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#### Welcome

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# **Invasive species**

- Invasive alien species is a world wide problem and a global threat to biodiversity
- Hence it is vital to establish cooperation not only between neighbours and municipalities, but also between countries and even continents
- This is why we the project INSPECT, invasive species eradication and control has come to fruition



# **The Project**

 Financed by Interreg Botnia-Atlantica and The Regional Council of Ostrobothnia we've been granted the recources to tackle three of the main issues in the fight against IAS





Österbottens förbund Pohjanmaan liitto

- Which methods should be used?
- Who does the work?
- How do we communicate with the public?



### **Partners**

 Our partners come from both sides of the gulf of Bothnia which not only brings us the important aspect of cross-boarder cooperation, but is a necessity in successful eradication of invasive species



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 But our partners also come from different roles in society. This gives us a better perception of what strengths can be found and what resources are still needed in our society.



### The mission of INSPECT

- For the projects target species, the Japanese rose and the Himalayan balsam, we have tested different methods of eradication.
- INSEPCT has also tested methods of communication and which types of labour is suitable for the eradication
- This has resulted in two comprehensive guidebooks on eradication and a digital tool for selection eradication methods against the target species



### The future

- We hope the products of our work helpful to all. If they're well received more species could be included in guidebooks and the digital tool in coming projects.
- In the Kvarken region there is already tradition of cross-boarder collaboration on environmental issues. We hope to carry this tradition forward with our fight against IAS with more projects.



# **Enjoy our seminar!**

 Today we will hear more about invasive aliens species, the work of our authorities, information campaigns, soolotalkoot, how to deal with Japanese knotweed and of course more about the work and results of INSPECT!

#### WELCOME AND ENJOY!

