

MISSION CONSERVATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

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Hello agents! This month's theme for Mission Conservation is invasive species awareness. Invasive species are species that exist in an ecosystem they don't naturally belong to. Not only that, but they also possess traits that give them an advantage over native species, causing their populations to get out of control. In today's activity guide, we're going to help you identify invasive species in your community, as well as do a fun activity that helps you learn about invasive species that can negatively impact the environment.

Outdoor Activity: Invasive Species Hunt

Invasive species are hiding all around you—like sneaky nature ninjas! Grab your gear and head outside for a scavenger hunt to spot and identify the invasive plants and animals living in your community!



Supplies

- **Notebook or Journal.**
- **Writing Utensil.**
- **Coloring Utensils.**

What to do

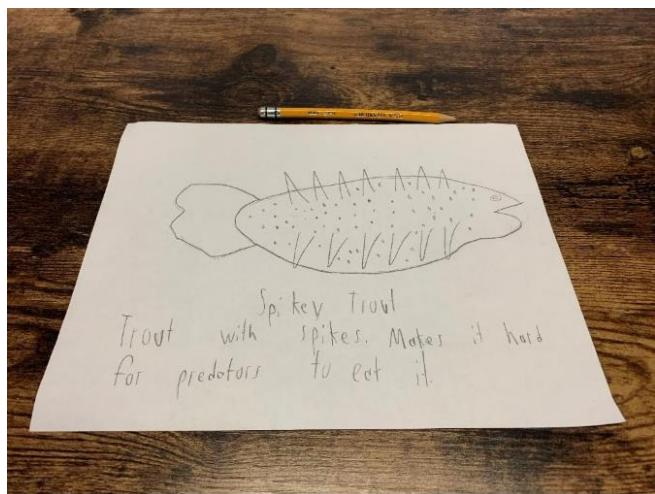
1. Look up local invasive species in your area. These can be either plants or animals, but plants will probably be easier to find in most areas.
 - There are plenty of websites that list invasive species, but your best resource will generally be your state or local conservation department.
 - Make sure you dress appropriately for the weather!
2. Go outside! While invasive species can be found even in densely human areas, you will get the best results visiting your local parks
3. Write down all the invasive species you can find! Don't be afraid to use a phone to look things up if you're unsure.

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Indoor Activity: Make Your Own Invasive Species

Invasive species can shake up an entire ecosystem—but why? Get ready to find out in the most creative way possible. Let's start designing and building your very own 'invasive species to see firsthand how they outcompete the locals!



Supplies

- **Paper**
- **Writing/coloring Utensils.**

What to do

1. Grab a piece of paper, as well as the writing and coloring utensils you want to use.
2. Picture in your head an animal you think would do well in your local environment. It can be as crazy or absurd as you want! Then draw it the best you can.
3. Once you're done drawing, write a few sentences about your animal, and why you think your animal would have an advantage over native species.

We hope you enjoyed the activity guide this month! Don't forget to check out the at-home mission for this month! To see a list of our other missions, or to learn more about Wonders of Wildlife, visit us at <https://wondersofwildlife.org/mission-conservation/>.