



Think Locally, Act Neighborly



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FLORIDA INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP (FISP) *Invasive exotic species know no boundaries!*

If landowners and land managers in Florida wish to achieve long-term success, it is critical to:

- Reach out and collaborate with all stakeholders, including private landowners.
- Focus on holistic management of invasive species, which includes prevention, early detection/rapid response, management and applied research.

GOALS:

- Increase effectiveness and decrease costs by working together.
- Provide tools to develop a unified approach and bridge the gap between landowners' and land management agency efforts.
- Encourage development, implementation and sharing of new and/or innovative approaches.

Creating Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) to Effectively Reduce Re-infestation on Four (4) Military Bases and Surrounding Lands in Florida

This project is expanding on successful partnerships between The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and four Department of Defense (DoD) bases in Florida. These bases are:

- Northwest Florida - Eglin Air Force Base (AFB)
- Northeast Florida - Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Army National Guard (ANG)
- Central Florida - Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR)
- South Florida - Key West Naval Air Station (NAS)

Through these relationships we are:

- 1) creating two new Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) supporting Eglin AFB and Avon Park AFR;
- 2) strengthening two existing CISMAs supporting Camp Blanding ANG and Key West NAS;
- 3) working collaboratively with DoD and other regional partners to create five year comprehensive plans detailing invasive species priorities and actions for each of the four CISMAs; and
- 4) completing two on-the-ground invasive species control projects prioritized by Eglin AFB and Key West NAS.

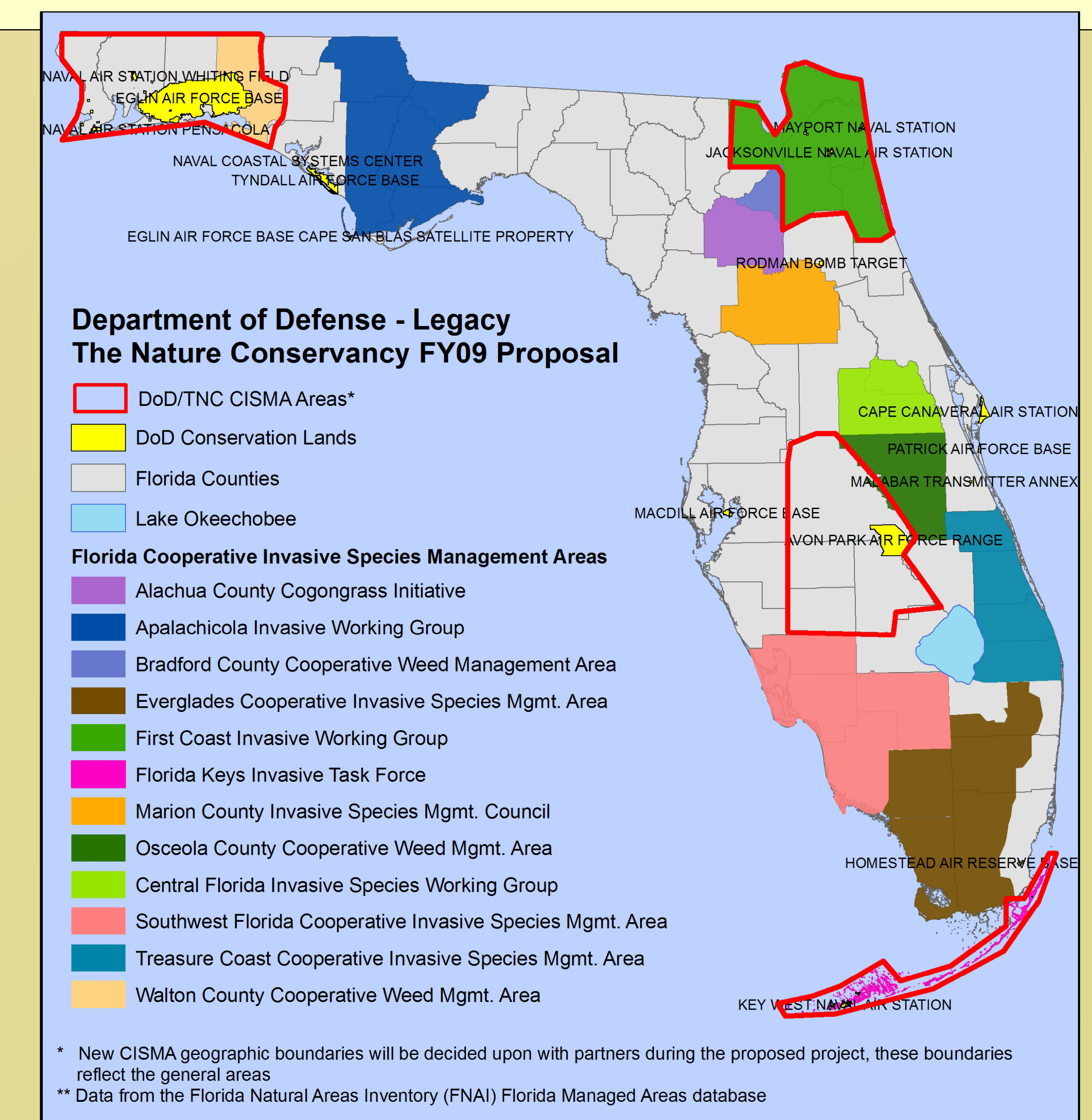
Our overall goal is to create strong organizations that work across boundaries, pool limited resources and similar priorities to manage/eradicate invasive species, and create a unified voice to increase efforts by the public to reduce the spread of invasive species. The CISMA approach will reduce the re-infestation of invasive species from private and public ownerships and rights-of-way onto DoD, TNC and other conservation lands. This landscape level approach is the most efficient and effective way to combat the threat of invasive species.

COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANGEMENT AREAS (CISMA)

Partnering across the landscape!

- ✓ Expand efforts across the landscape, rather than just to political or property boundaries.
- ✓ Form a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals and various interested groups that manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area.
- ✓ Address the following concerns:
 - Prevention
 - Education/Awareness
 - Early Detection & Rapid Response
 - Monitoring
 - Integrated Pest Management

CROPPING UP IN FLORIDA



FISP and www.FloridaInvasives.org:

- ✓ Online resource of management assistance programs.
- ✓ Provides current information on Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas statewide.
- ✓ Provides current links to information on invasive species management techniques.

The Power of our Partnerships! Through our statewide partnership in FISP as well as these four Florida landscapes, we have created a diverse network of participants:

Federal:

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners Program, USFWS Coastal Program, USFWS Key Deer and Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuges, US Army Corps of Engineers, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Defense (Air Force, Army National Guard, Naval Air Station), US Forest Service, National Park Service

State:

Fl. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fl. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry & Division of Plant Industry, Fl. Dept. of Transportation, Fl. Dept. of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks & Division of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Fl. Dept. of Community Affairs, Southwest/St. Johns/South/Northwest Fl. Water Management Districts, University of Fl. Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants & Forest Stewardship Program, University of North Fl. Seagrass Fl.

Local

Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Clay and Duval Counties, Cooperative Extension Service, Counties of Palm Beach, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Baker, Nassau, Highlands, Polk, Monroe, Cities of Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach, Atlantic Beach, Key West, Marathon, Layton, Village of Islamorada, Monroe County Grants Department, Monroe County Land Authority

Non-Profit and Private

The Nature Conservancy, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Florida Native Plant Society, Archbold Biological Station, Tree Hill Nature Center, Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Nokuse Plantation, White Oak Conservation Center, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, Clean Florida Keys, Inc., Florida Keys Environmental Restoration Trust Fund, Key Deer Protection Alliance, City Electric System, Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, Friends and Volunteers of Refuges