



Scottish Invasive Species Initiative

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 06 September – Aviemore

Macdonald Morlich Hotel - Conference Centre, Peregrine Suite
Macdonald Aviemore Resort, Aviemore, PH22 1PN
Location map - <https://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/aviemore/guest-information/map-of-locations>

09.30 – 10.15	Registration and Refreshments	
WELCOME and INTRODUCTION Chair – Francesca Osowska		
10.15 – 10.20	Francesca Osowska NatureScot - Chief Executive	Welcome
10.20 – 10.25	Lorna Slater - Scottish Government - Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	Opening introduction and welcome
10.25 – 10.35	Francesca Osowska – NatureScot - Chief Executive	Invasive non-native species – why they matter and the importance of control
10.35 – 10.55	Professor James Russell – University of Auckland	Predator Free New Zealand: conservation country
10.55 – 11.15	Callum Sinclair NatureScot – Scottish Invasive Species Initiative Project Manager	Scottish Invasive Species Initiative – landscape scale management delivered locally. How?
11.15 – 11.25	Question and Answer	
11.25 – 11.50	BREAK – Tea and Coffee	
SESSION 1 – Approaches to invasive non-native mammal control Chair – Eileen Stuart		
11.50 – 12.05	Karen Muller Spey Fishery Board – Scottish Invasive Species Initiative	Beyond the banks: Navigating the waters of American mink monitoring and control
12.05 – 12.20	Xavier Lambin University of Aberdeen	Reducing the acute impacts of American mink on rural livelihoods and biodiversity in Chilean and Argentinian Patagonia: the international reach of efforts piloted in Scotland

12.20 – 12.35	Tony Martin Waterlife Recovery Trust	Golf balls, scent lures, smart traps: a recipe for mink eradication in mainland Britain
12.35 – 12.50	Emma Sheehy Scottish Wildlife Trust - Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels: progress towards eradication of grey squirrels from Aberdeen
12.50 – 13.05	Question and Answer	
13.05 – 14.00	LUNCH	
SESSION 2 – Invasive non-native plants – their management and impacts Chair – Callum Sinclair		
14.00 – 14.15	Mark Purrmann – Charles Tay Fishery Board - Scottish Invasive Species Initiative	So, what does a strategic invasive plant control project look like anyway?
14.15 – 14.30	Jane Hamilton Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie River Trust – Scottish Invasive Species Initiative	Our woolly warriors – tackling giant hogweed using sheep grazing
14.30 – 14.45	Rob Dewar National Trust for Scotland	Turning a problem into a solution
14.45 – 15.00	Zarah Pattison University of Stirling	Riverbanks as battlegrounds: how does Himalayan balsam change riparian habitats?
15.00 – 15.15	Question and Answer	
15.15 – 15.40	BREAK – Tea and Coffee	
SESSION 3 – Practical biosecurity in action and emerging threats Chair – Nick Halfhide		
15.40 – 15.55	Laura Bambini Biosecurity for LIFE	Biosecurity for Scotland's seabird islands
15.55 – 16.10	Colin Bean NatureScot	Pink salmon - an emerging threat in Scottish freshwater ecosystems
16.10 – 16.20	Question and Answer	
16.20 – 16.25	Nick Halfhide NatureScot	Summary and Closing Remarks
16.25	CLOSE and DEPART	