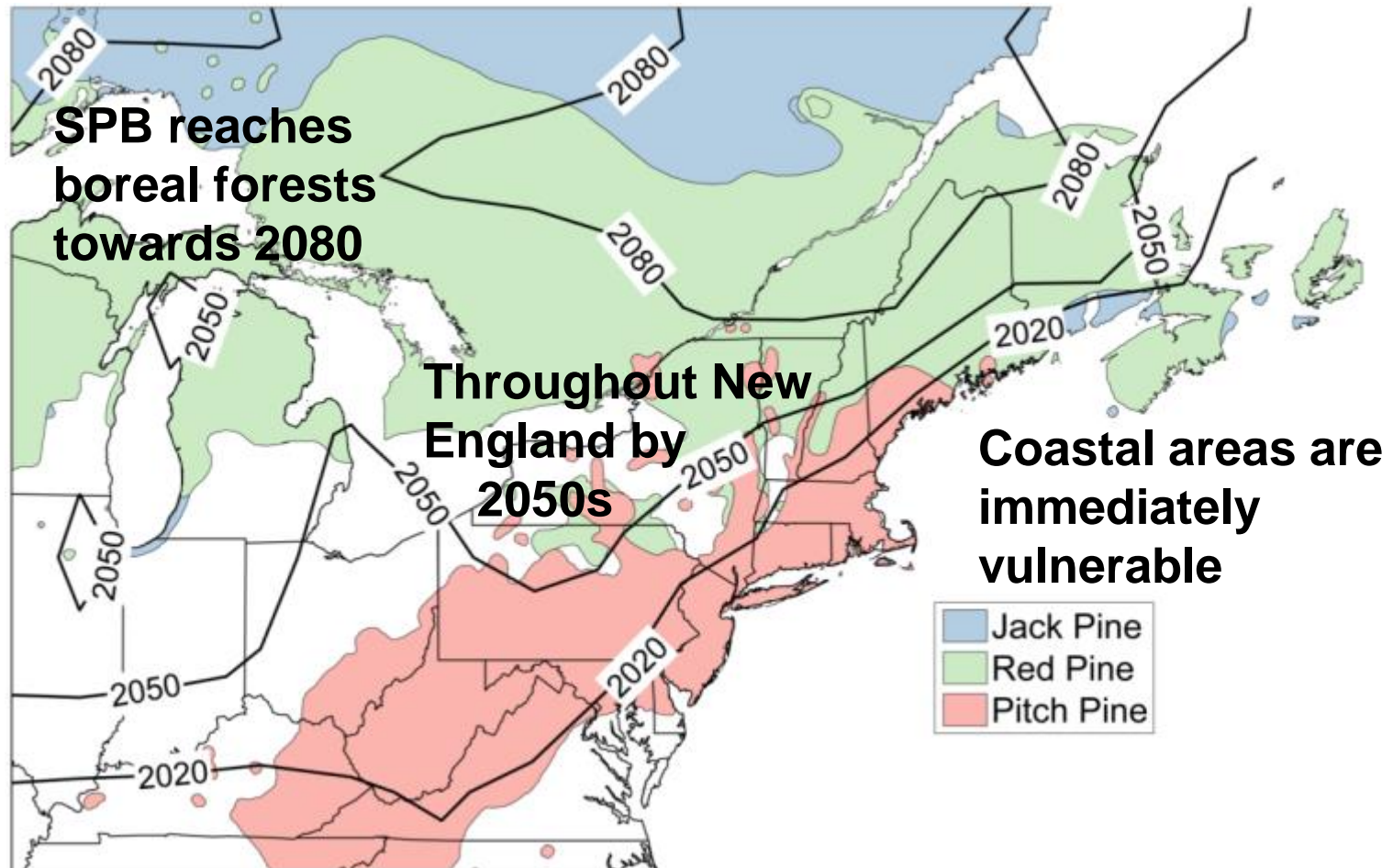
The New York Times
Long Island Confronts Destructive Southern Pine Beetles
By TOWANA KOLIBERIK OCT 21, 2014



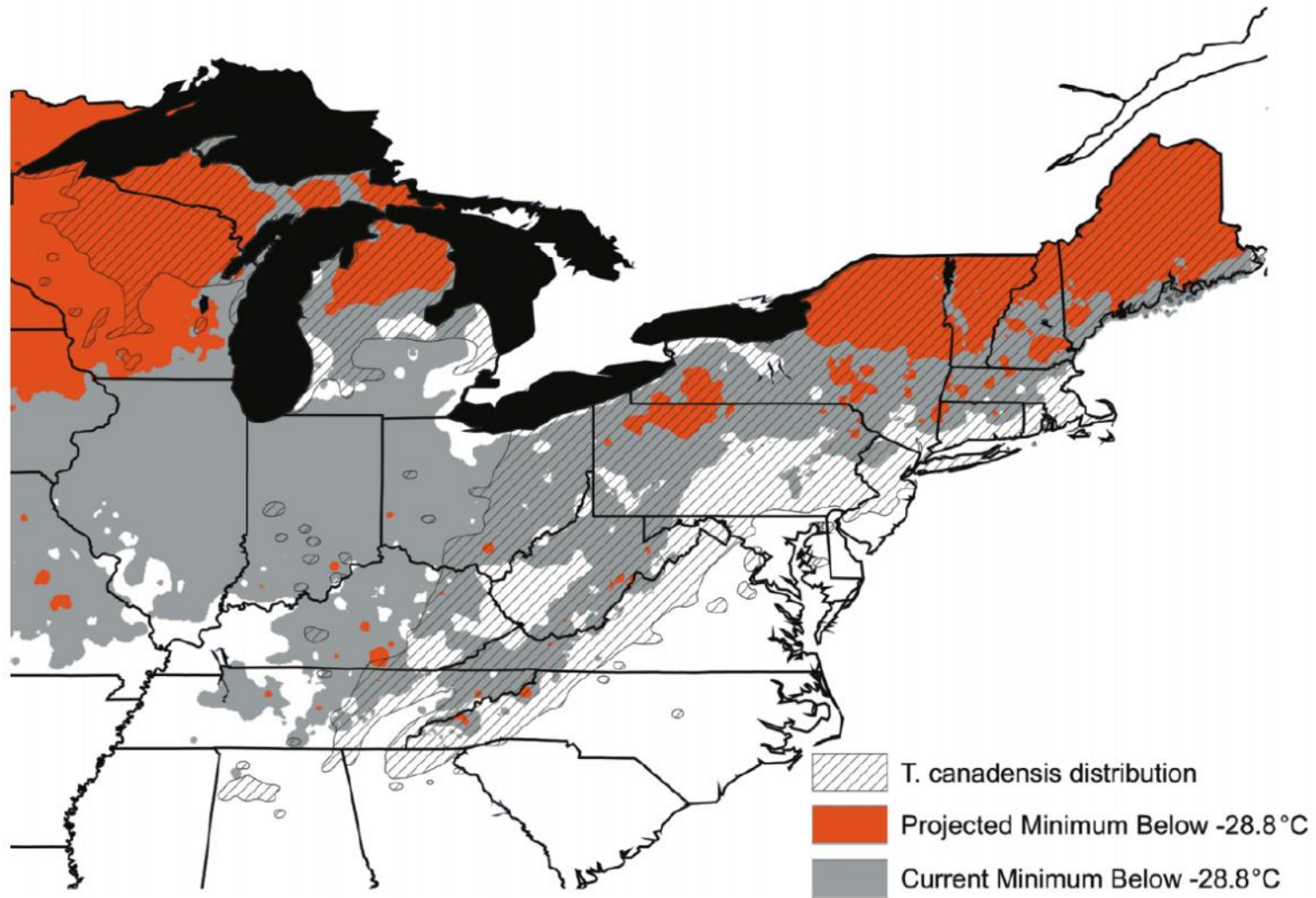
Ruben Dornhaus, a wildlife biologist, inspects a pitch pine in the Washburn National Wildlife Refuge in Boreas, N.Y., this week. (credit: © David for the New York Times)

Projected year of emergence of SPB-suitable climates

Multi-run mean (162 runs)



