

Activity: Invasive Species Stories

Use the websites listed with each invasive species to learn more about each organism. You can also use the website <https://www.eddmaps.org/distribution/> to check real-time reports of the organisms.

Sea lamprey

<http://www.glf.org/sea-lamprey.php>

Where are they native to?

What spots on the map have they now been found?

How do they harm the environment?

What is being done to control their movement and damage?

Are they now under control?

Lionfish

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/profile/lionfish>

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Eurasian Watermilfoil

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/milfoil/index.html>

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Emerald Ash Borer

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html>

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Cane Toad

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/profile/cane-toad>

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Discussion questions:

- Do invasive species all come from the same location?
- Are all invasive species introduced to new habitats in the same way?
- Are the same control efforts used for all invasive species?
- Do any of these invasive species occur in your local area? If not, what species do?