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An Italian network to share experiences and solutions

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Who's in the network?

~ 60 million € budget
> 50 projects (since 1996)



Italy is one of the countries with the largest number of EU LIFE projects dealing with invasive alien species (IAS)



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'Italian Network of LIFE projects dealing with IAS'
established under the coordination of the
Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

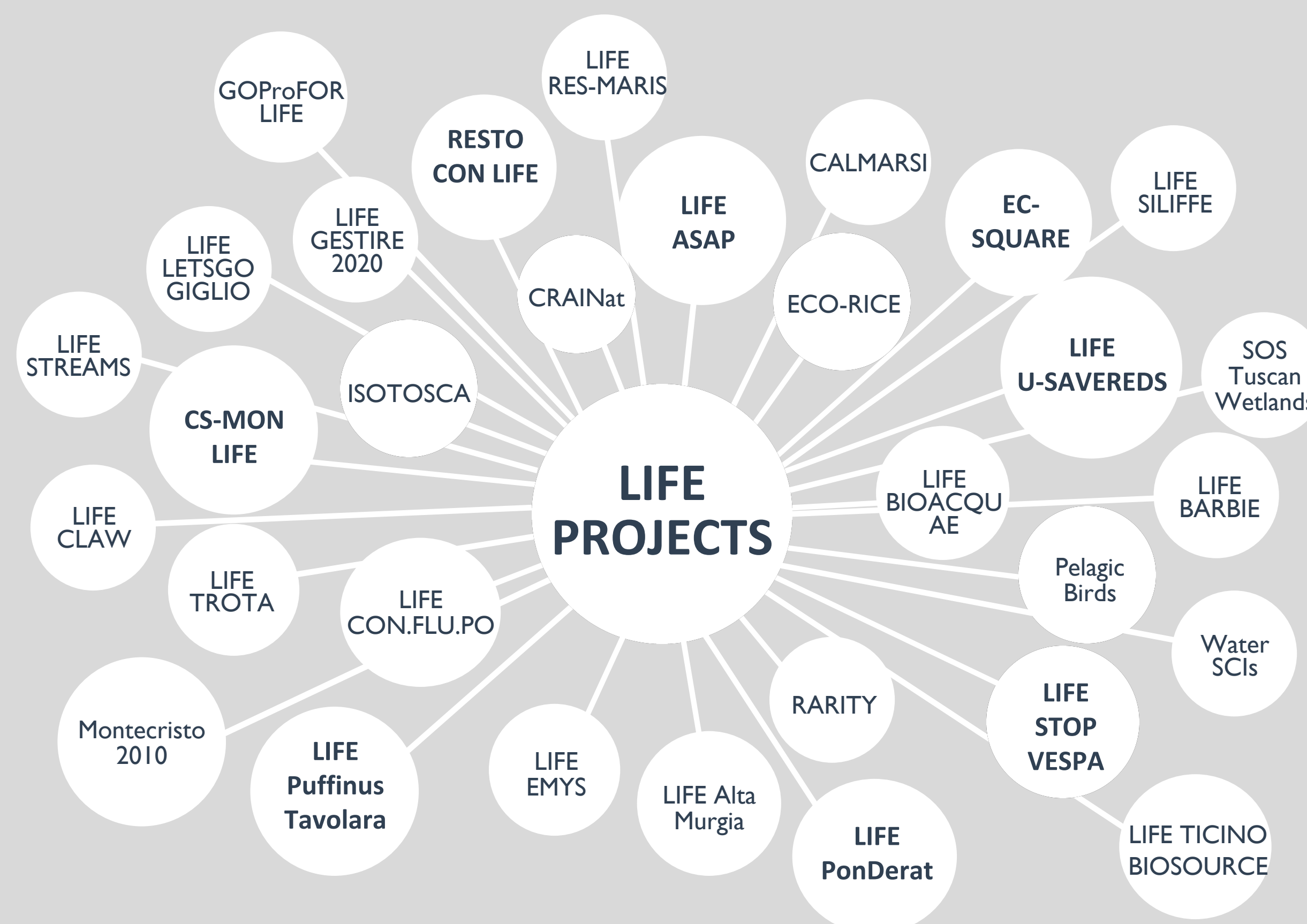
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projects in the network
(2004-2018)