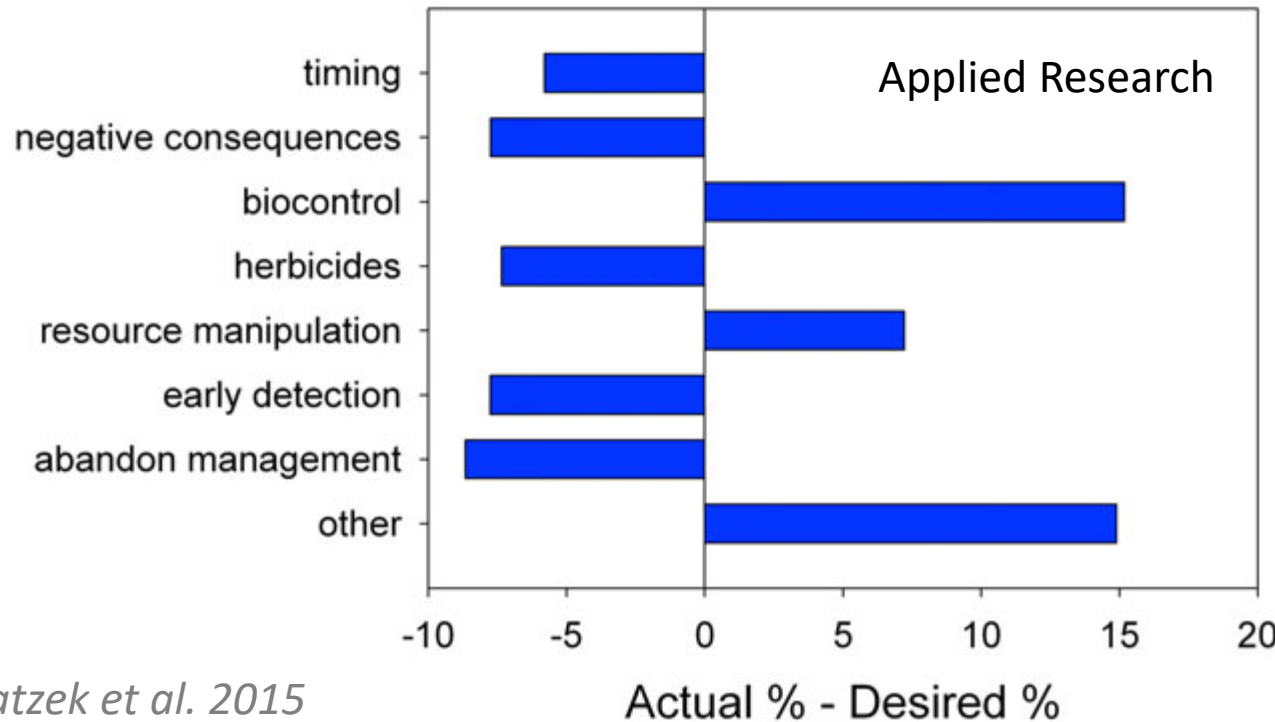
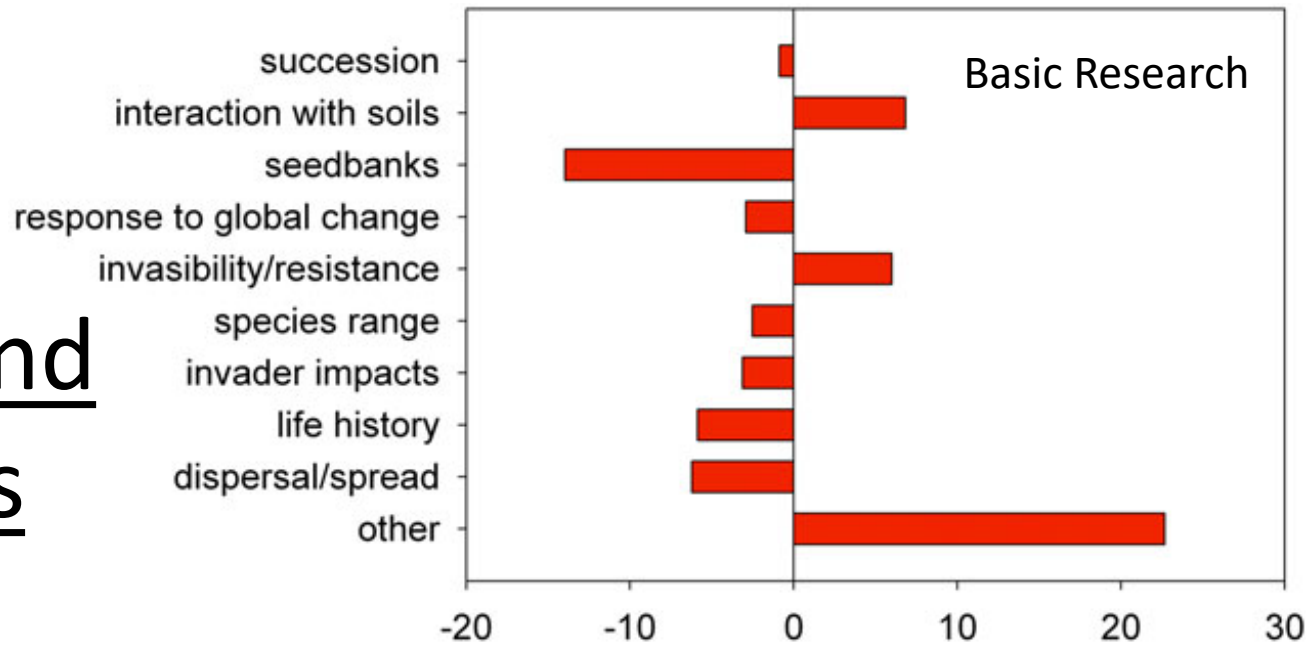
Horton (Columbia U) & D'Amato (UVM) & Kevin Dodds (USFS) & colleagues



Dukes et al. 2009

Sudden declines in temperature following periods of warmer temperatures can cause high adelgid mortality. *Elkinton et al 2017*

Mismatch between researchers and stakeholders

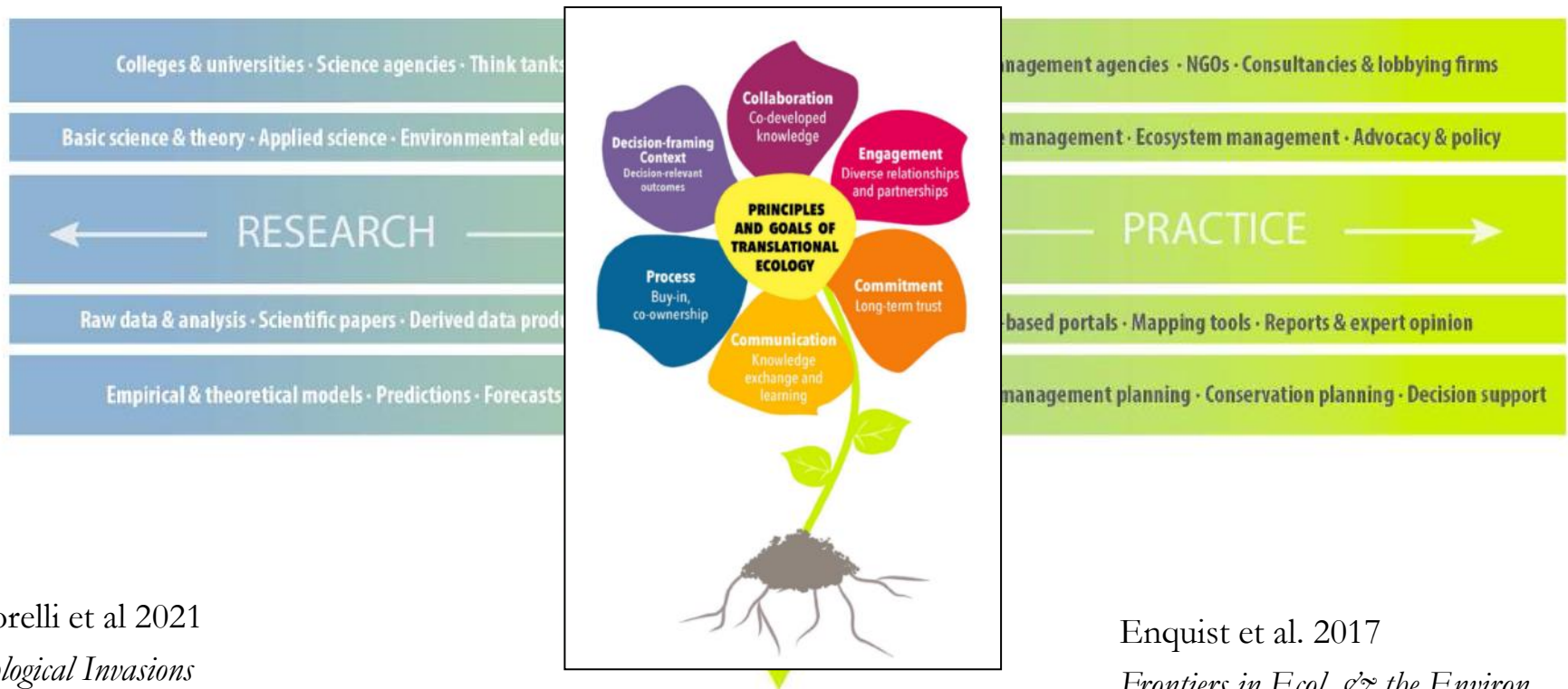


Translational Invasion Ecology



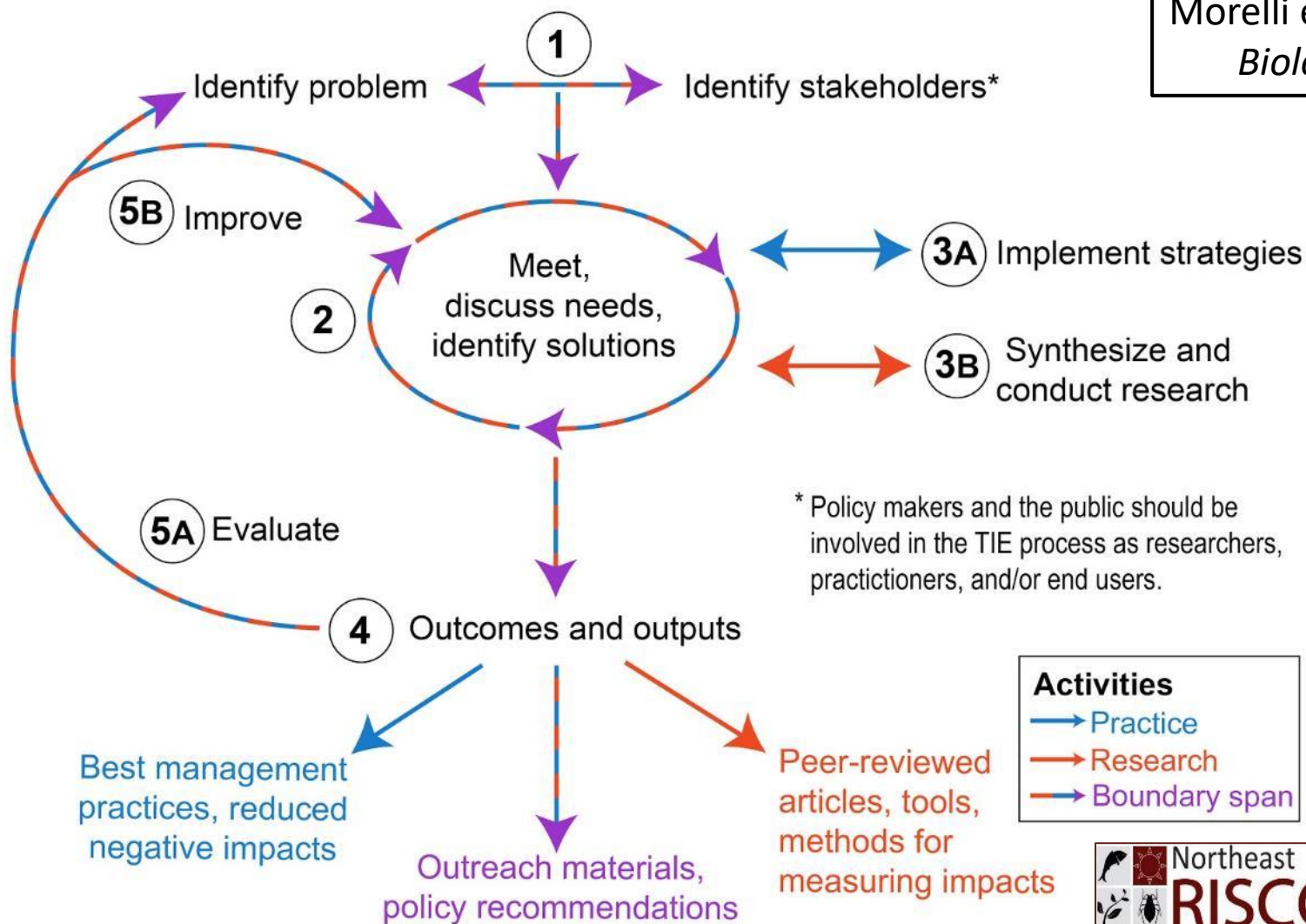
Translational Invasion Ecology

An approach that embodies an intentional and inclusive process in which researchers, stakeholders, and decision makers collaborate to develop and implement research via joint consideration of the sociological, ecological, economic, and political contexts of the problem of invasive species.



