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Canada is in urgent need of a nationally coordinated plan to reduce the spread of invasive plant species. Our legislative framework is out-of-date and fragmented and responsibility for who controls invasive plants is unclear.

Improved federal and provincial legislation and regulations are required to limit the spread of both terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants. Please join the **Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation (CCIPR)** in seeking change.

Specifically, CCIPR is calling for the following measures:

- **The development of a national risk assessment database that can be shared. Plant risk assessments would include potential threats to the environment and public health. They would be conducted by scientists in consultation with stakeholders.**
- **Bans on the sale and movement of high-risk invasive plant species**
- **Labelling to identify and educate the public about lower-risk invasive plants**
- **Public education including alternatives to invasive plants**
- **Encouragements for the horticultural trades to adopt the current national [Code of Conduct](#). This would prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants.**

Each year, hundreds of millions of dollars are spent in Canada to control invasive plant species, namely plants that arrived from outside of North America. Many of these invasive plants are sold to the public by the horticultural industry, as well as by the pet and aquarium trades.

Gardeners are often shocked when they discover that plants they bought at a nursery are invasive. They represent a small percentage of all plants sold, but they do so much enormous ecological damage. They really need to be regulated or restricted to limit their spread and impact

Our grassroots coalition consists of ecologists, invasive plant experts, environmentalists and motivated home gardeners from across Canada concerned with the spread of invasive plant species. We are proud to have received the endorsement of many groups including the David Suzuki Foundation, Ontario Nature, Beausoleil First Nation, Credit

Valley Conservation Authority.

Join us in preventing the serious ecological and socio-economic consequences of invasive plants in our local communities. Please visit our website, CCIPR.ca to learn more.

Three ways you can make a difference:

- Become a supporter by endorsing our objectives.
- Become a partner by helping us spread the word. Join other organisations in showing your support by adding your logo to our [partners page](#).
- Join our working group and share your ideas, skills and enthusiasm.

[Get involved](#) and encourage others to take action.