



National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Briefing

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**ERTF Invasive Species Strategic
Action Framework Meeting**

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Executive Order 13112 (Issued in February of 1999)

NISC was established by EO to ensure that Federal activities are **coordinated, complimentary, cost-efficient and effective**

Council's Co-Chairs: Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture & Commerce

Members: DOT, DOD, Treasury, DOS, EPA, HHS, USAID; USTR, DHS, & NASA.

Advisory Committee: Non-federal stakeholders and experts from industry, academia, NGOs, etc.



An invasive species is defined by Executive Order (EO) 13112 as:

- **a species that is not native (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration**
- **a species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.**





Federal Activities On Invasive Species

Over 30 U.S. Federal agencies and departments deal with invasive species

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (NOAA/DOC)**
 - covers many aquatic invasive species issues – Sanctuaries, ESA
- **Department of the Interior (DOI)**
 - covers public lands invasive species issues, regulates fish and wildlife species determined to be injurious
- **Department of Agriculture (USDA) *****
 - covers plant pests, noxious weeds, and invasive species that harm livestock and poultry (animal quarantine laws)



Federal Activities On Invasive Species (cont'd.)

- **Department of Defense (DOD)**
 - manages military lands, transports personnel and equipment, conducts operations overseas
 - USACE
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - regulates water quality, pesticides and herbicides, and conducts research
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Highway plantings, FAA regulations
- **NASA**
 - Remote sensing, data