Translational Invasion Ecology: Bridging research and practice to address one of the greatest threats to biodiversity

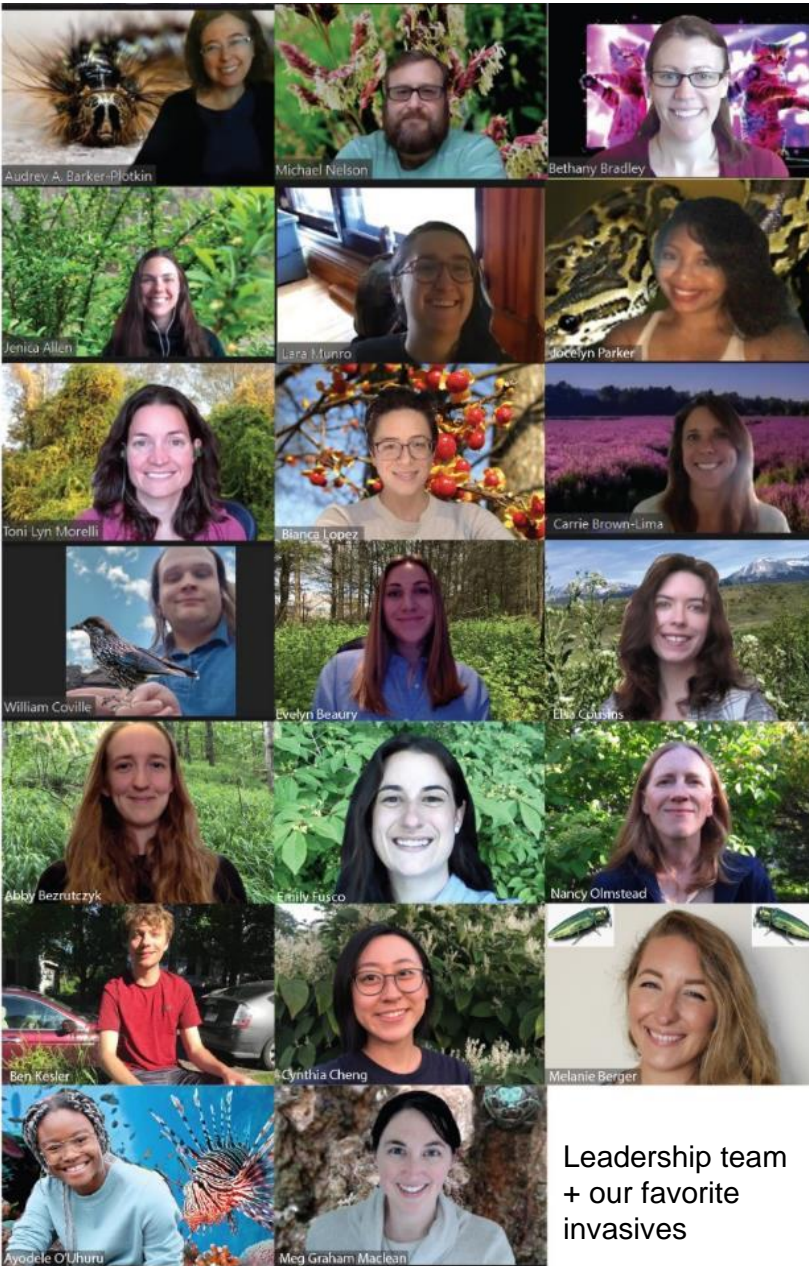
Morelli et al 2021
Biological Invasions



Founded in 2016

Mission Statement:

The Northeast Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change (RISCC) Management Network aims to reduce the compounding effects of invasive species and climate change by **synthesizing** relevant science, **communicating** the needs of managers to researchers, **building** stronger scientist-manager communities, and **conducting** priority research.



Leadership team
+ our favorite
invasives

900+

**LEADERSHIP TEAM
PERSON HOURS
SPENT ORGANIZING AND
DEVELOPING PRODUCTS**



**3 NEW MANAGEMENT
CHALLENGES PUBLISHED**

Marine Mischief

Are You Sleeping?

→ Do Not Sell!

Downloaded > 1,800 times!

case study of US Northeast states.

Bradley et al. 2022. Ecosphere.

doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.4014

▶ **Invasive species policy must embrace a changing climate.**

Bradley et al. 2022. BioScience.

doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biac097

▶ **Global environmental changes more frequently offset than intensify detrimental effects of biological invasions.** Lopez et al. 2022. PNAS. 119(22), p.e2117389119 doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2117389119

37



**RISCC
PRESENTATIONS
DELIVERED**

+ 2 Invasive Plant
Council Workshops

240

ZOOM ATTENDEES
(DOUBLED FROM LAST YEAR)



at the 2022 RISCC Symposium (virtual)
and 150+ registered so far for 2023

22

NEW RESEARCH


Understanding manager needs
Surveys

Biol Invasions

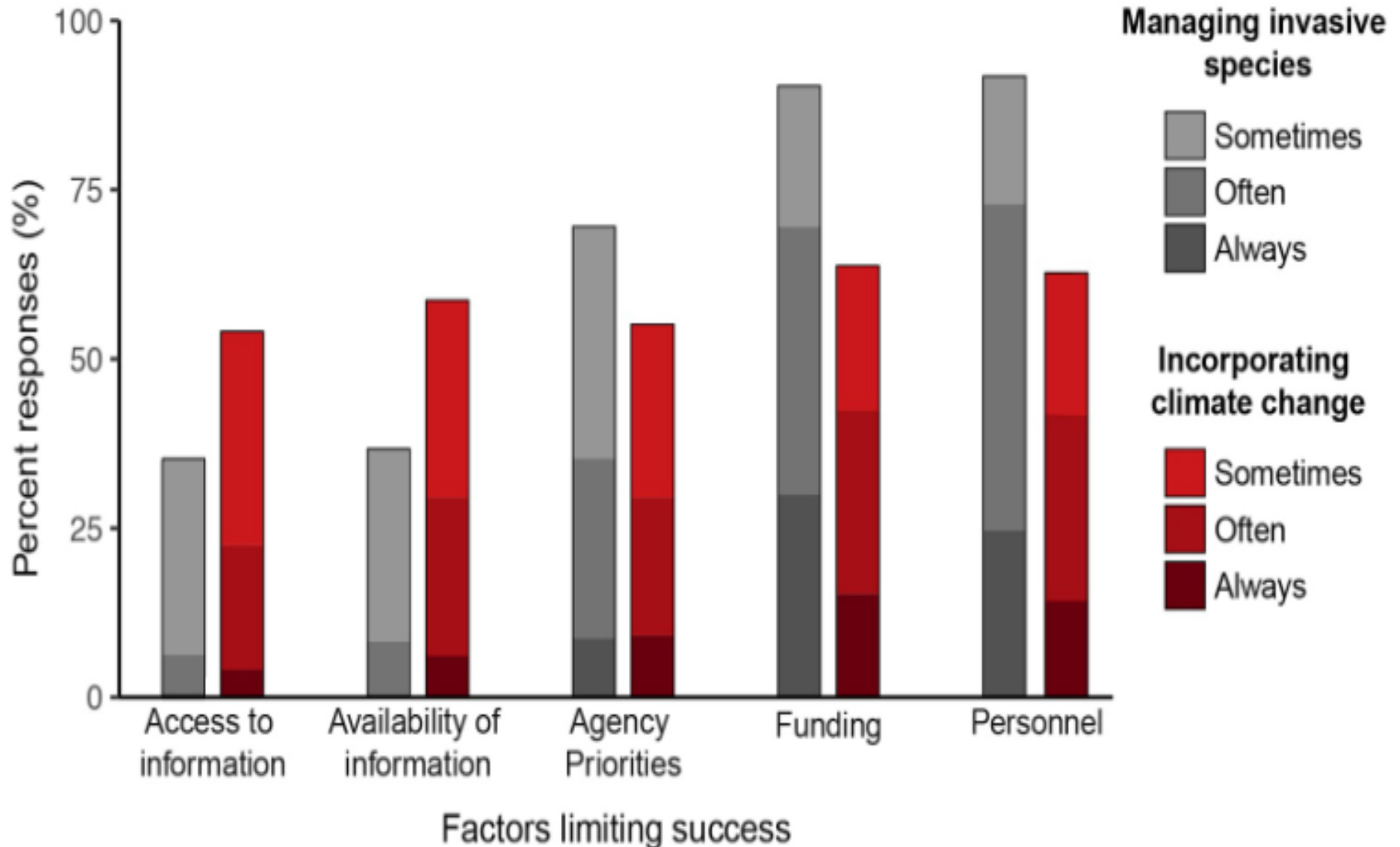
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-019-02087-6>