64

contact persons
(2/project, range 1-7)

A unique wealth of information, experiences and solutions

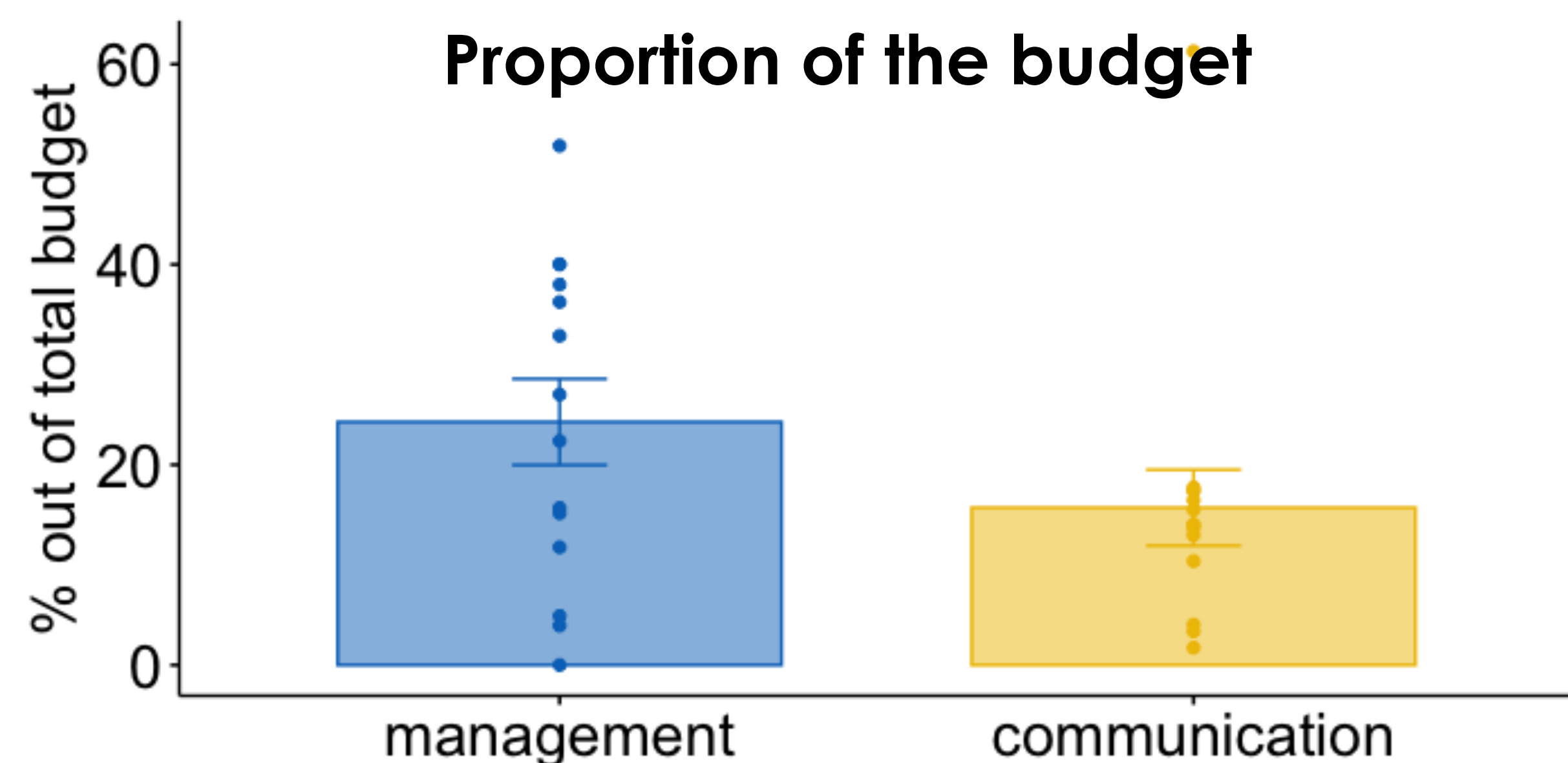
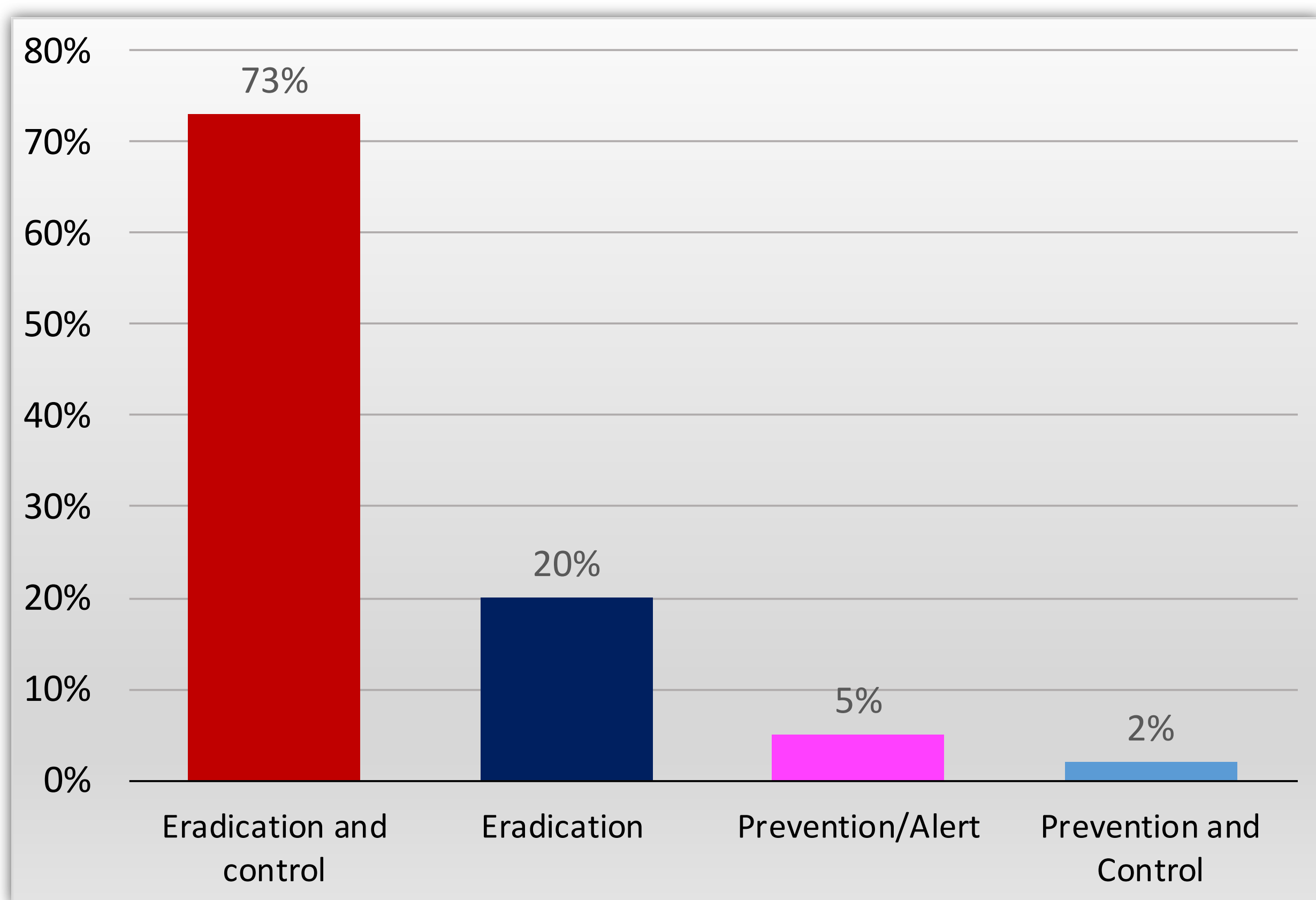


