

Emerging Pathways & Challenges

# Trade Related Invasive Alien Species

Implementation Review & Support System (IRSS)  
OF THE International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

## Internet Trade (e-commerce)

An emerging pathway for spread of pests  
(including invasive alien species) across international borders

A number of websites offer plants, plant products and other articles for sale and distribution that easily bypass traditional screening by National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), including plants of uncertain identity and unknown ecological attributes as well as other organisms for alleged beneficial purposes. The behavior of these organisms when introduced into new environments is not known.



Some plants and plant products for sale through the internet.  
Photo by Tom Woolf.

## Aquatic Plants

New insights from IPPC's perspective on a long-standing challenge

Aquatic plants as plants to be protected and as pests of other plants, i.e. the threats to and from aquatic plants. With respect to 'invasive aquatic plants': Consideration given to expansion of IPPC's mandate to cover invasive alien species that impact biodiversity in aquatic environments. Use of aquatic plants in the ornamental trade is likely to increase as the level of economic development in the world increases.



Parrotfeather taking over a river in Germany.  
Photo by Andreas Hussner.

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