ORIGINAL PAPER

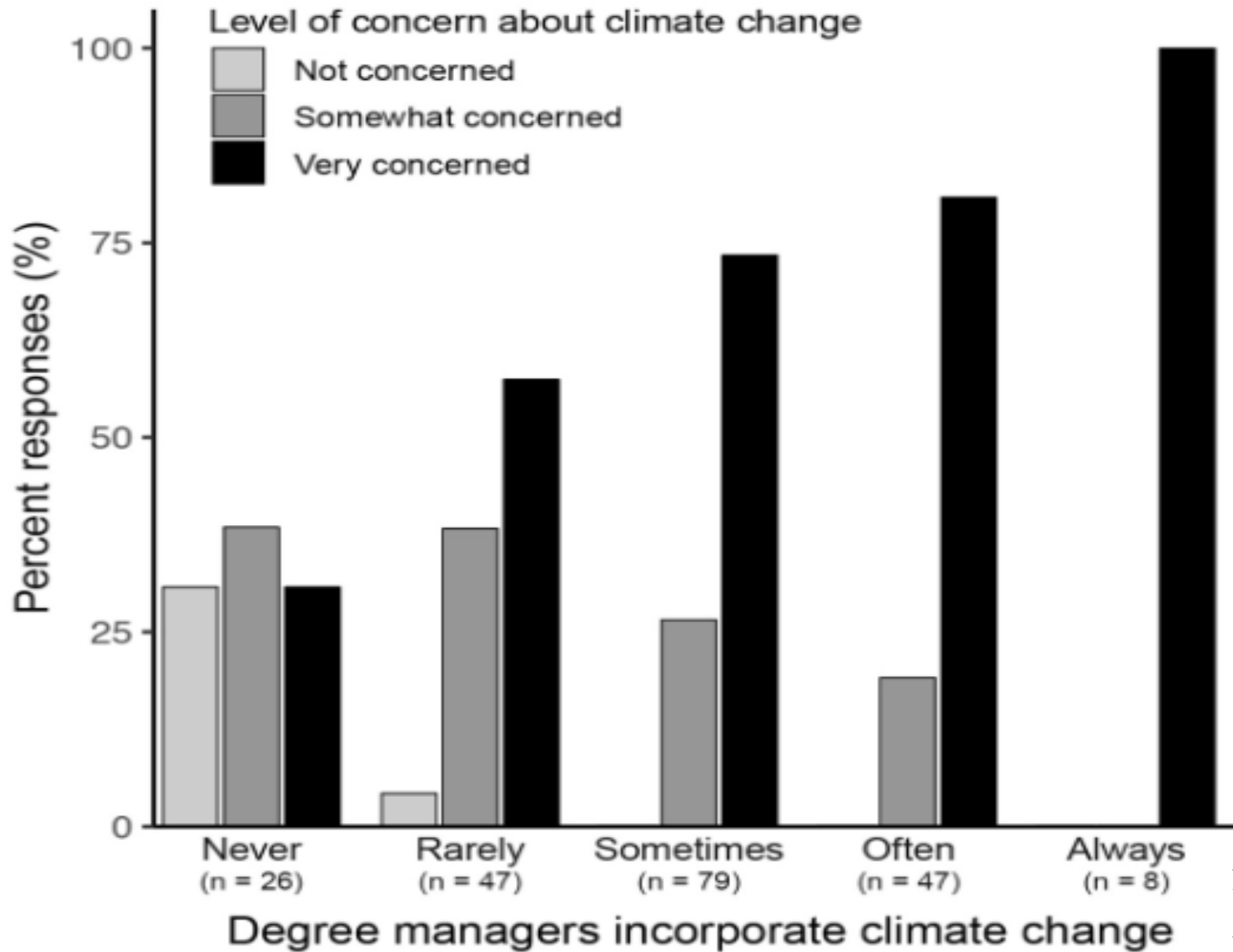
**Incorporating climate change into invasive species
management: insights from managers**

Evelyn M. Beaury  · Emily J. Fusco · Michelle R. Jackson · Brittany B. Laginhas ·
Toni Lyn Morelli · Jenica M. Allen · Valerie J. Pasquarella · Bethany A. Bradley

Lack of information is a barrier to including climate change in management actions



Concerned managers are taking action

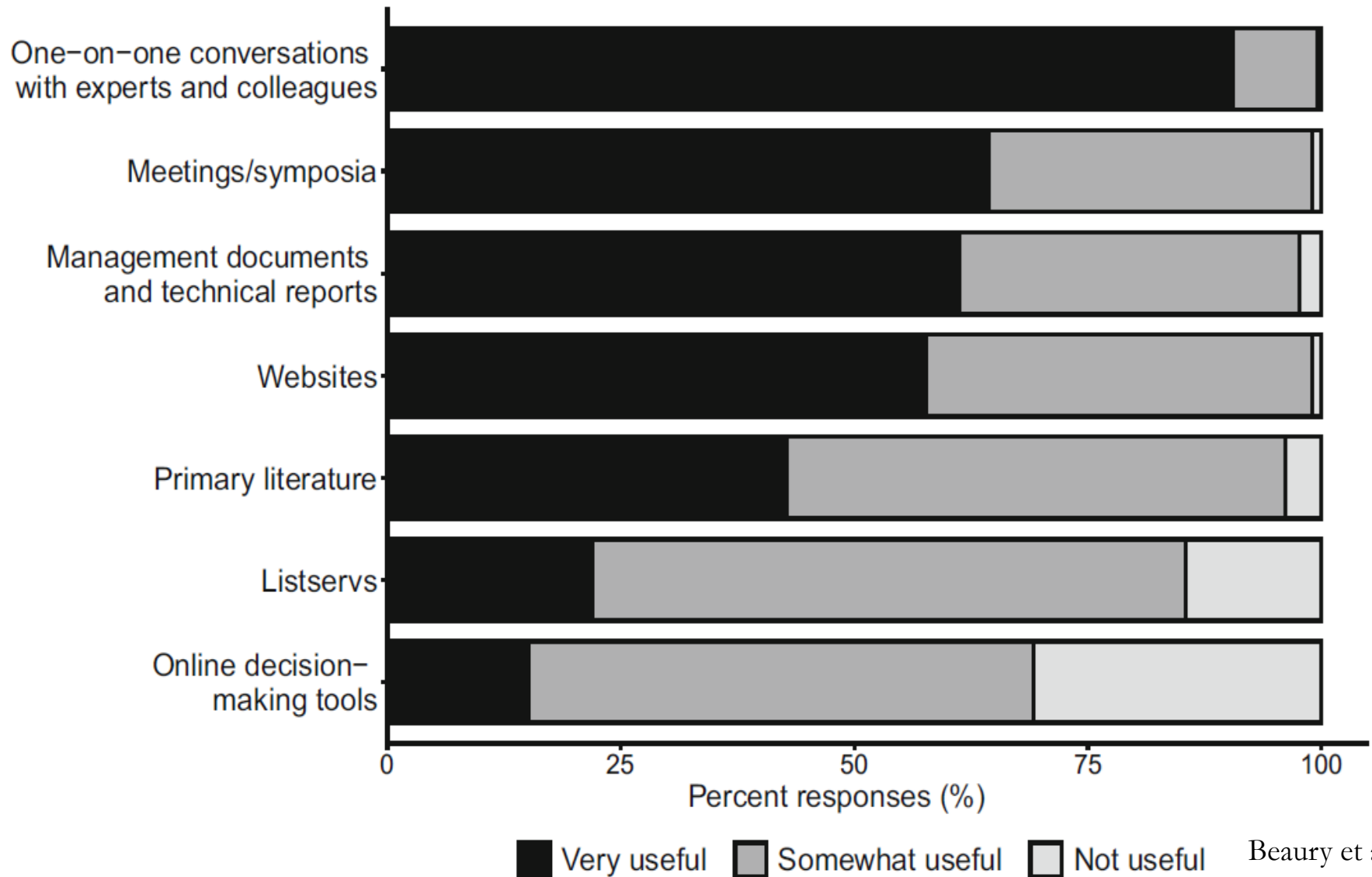


Beury et al 2019

Biological Invasions

Understanding manager needs

Sources of information



Meeting manager needs

Network Building

- Annual Symposia (7th this week)
- Workshops
- Coffee Talks
- Webinars



Meeting manager needs

Research Summaries



In this super-cool research, Lombardo and Elkinton demonstrated adaptation to colder winters by an invasive insect, lessening a barrier to its spread.

[Lombardo, J. A. & Elkinton, J. S. 2017. Environmental adaptation in an asexual invasive insect. *Ecol. Evol.* 7, 5123–5130.](#)

Summary:

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA, *Adelges tsugae*) was introduced to Virginia in the 1950s and is now present in much of the Northeast. Cold winter temperatures kill HWA and currently limit its northward spread. Warming winter temperatures reduce this barrier over time, but does local adaptation also play a role? Lombardo and Elkinton tested whether HWA displays local adaptation to cold temperatures by collecting them along a latitudinal gradient (from Kentucky to Massachusetts) and determining the cold hardiness of HWA from different latitudes by supercooling them. They also raised a new generation of the adelgids in a common setting before supercooling them, to distinguish between environmental acclimation versus genetic adaptation. HWA from colder sites froze at lower temperatures, even in a common setting, suggesting that HWA from northern sites had adapted to the colder climate. Both warming winters and selection for cold hardiness may exacerbate the spread of this invasive insect.

Take-home points:

- HWA has quickly adapted to local climate conditions in its invasive range, despite asexual reproduction which can limit adaptive capacity.
- Hemlock decline from HWA is likely to be slower in the northern parts of hemlock's range, but HWA will eventually occupy hemlock's full range.
- Climate change and continued adaptation will hasten HWA's northward



NELF Explorer

Visit the New England Landscape Futures Explorer:

<https://newenglandlandscapes.org/>

The New England Landscape Futures Explorer is brought to you by Harvard Forest and the 100+ citizens who helped define this project. Funding for this project comes from the National Science Foundation and from Highstead. See website for full details.

Summary:

In this Tool Summary we introduce the New England Landscape Futures (NELF) Explorer from the Harvard Forest, a department of Harvard University. This tool explores the simulation of five different possible land use futures for New England, as articulated by stakeholders from throughout the region, for every decade from 2010 through 2060. One of these scenarios is the business as usual scenario, or the continuation of recent trends in land-use patterns (e.g., forest loss due to development). The other four scenarios represent divergent alternative scenarios that incorporate multiple changes to land use, including planning for the consequences of climate change. For more detailed information on the scenarios, see the [Voices from the Land](#) publication or the [storymap](#) that guides you through the details of each scenario.