LIFE Projects entered the network

- to share data and experiences
- to exploit the technical skills acquired through the management actions

What's the network up to?

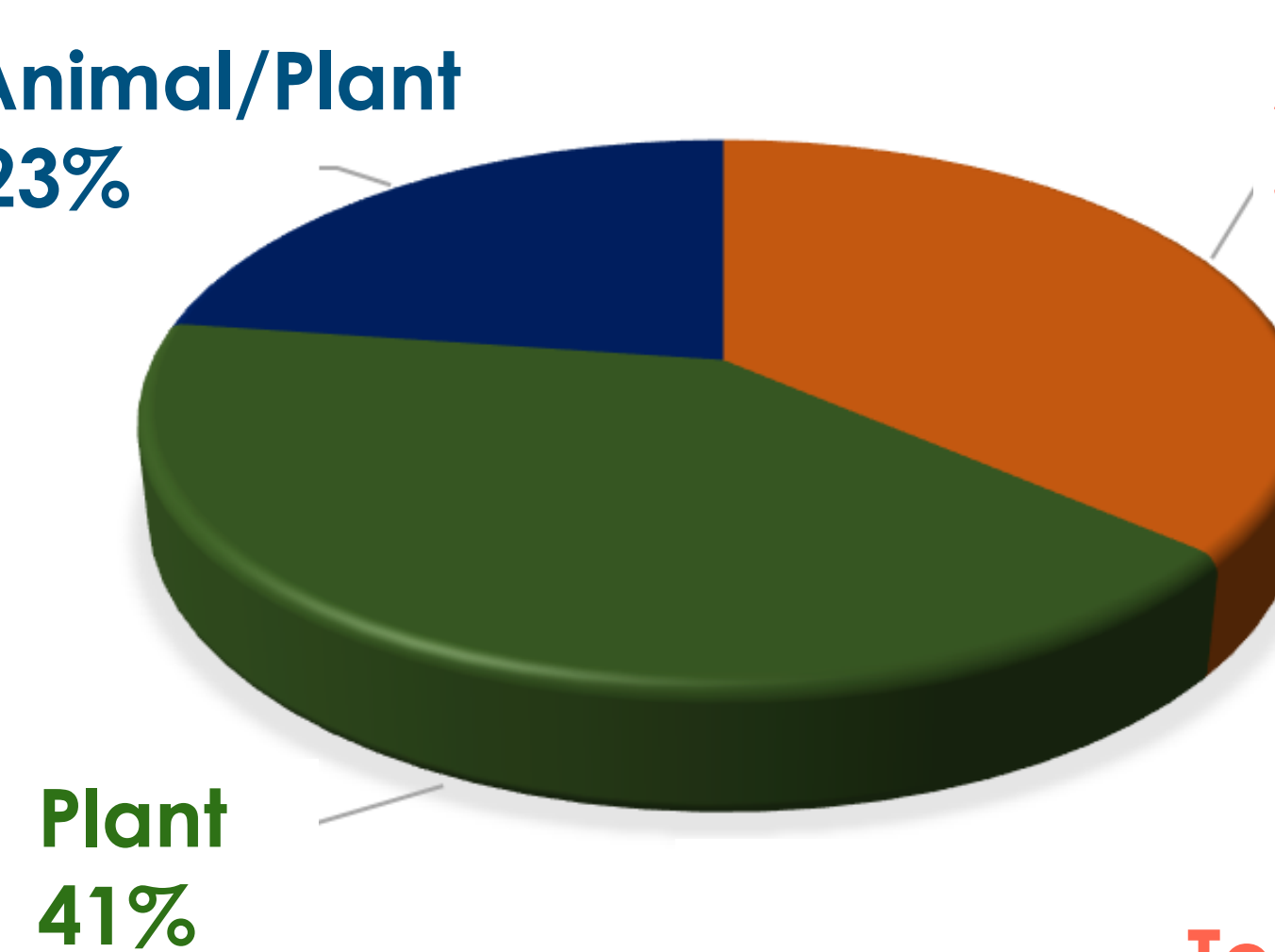
Analysis on data retrieved from project websites and EU LIFE database + info provided by Project Managers



The analysed LIFE projects invest a large part (24%) of the budget in management and practical conservation actions, but they are also committed to dissemination and communication (16%), gathering helpful data on citizens' attitude towards IAS.

