



# Webinar: Weed Biological Control

24TH & 25TH NOVEMBER, 2022

Weeds are amongst the most important invasive species in the Asia-Pacific region.

In a recent survey by the Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN) of its members, weeds were ranked as the most impactful forest invasive species in the region, especially across countries in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and South Asia. One of the most effective and sustainable management methods for invasive weeds is biological control, using natural enemies of a weed from its native range to control it in the invaded range.

This webinar will introduce the concept of weed biocontrol generally, the process of host-specificity testing, biocontrol control successes, opportunities, and emerging invasive weed issues in the region.

The webinar targets participants in SE Asia and South Asia and will run over two consecutive days. Time will be available to ask questions and for discussion on each day. We look forward to seeing you online on the 24th and 25th of November 2022!

Time: UTC 05.00. Other indicative times: Mumbai 10:30/Karachi 10:00/Bangkok 12:00/Brisbane 15:00

## AGENDA

### 24TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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| 05:00 | Welcome address and introduction to importance of invasive species - Shiroma Sathyapala, FAO Forest Health Officer |
| 05:10 | Overview of APFISN Survey results - Dr Simon Lawson, APFISN co-coordinator   |
| 05:15 | Costs and impacts of weeds - Dr Sankaran Kavileveetil  |
| 05:30 | Introduction to weed biocontrol - Dr Michael Day   |
| 06:00 | Host specificity testing for weed biocontrol - Dr Michael Day  |
| 06:30 | Question & Answer session - All participants   |
| 07:00 | Finish   |

### 25TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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| 05:00 | Introduction to Day 2 - Dr Simon Lawson, APFISN co-ordinator |
| 05:05 | Weed biocontrol successes - Dr Michael Day/TBA               |
| 05:35 | Emerging weed issues - Sankaran Kavileveetil                 |
| 06:05 | Opportunities for weed biocontrol - Dr Michael Dayl          |
| 06:35 | Question & Answer session - All participants                 |
| 07:00 | Finish   |