You can use this explorer to compare how different land-use scenarios impact concerns for management such as development or connectivity in different regions of the Northeast. For example, a scenario with higher rates of low density development may create more pathways for invasive species movement than a scenario with higher rates of conservation. Check out these land use maps in your area to see which communities might be impacted by

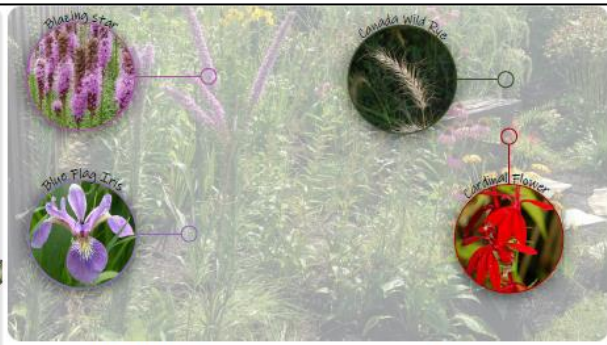


Meeting manager needs Management Challenges



Species	Growth Form	Hardiness Zones	P Co	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏	🦋	🌿	🚫	🦌
Native Grasses											
Big blue stem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	Grass	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Canada wild rye (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	Grass	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	Grass	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Little bluestem (<i>Scizachyrium scoparium</i>)	Grass	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Sideoats grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	Grass	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Native Flowering Herbs											
Beardtongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>)	Herb	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Blazing star (<i>Liatris spicata</i>)	Herb	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Blue false indigo (<i>Baptisia australis</i>)	Herb	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Blue flag iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>)	Herb	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Blue lobelia (<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>)	Herb	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Butterfly weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	Herb	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Cardinal flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)	Herb	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Foam flower (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>)	Herb	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Ironweed (<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>)	Herb	5-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Joe pye weed (<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>)	Herb	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Lance leaf coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>)	Herb	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Monkey flower (<i>Mimulus ringens</i>)	Herb	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
New England aster (<i>Symphoricarum novae-angliae</i>)	Herb	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Obedient plant (<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>)	Herb	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
White turtlehead (<i>Chelone glabra</i>)	Herb	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Native Shrubs											
American hazelnut (<i>Corylus americana</i>)	Shrub	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)	Shrub	5-9	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Coastal sweet-pepperbush (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)	Shrub	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Deerberry (<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i>)	Shrub	5-9	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Eastern wahoo (<i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>)	Shrub	3-7	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Highbush blueberry (<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>)	Shrub	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Mountain laurel (<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>)	Shrub	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Nannyberry viburnum (<i>Viburnum lentago</i>)	Shrub	2-8	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	Shrub	2-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Northern bush honeysuckle (<i>Dienella lonicera</i>)	Shrub	3-7	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Northern spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>)	Shrub	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Native Trees											
American hornbeam (<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>)	Tree (small)	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Bladdernut (<i>Staphylea trifoliata</i>)	Tree (small)	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Gray dogwood (<i>Comus racemosa</i>)	Tree (small)	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Pussy willow (<i>Salix discolor</i>)	Tree (small)	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>)	Tree (small)	4-8	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Striped maple (<i>Acer pennsylvanicum</i>)	Tree (small)	3-7	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Witch-hazel (<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>)	Tree (small)	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Hophornbeam (<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)	Tree	3-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	
Kentucky coffeetree (<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>)	Tree	3-8	☀️	💧	🌸	🍏				🚫	
Persimmon (<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>)	Tree	4-9	☀️	💧	🌸					🚫	

>4,000 Downloads



Definitions

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone: Zones based on minimum temperature that are used to determine where plants can grow.

Non-native: A species unlikely to have arrived without human assistance.

Invasive: A species that is established and spreading with negative impacts to native species and ecosystems.

Climate-smart gardening: Planting for present and future conditions using native species adapted to both current and future hardiness zones.

Learn more about invasive species & climate change at: riscnetwork.org

<https://doi.org/10.7275/mvje-dr35>

Sources

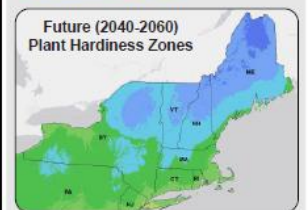
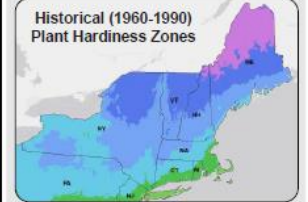
Biota of North America Program
Climate Voyager, State climate office of North Carolina
Go Botany, version 3.1.3, Native Plant Trust.
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species
Larry Weaner Landscape Architects
Native Plant Resources, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Plant Finder, Missouri Botanical Garden
Plant Selection and Design, U. New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
Planting by Residence: Selecting Urban Trees in Massachusetts, A. McElhinney et al. 2019
Ten Tough New Native Shrub Alternatives for Barbery and Burning Bush, J. Label
USDA 2012 Plant Hardiness Zones Map, USDA-ARS
USDA Plant Sheets & Plant Guide, USDA NRCS
Why Native? Benefits of planting native species in a changing climate, RISCO Management Challenge, E. Fusco et al. 2019
WorldClim - Global Climate Data
Image: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Minnesota Wildflowers
Journal Articles: Burghardt et al. 2010 Ecosphere; Garder et al. 2015 Parasites & Vectors; Morandini & Kremen 2013 Eco App; Pimentel et al. 2005 Ecol Econ; Poelen et al. 2014 Ecol Info; Simberloff et al. 2012 Ecology; Talamy & Strohshire 2005 Conserv Biol

Authors:
B. Bradley*, A. Bayer, B. Griffin, S. Joubbran, B. Laginhas, L. Munro, S. Talbot, J. Allen, A. Barker-Plotkin, E. Beatty, C. Brown-Lima, E. Fusco, H. Mount, B. Servais, and T. L. Morelli
*bradley@eco.umass.edu



Climate Smart Gardening

Rapidly warming temperatures mean that native species will have to move hundreds of miles in coming decades just to keep up. Our gardens can help native species shift their ranges and adapt to climate change. Native plantings today seed ecosystems of the future.



Average Annual Minimum Temperature (°F)

-40° to -35°	3a	-20° to -15°	5a	0° to 5°	7a
-35° to -30°	3b	-15° to -10°	5b	5° to 10°	7b
-30° to -25°	4a	-10° to -5°	6a	10° to 15°	8a
-25° to -20°	4b	-5° to 0°	6b	15° to 20°	8b

Why Native?

An estimated 80% of ornamental plants for sale are non-native. This means that the average yard does a poor job of supporting native flora and fauna. By shifting our plantings towards natives, we can dramatically increase the diversity of bees, butterflies, birds and other animals. In contrast, non-native plants do not support local food webs and can become invasive. Native plants increase biodiversity and reduce risks associated with invasive species, which supports resilient ecosystems in the face of climate change. **Look inside for some ideas!**

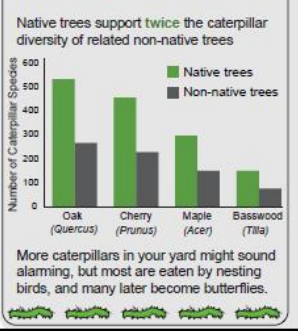
Benefits of Native Plants

- 50% higher abundance of native birds
- 9x higher abundance of rare birds
- 3x more butterfly species
- 2x higher abundance of native bees

Costs of Non-native Plants

Non-native plants are 40x more likely to become invasive than native garden plants.

Invasive plants cost the U.S. an estimated \$20 billion per year to manage and control.



KEY:

☀️ Part shade	💧 Medium	💧 Wet	🌸 Supports pollinators	🌸 Showy flowers	🚫 Low maintenance
☀️ Full sun	💧 Dry	💧 Wet	🌿 Supports birds	🍏 Showy/edible fruit	🦌 Deer resistant

What are some

climate-smart management options?

Survey + workshop at NAISMA to learn about climate-smart actions invasive species managers are already taking



Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Management Challenge

Taking Action:

Managing invasive species in the context of climate change

Summary

Climate change is likely to alter the timing and effect of invasive species management, as well as the suite of species we are managing. Despite concern about the effects of climate change, lack of information about how and when to take action is a barrier to climate-smart invasive species management. Here, we outline strategies for incorporating climate change into management along with examples of tools that can inform proactive decision-making.

Motivations for incorporating climate change into management

1. Invasives may emerge earlier and persist longer in response to longer growing seasons
2. Warming causes invasives to shift their ranges into new ecosystems
3. Invasives are introduced via new shipping pathways due to sea ice melt
4. Extreme weather events and sea level rise cause disturbance that creates new opportunities for invasion
5. Herbicides may be less effective with higher atmospheric CO₂
6. Invasives become more competitive with warming and higher atmospheric CO₂

Strategic Planning

Recommendations:

- Prioritize land conservation and management action based on vulnerability to climate change and invasion.
- Increase restoration, management, and early detection & rapid response in areas vulnerable to disturbance caused by extreme weather events.
- Advocate for invasive species management funding to be included in climate change adaptation and response plans.

Example: Mount Grace Land Trust protected lands identified as resilient to climate change (Fig. 1) using TNC's resilient land tool. These lands are high priority for preventative invasive species management and monitoring.



Fig 1. Site prioritized by TNC's resilient land tool (maps.tnc.org/resilientland).

Preventative Management

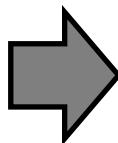
Recommendations:

- Plant species native to Eastern North America that are resistant to climate change (e.g., drought-tolerant, broad hardiness zones; Fig. 2).
- Develop watch lists and proactive management plans for invasive species predicted to shift into your region.
- Prioritize treatment of existing invasive species predicted to spread or increase in abundance with climate change.
- Monitor non-natives for increases in populations ('sleepier species').

Example: Tug Hill State Forest in NY planted native, warm-adapted trees to reduce future disturbance and resist invasions with climate change.