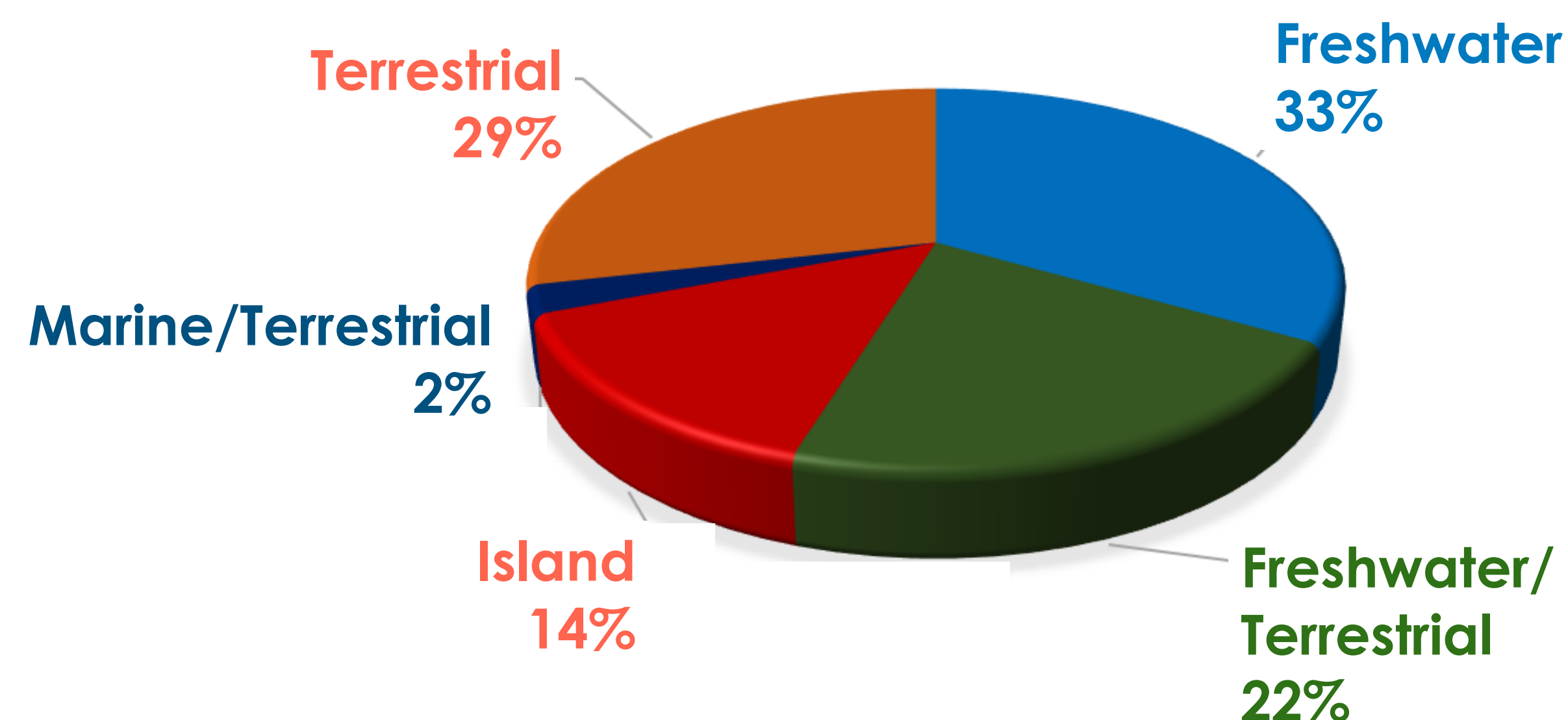
Species involved in LIFE projects

Animal/Plant
23%



In the 'top ten' of species:

- *Carpobrotus* spp.
- *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- *Procambarus clarki*
- *Rattus* spp.
- *Sciurus carolinensis*



Habitats involved in LIFE projects

Aims and commitments for the future

The network aims at:

- **producing evidences of the impacts of IAS**
- identifying the most effective **communication tools to improve the awareness** of the general public about IAS
- promoting **training actions for competent authorities** and local agencies involved in IAS management.

The network would promote **a shift in the focus of LIFE projects towards prevention**, moving also from control to eradication, for tackling more efficiently the risks posed by IAS.