

Project Title: Using Large-scale Databases to Model Invasive Species and their Impacts on Biodiversity

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Project Abstract: The goal of this research is to advance our capacity to practice large-scale modeling of invasive species using existing databases and targeted environmental geospatial layers to continue and improve early detection of and rapid response to multiple high priority invasive species.

Objectives include:

1. Identify novel predictor variables that directly relate to environmental thresholds which regulate species distributions.
2. Explore new landscape-scale modeling approaches for invasive species that also considers fine-scale interactions with localized biotic and abiotic environmental conditions and native flora.
3. Examine innovative approaches for evaluating occurrence data and performance of species distribution models.