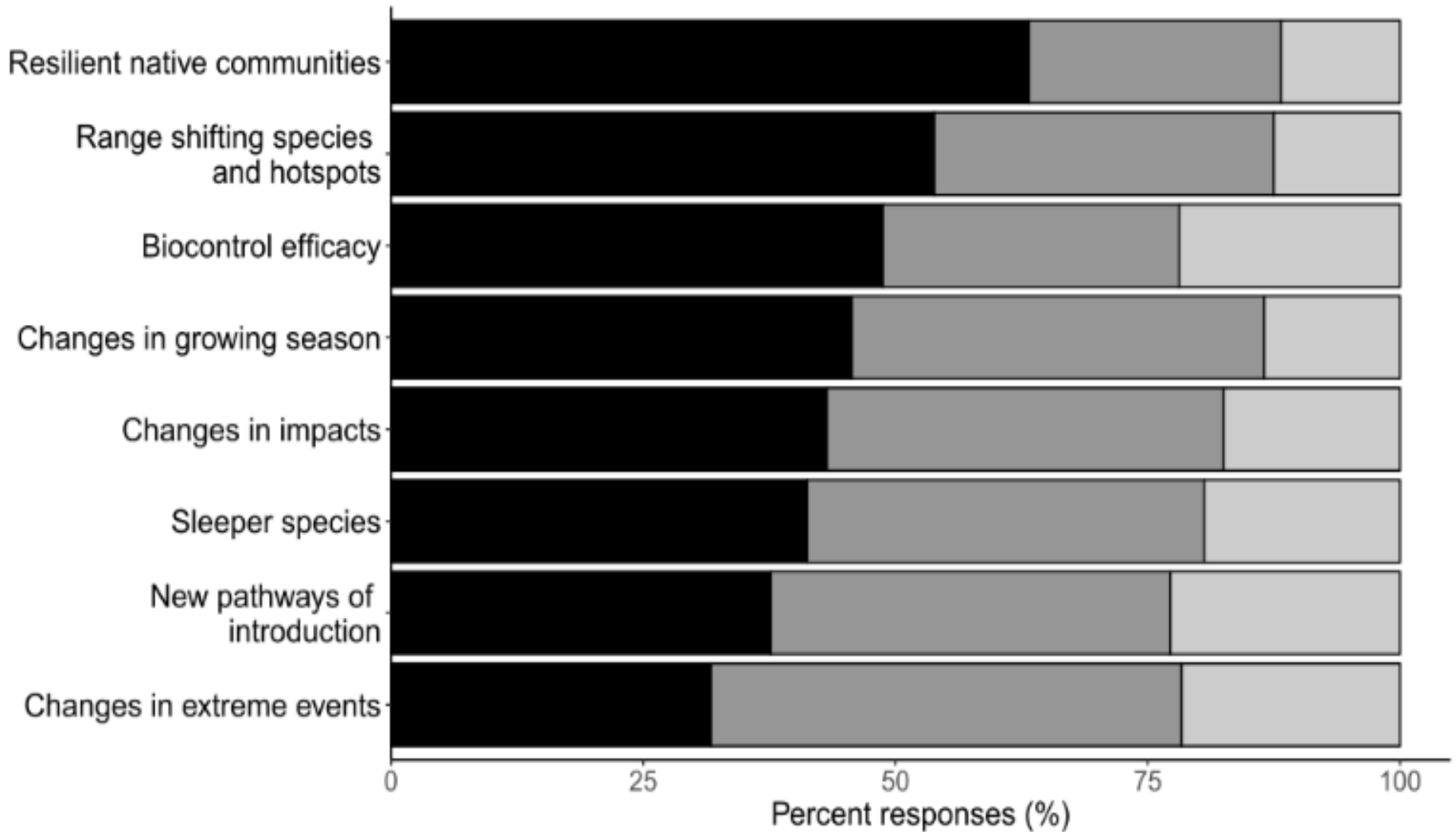


Fig 2. Climate Voyager maps future hardiness zones (climate.ncsu.edu/voyager/)



Understanding manager needs

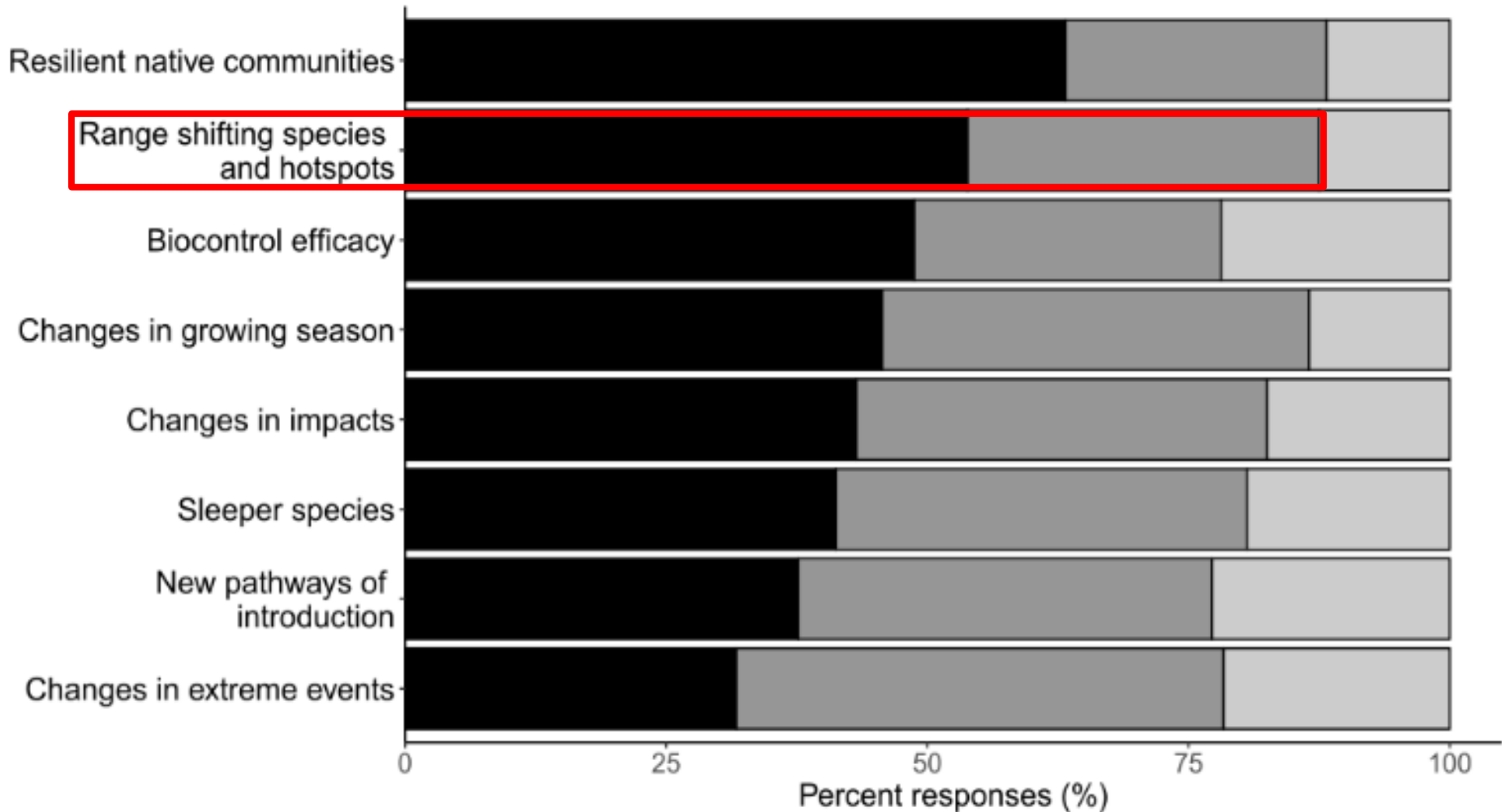
Research priorities



Low priority Medium priority High priority

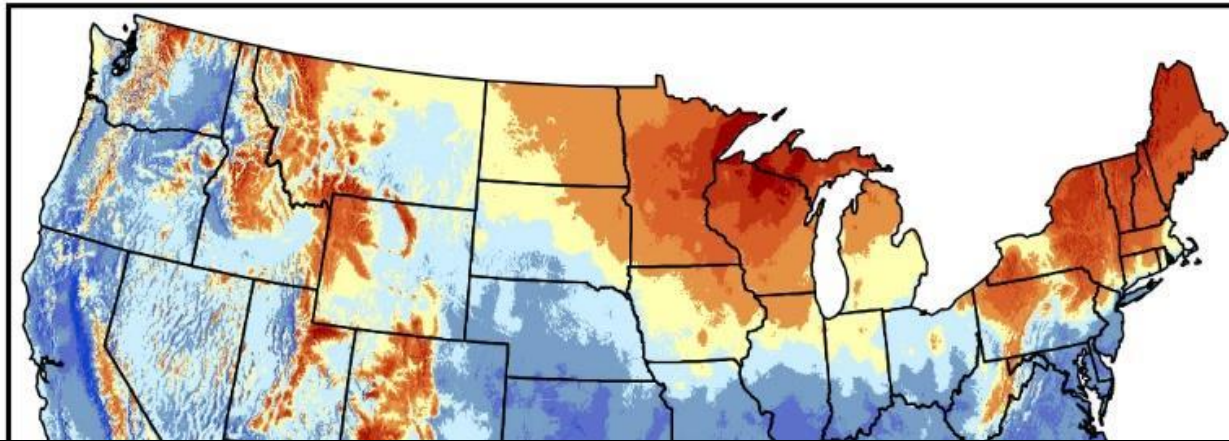
Understanding manager needs

Research priorities

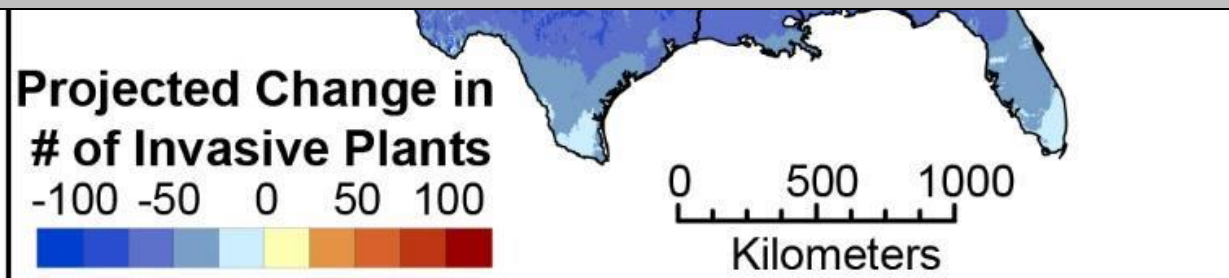


Legend: Low priority (light gray), Medium priority (medium gray), High priority (black) Beaury et al 2019

Range shifts can occur for many species



Use range shift projections for many species to generate state or county lists



giant reed

Arundo donax L.



