MEMBER'S ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

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ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Nature Conservancy is a global conservation organization whose mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Guided by science, TNC creates innovative, on-the-ground solutions to our world's toughest challenges so that nature and people can thrive together.

PRIORITIES / ACTIVITIES FOR FY2023

TNC holds different priorities at different scales of action all around the world. With the USA, each state chapters creates their priorities according to the greatest needs for addressing local conservation challenges, while staff that work for the whole North America region craft their workplans to address overarching threats to conservation. Many state and regional staff work on the specific invasive species' issues that are degrading the biodiversity and resilience of the ecosystems within their scope of work.

TNC does not have unified priorities or activities with regards to invasive species- it has an intentionally decentralized approach as detailed above. The longstanding internal community of practice of invasive species practitioners across the Conservancy therefore is a valuable venue for understanding the wide variety of invasive species issues being addressed by TNC nationwide. For FY23, we can provide this list of broadly representative activities and ecological concerns to give context for ISAC and NISC membership- please note this is not meant to be a complete list of priorities or activities; forest pest and pathogen prevention, management, and policy at international, interstate, forest-wide, and urban community scales; freshwater aquatic invasive species policy, science, and management in rivers and across the Great Lakes; invasive rangeland grass management and policy (especially in the context of annual grasses and wildfire risks); internal policy development for engagement on genetic based technologies in the context of invasive species control or resistance; and island biodiversity conservation and endangered species protection across US territories and states in the Pacific region.