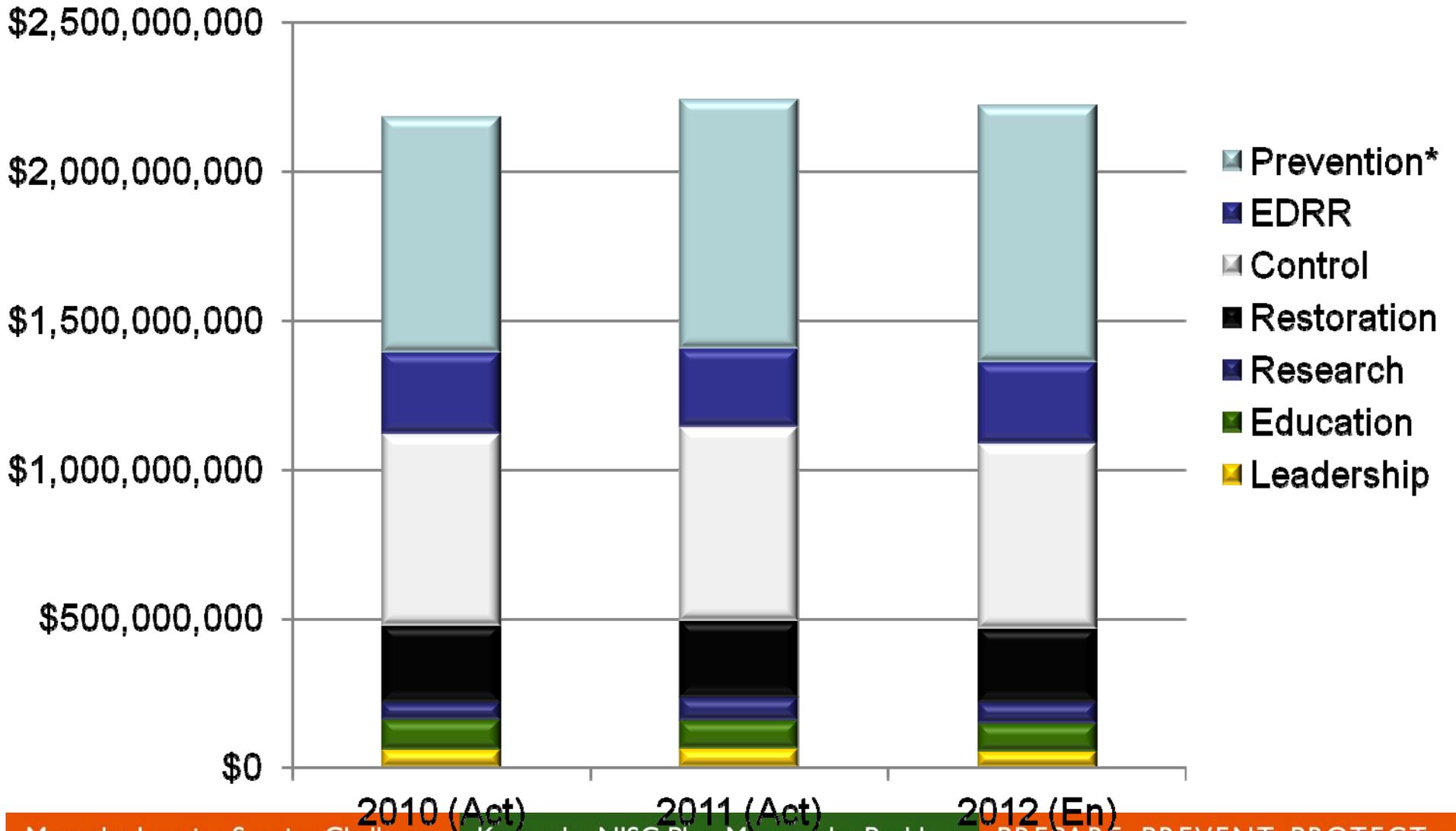


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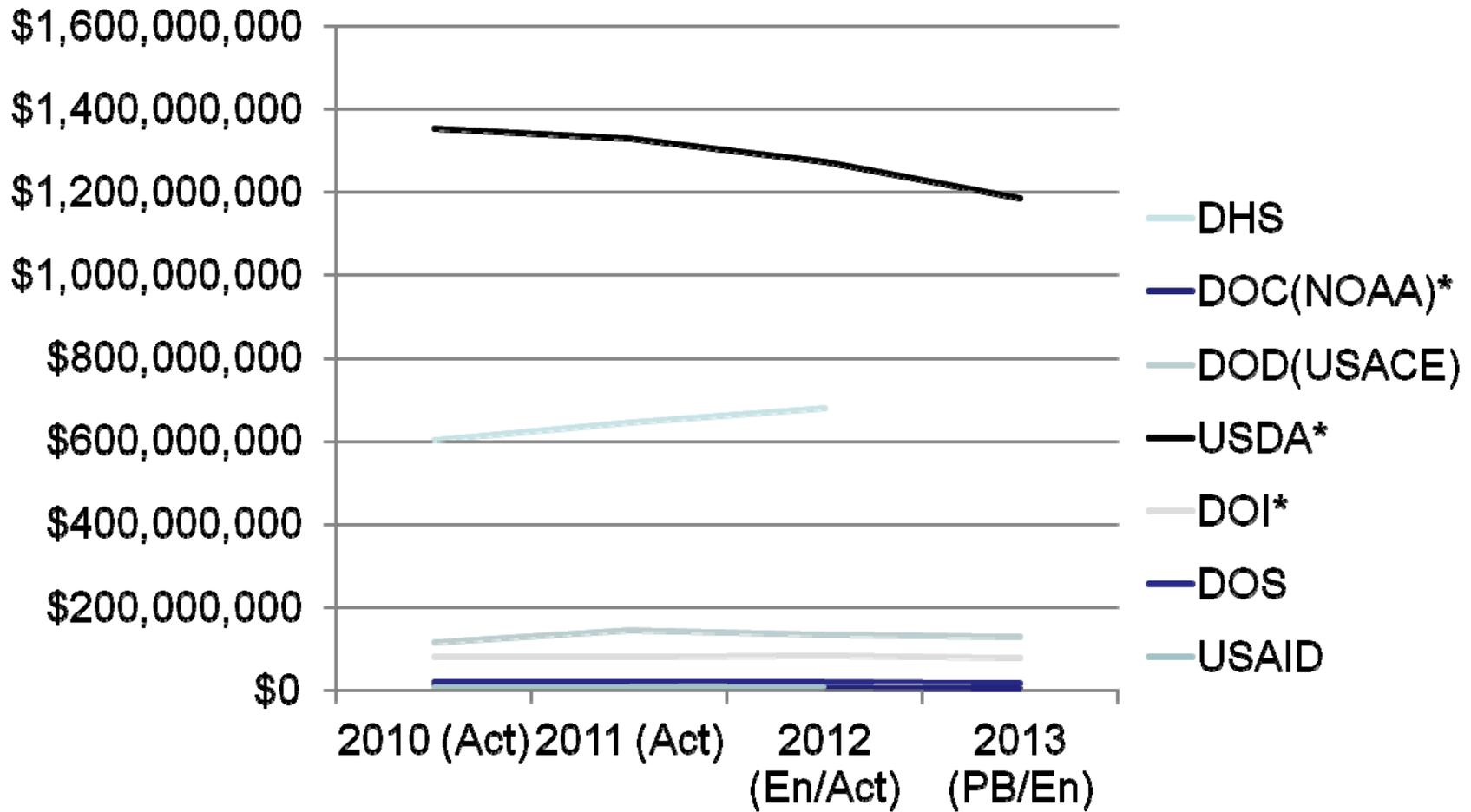
- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
 - Border Security – primary inspections of people and goods
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
 - Address invasive species primarily as impacts Human health (mostly vectors)
- **Agency for International Development (USAID), United States Trade Representative (USTR), and the State Department**
 - Conventions, regional fora
 - Free Trade Agreements
 - Disaster response
 - Development/Assistance



NISC Agencies Spending by General Category



NISC Agencies Spending by Agency



* 2012 Actual Budget; 2013 Enacted Budget



Regional Coordination Lessons Learned

- 1) You need Champions.
- 2) Invasive species issues are inherently multi-disciplinary. Use this to your advantage.
 - Building your partnership
 - Building your case
 - The same message from multiple directions
 - Tie into the big picture
- 3) Meet. Strategize. Stay in touch. See opportunities for each other that benefit the big picture.

Questions?

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