

1 INVASIVE SPECIES IRELAND - Risk assessment



The [Invasive Species Ireland initiative](#) have assessed which of the potential and established non native species in Ireland are or will have the most damaging effects on native populations and ecosystems, and which will lend themselves most effectively to management.

At the end of 2007, the project team carried out risk assessments on a total of 385 established species and 171 potential invaders using a process designed to take into account the economic and legislative obligations of both jurisdictions. The **Most Unwanted** species have been selected from the highest scoring of all the species assessed. **Amber lists** of the next highest scoring established and potential invaders were also created.

The risk assessment, Most Unwanted species profiles and the Amber lists are available from the Invasive Species Project www.invasivespeciesireland.com

To complement the work of Invasive Species Ireland, the National Biodiversity Data Centre will prioritize collating information of these most unwanted and amber list species in the establishment phase of the National Invasive Species Database.