HOME

REPORT SIGHTINGS

DISTRIBUTION MAPS

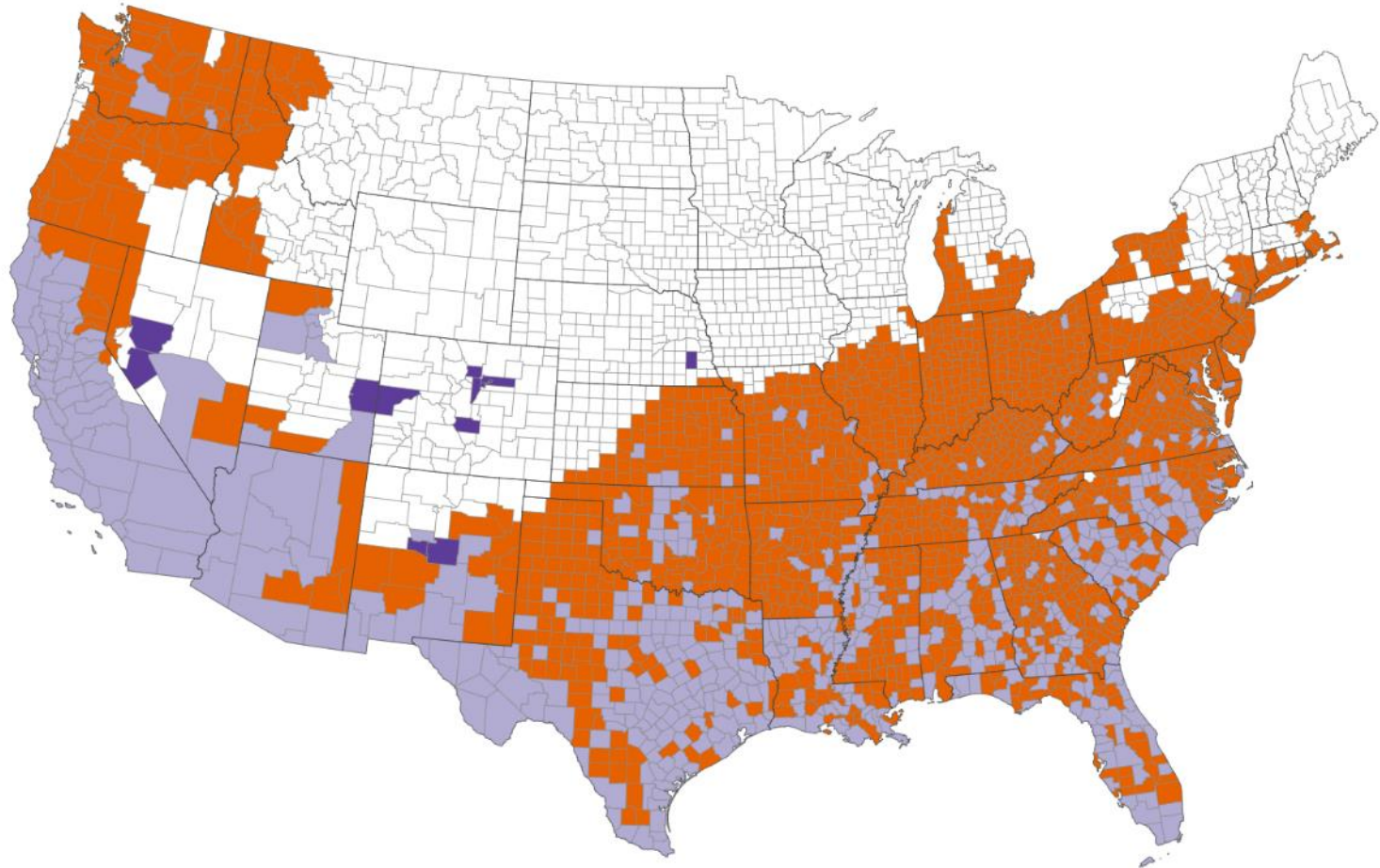
SPECIES INFORMATION

TOOLS & TRAINING

MY EDDMAPS

ABOUT

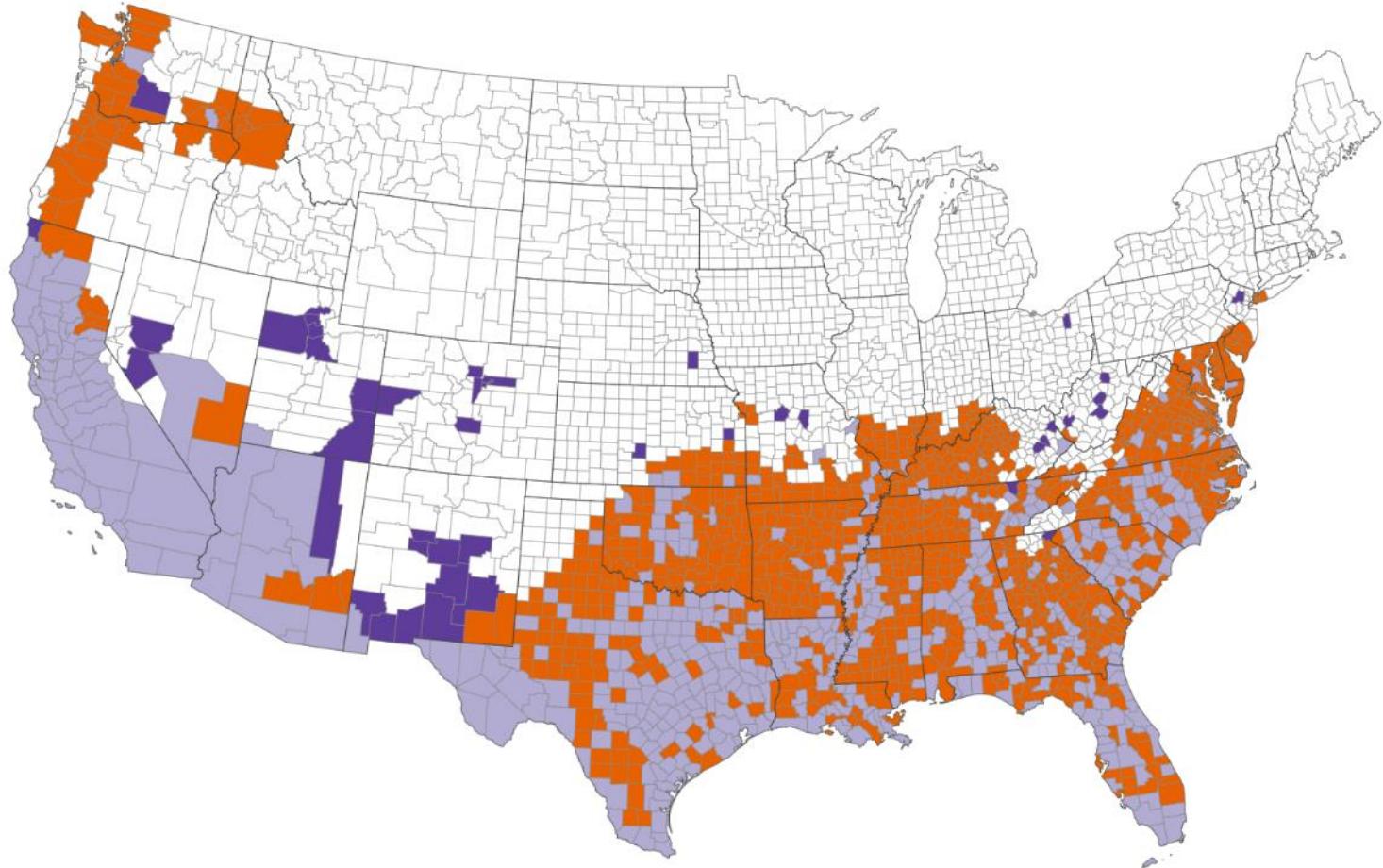
Number of Models ⓘ 1 ▾



giant reed

Arundo donax L.

Number of Models ⓘ 13 ▾



water primrose

Ludwigia grandiflora ssp. *hexapetala*

EDDMapS
find · map · track

HOME

REPORT SIGHTINGS

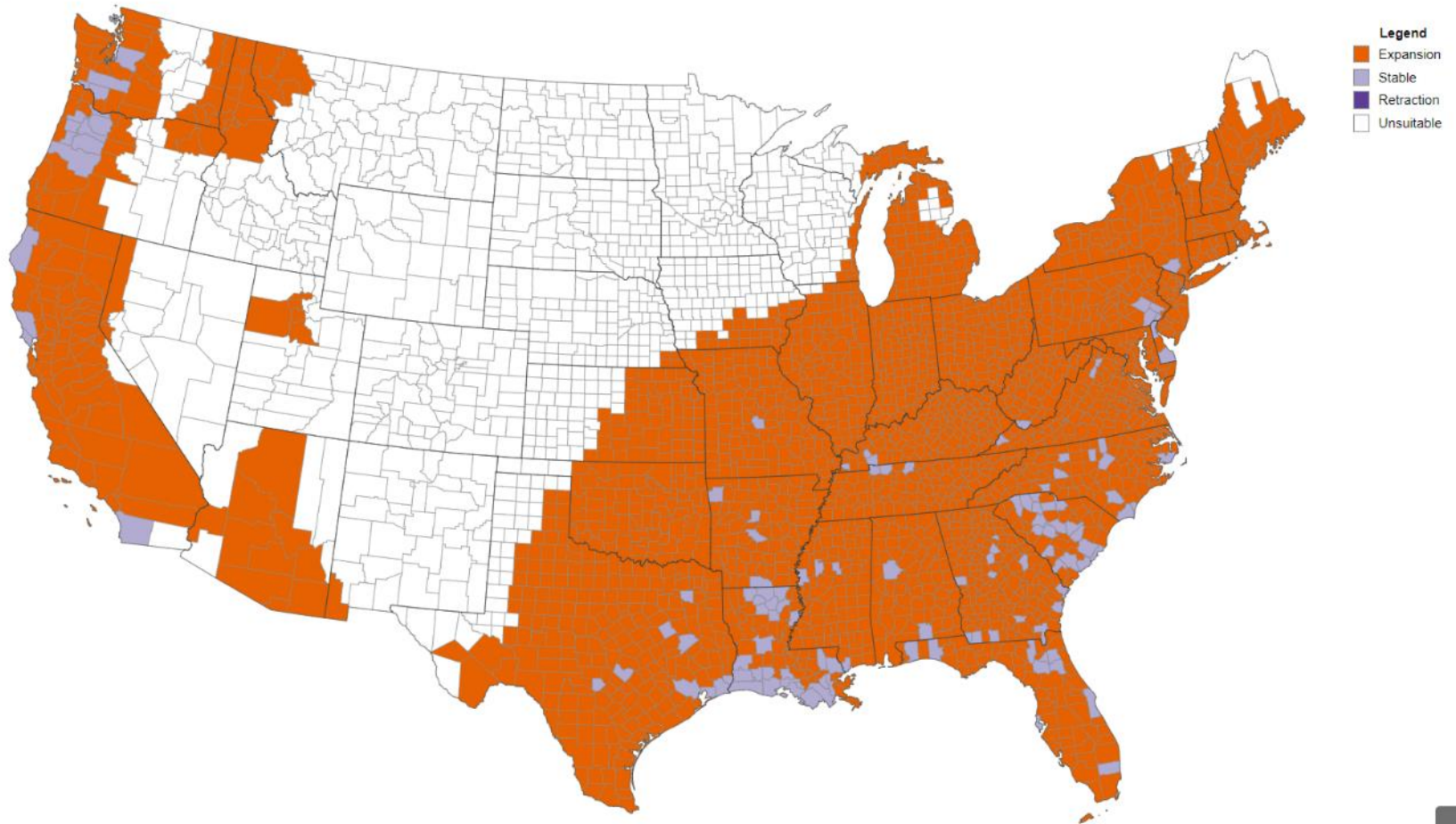
DISTRIBUTION MAPS

SPECIES INFORMATION

TOOLS & TRAINING

MY EDDMAPS

ABOUT




What about native range-shifters?



nature climate change

Review Article | Published: 30 April 2020

Adjusting the lens of invasion biology to focus on the impacts of climate-driven range shifts

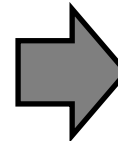
Piper D. Wallingford, Toni Lyn Morelli , Jenica M. Allen, Evelyn M. Beaury, Dana M. Blumenthal, Bethany A. Bradley, Jeffrey S. Duker, Regan Early, Emily J. Fusco, Deborah E. Goldberg, Inés Ibáñez, Brittany B. Laginhas, Montserrat Vilà & Cascade J. B. Sorte

Nature Climate Change (2020) | Cite this article

Metrics

Abstract

As Earth's climate rapidly changes, species range shifts are considered key to species persistence. However, some range-shifting species will alter community structure and ecosystem processes. By adapting existing invasion risk assessment frameworks, we can identify characteristics shared with high-impact introductions and thus predict



Northeast RISCC Management

Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change

Management Challenge

Nuisance Neonatives

Guidelines for Assessing Range-Shifting Species

Summary

Many North American native species will shift their ranges northward and upslope to keep pace with climate change. However, this may cause some range-shifting species to behave like invasives in their expanded range. We provide a framework to identify the likelihood that an incoming range-shifting species will become problematic and offer suggestions to minimize impacts from range-shifting species to the existing native ecosystem.

