

# Alien Species in Iceland

16–17 March 2026  
Marine and Freshwater Institute  
Fornubúðum 5, 220 Hafnarfjörður

Registration link: [Alien species in Iceland - workshop registration – Fill out form](#)

Registration closes at 13:00 on the 11th of March

## Agenda

### DAY 1: Monday, 16 March

**9:45–10:00 Morning coffee. Arrivals & Registration**

10:00–10:15 Welcome remarks by organizers

10:15–10:30 Dr. Laura Meyerson, *Setting the stage for Biological Invasions*

10:30–10:50 Dr. Pawel Wasowicz, *From barriers to gateways: what we know about IAS in Iceland – and what we still miss*

10:50–11:10 Dr. Bjarni Kr. Kristjánsson, *State of IAS governance in Iceland*

11:10–11:30 Róbert A. Stefánsson, *Management of Established Invasive Species in Iceland: Priorities, Gaps and Drivers*

11:30–12:30 Full plenary discussion

**12:30–13:15 Lunch**

13:15–13:45 Dr. Deah Lieurance, *Horizon scanning for invasive species threats to Iceland*

13:45–14:15 Dr. Helen Roy, *Evidence-based risk assessments for invasive alien species*

14:15–14:35 Menja von Schmalensee, *Risk and Impact Assessment of Established Alien Species in Iceland*

**14:35–14:50 Coffee break**

14:50–15:10 Dr. Florian Ruland, *Social-Ecological Networks: How can they help invasion science and management?*

15:10–16:20 Break out discussions

**Breakout 1:** *Horizon scan for Iceland – what should we expect in the future?*

**Breakout 2:** *Alien Species Risk Assessments for Iceland*

**Breakout 3:** *Initiating a social-ecological network for Iceland*

16:20–16:35 Rapporteurs report out from breakout groups

16:35–16:40 Day's summary and introduction to Day 2 agenda

**16:40 Close Day 1**

## DAY 2: Tuesday, 17 March

### 9:00–9:10 Welcome and announcements

9:10–9:40 Dr. Jim Carlton, *Invasion Roulette in the Sea: The Critical Challenge of Waiting for a Trigger Invasion to Initiate Enhanced Policy and Management*

9:40–10:00 Dr. Sindri Gíslason, *Marine IAS in Iceland: Current Status*

10:00–10:20 Dr. Guðni Guðbergsson, *Freshwater Invasions in Iceland*

### 10:20–10:35 Coffee break

10:35–11:35 Break out discussions

**Breakout 1:** *Research and monitoring needs for alien species in marine and freshwater environments*

**Breakout 2:** *Prevention and management of marine and freshwater invasions. What are the options?*

**Breakout 3:** *Communication and public awareness about invasives*

11:35–11:55 Report out from breakout groups and general group discussion

11:55–12:25 Dr. Andrew (Sandy) Liebhold, *Forest globalization: movement of trees, insects and tree pathogens into novel region*

### 12:25–13:10 Lunch

13:10–13:30 Dr. Skúli Skúlason, *Species use in forestry and land reclamation in Iceland – responsible policy*. Co-authors: Bjarni Diðrik Sigurdsson, Hrefna Jóhannesdóttir, Jónína S. Þorlákssdóttir, Sæunn J. Sigurjónsdóttir & Hafdís Hanna Ægisdóttir

13:30–13:50 Dr. Brynja Hrafnkelsdóttir and Helga Ösp Jónsdóttir, *Invasive pests and pathogens in Icelandic forests: possible pathways, prevention, and damage*

13:50–14:50 Break out discussions

**Break out 1:** *Afforestation in Iceland and the use of non-native species. Challenges and solutions*

**Breakout 2:** *Pathways of non-native species introductions to Iceland's terrestrial environment. Challenges and solutions*

**Breakout 3:** *Research and management needs in the terrestrial environment*

14:50–15:10 Reports from breakout groups and general plenary discussion

### 15:10–15:25 Coffee break

15:25–16:20 Plenary panel discussion with invited experts

### 16:20–16:25 Close Day 2



