



Invasive Exotic Animal Plan

Invasive Animals

SFWMD Actions to Date

- SFWMD partnering with other agencies in the following key areas:
 - Control
 - Research
 - Policy
 - Outreach



SFWMD Control Efforts

- Search and removal efforts on District lands
 - Burmese pythons
 - Purple swamphens
 - Island Apple Snail
- Vegetation Management and Miami Field Station staff



SFWMD-Sponsored Research

- SFWMD contracts with agencies with wildlife research expertise
 - Burmese Python Trap Development
 - Invasive Reptile Risk Assessment
 - Burmese Python Diet and Behavior
 - Bromeliad Weevil and Lobate Lac Scale Biocontrol
- Research Collaborators



SFWMD Outreach

- SFWMD partnering with agencies and NGO's to increase public awareness
- Produced python hotline cards, Don't Release signs
- SFWMD active with media
 - Media tours: 3
 - Inquiries/interviews: 8
 - News stories: 128



Invasive Animal Prevention

- SFWMD petitioned USFWS to place Burmese pythons on injurious species list (2006)
- SFWMD congressional testimony on invasive animal screening legislation (HR669)
- SFWMD statement in support of python importation ban (HR 2811)



Interagency Coordination

- **Florida Invasive Animal Task Force**
 - **SFWMD participation since 2004**
 - **Assisted in developing priority species list**
- **Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area**
 - **Developing early detection, rapid response protocol for ECISMA land managers**

Questions?

