

Invasive Species Education

Nab the Aquatic Invader! is a fun way to learn about aquatic invaders. By using this site you can check out lots of unusual species that create real problems in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf and Great Lakes regions. There are many ways that this site can help with class projects. By doing the activities and playing the games on this site, you will learn about nature and be inspired to help the environment by "nabbing" these pesky critters and seeing that you can make a difference. Site produced by Sea Grant and NOAA. Go to www.sgnis.org/kids/great_lakes.html.

For fact sheets on protecting yourself against Asian carp while boating and Asian carp recipes, see www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/ais/carp cuisine.html and www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/ais/flyingfish.html. To order a video on preparing Asian carp for consumption, visit www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/ais/greatdish.html.

Support the "Don't dump bait" campaign with a sticker on your boat. Order it at www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/ais/ddb.htm.

Invasive Species Trunks Provide Tools for Teachers

With this resource trunk produced by the Department of Natural Resources, you and your students can learn why invasive species are detrimental, how they arrived in Illinois and what actions can be taken to control them. Field guides, books, lessons, DVDs, specimens, replicas and other items are included. Targeted grades: 7-12. All lessons are correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards. Lending locations are found statewide. These trunks were developed by the DNR Education Section in cooperation with the DNR Office of Resource Conservation and educators at the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant program at the University of Illinois.

To see contents and lending locations visit www.dnr.state.il.us/education/invasivetrunk.htm.