What are nuisance neonatives?

Neonatives are a type of range-shifting species that have established beyond their historical range. Unlike invasive species, neonatives disperse into new areas unassisted by humans. However, like invasive species, neonatives are expanding into novel environments at an accelerated rate due to human-induced climate change (see Figure 1 for an example of a range-shifting species). The impacts of their movement to a new, recipient community can vary from minimal to massive (e.g., species extinctions).

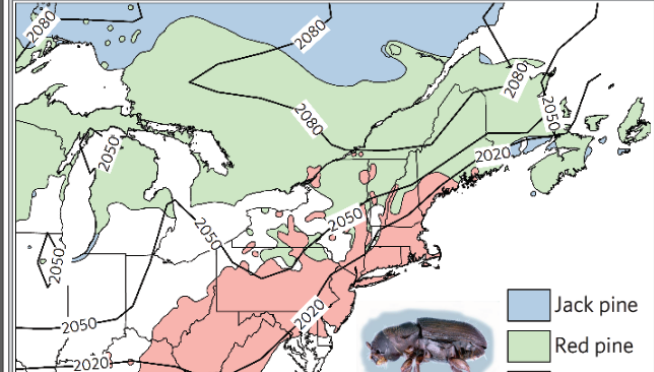


Figure 1. The southern pine beetle (SPB) is a forest pest native to the southeastern U.S. It is rapidly shifting north in response to warming, and is invading northeastern U.S. native forests with economic and ecological impacts. Black lines indicate projected year of arrival of SPB into vulnerable forest types.

Source: Figure reprinted from

Lessons Learned

- Start with talking to stakeholders
- Keep the focus on CC x IS
- Expect to put some time in
- Use meetings to do work
- Respect people's incentives, strengths, and limitations
- Be flexible
- Be inclusive





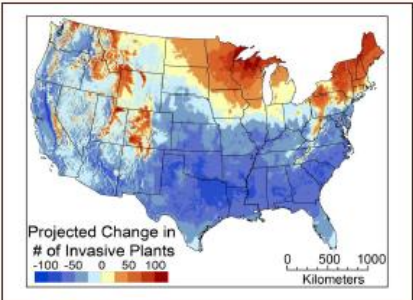
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

NE RISCC
2020

Table of Contents

- 3. What is RISCC?
- 4. How RISCC Works
- 5. Timeline
- 6. What RISCC Does: Overview
 - 7. Boundary Spanning
 - 9. Research
 - 11. Synthesis
 - 13. Communication & Implementation
- 15. Appendix I: Published Research
- 15. Appendix II: Funding
- 16. Appendix III: Outputs

What RISCC Does



BOUNDARY SPANNING

(Figure 1 Steps 1 & 2)

- Connect managers and researchers at symposia and workshops.
- Survey and synthesize manager needs
- Communicate needs to researchers

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Conduct original research using the TIE framework

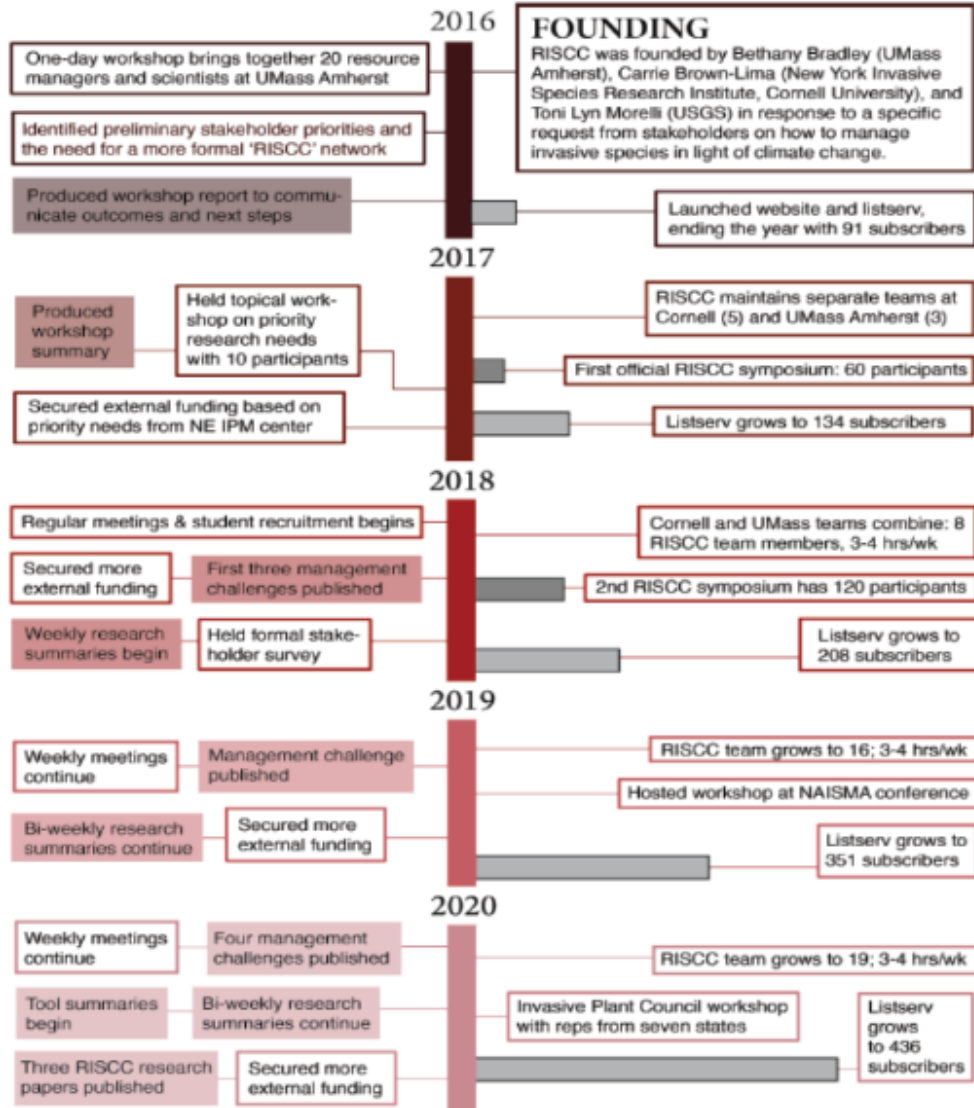
- Identify problems, discuss with stakeholders, conduct research, produce manager-focused materials, evaluate and improve

RESEARCH TRANSLATION & SYNTHESIS

- Summarize information for managers through research and tool summaries
- Create management challenges that synthesize the current state of knowledge about a topic

COMMUNICATION & IMPLEMENTATION

- Host webinars on invasive species, research, climate change, or RISCC itself
- Communicate research summaries and updates over list-serv
- Make research and tools accessible
- Create tools



Build

on i

- Sharing ac
- NE, SE, NV
- Regular C
- Represent
- boards
- NAISMA s
- Cross-RISC



INAUGURAL!



focus

ange

SAVE THE DATE:
**INTERNATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES
 AND CLIMATE CHANGE
 CONFERENCE (THE "IISCCC"!)**
VIRTUAL, January 30-31, 2024

Sessions focusing on:

- Range shifting species
- Emerging invasion pathways
- Adaptive management strategies
- Climate resilience and restoration
- And more!

Pacific Regional Invasive



Chelsea Arnott

Jeff Burgett



Contact us at IISCCC2024@gmail.com if you're interested in adding your logo or have other questions!

Partners



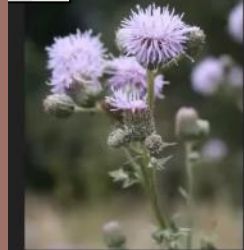
RISCC
MANAGEMENT NETWORK

NAISMA
NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

* AS OF 10/13/23

Invasive Species and
(NW RISCC) Network

to help practitioners inter
with regional invasive spe
early detection, control,





Northeast RISCC Network

RT @drdavecoyle:
FINALLY. It's been two years in the making but the #invasivespecies Pyrus calleryana is getting added to the Do Not...
<https://t.co/3YawbLMzH1>

Jul 14, 2021, 3:16 PM



Northeast RISCC Network

New article from the RISCC network! How we took translational science and applied it to #invasivespecies

NEWS

- **RISCC 2021 Symposium Summary:** Click [here](#) to see a graphic overview of this year's symposium. Thank you again to all of our participants and speakers!
- **Webinar Recording Available:** "[Breaking Down Barriers to Risk Assessments of Invasive Plants](#)", presented by Bethany Bradley on February 24th, 2021.
- **New Management Challenge: Forest Pest Risk is Heating Up** has been published! It can be found [here](#) or on our [management challenges](#) page.
- **The fourth annual RISCC Management Symposium** was held virtually on January 20th and 21st, 2021. Thanks to everyone who attended! Webinar recordings can be found [here](#).
- **Webinar Recording Available:** "[Managing up-and-coming invasives in the Northeast: mile-a-minute weed](#)", presented by Ellen Lake and Kevin Fryberger in October 2020.
- **New Resource:** [Nuisance Neonatives](#) outlines guidelines for assessing range-shifting species. Friend or foe? This work is partially based on

Join the RISCC listserv!

riscnetwork.org