

# From basic taxonomic data towards a synthesis in plant invasion ecology

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# Alien flora of the Czech Republic

Table 2. – Composition of the Czech alien flora. Number of taxa in particular categories of immigration time and invasive status (see text for definitions). Hybrids are included (for their numbers see Table 4). Distribution of archaeophytes and neophytes with respect to invasive status are significantly different (G-test on contingency tables,  $G = 379.04$ ,  $df = 2$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ).

	Casual	Naturalized	Invasive	Total
Archaeophytes	74	237	21	332
Neophytes	817	160	69	1046
Aliens total	891	397	90	1378

**ca 2700 native + 1378 alien taxa  
⇒ Aliens form 33% of the Czech flora**

Pyšek P., Sádlo J. & Mandák B. 2002. Catalogue of alien plants of the Czech Republic. Preslia 74: 97–186.

# Alien flora of the Czech Republic in Flora Europaea

Table.1. Comparison of data on naturalized species given by Flora Europaea (TUTIN et al. 1964–1980) for the territory of former Czechoslovakia with their present status (based on data in PYŠEK et al. 2002 and GOJDIČOVÁ et al. 2002).

Group	Number of species
Total reported in Flora Europaea for the Czech Republic	<b>332</b>
Not relevant for the Czech Republic (occurring only in Slovakia)	8
Planted, not escaping from cultivation	11
Not relevant for the Czech Republic (native, alien only in Slovakia)	1
Relevant for the Czech Republic	<b>312</b>
Considered native	7
Erroneous records (not occurring in the Czech Republic)	15
Correctly reported as aliens	<b>290</b>
Naturalized in the Czech Republic (status correct in FE)	118
Casual in the Czech Republic but naturalized in Slovakia (status correct in FE)	11
Casuals in the Czech Republic (status incorrect in FE)	161

- **For 55% of alien species in the Czech Republic, Flora Europaea erroneously states that they are naturalized in this country**
- **111 naturalized aliens in the Czech Republic (48.5%) are not reported in Flora Europaea for this country**

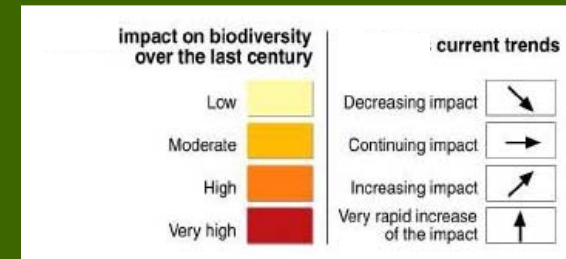


**Pyšek P. (2003) How reliable are data on alien species in Flora Europaea? Flora 198: 499–507.**



# Biological invasions are a problem of global significance

		Habitat change	Climate change	Invasive species	Over-exploitation	Pollution (nitrogen, phosphorus)
Forest	Boreal	↗	↑	↗	→	↑
	Temperate	↘	↑	↑	→	↑
	Tropical	↑	↑	↑	↗	↑
Dryland	Temperate grassland	↗	↑	→	→	↑
	Mediterranean	↗	↑	↑	→	↑
	Tropical grassland and savanna	↗	↑	↑	→	↑
	Desert	→	↑	→	→	↑
Inland water	↑	↑	↑	→	↑	
Coastal	↗	↑	↗	↗	↑	
Marine	↑	↑	→	↗	↑	
Island	→	↑	→	→	↑	
Mountain	→	↑	→	→	↑	
Polar	↗	↑	→	↗	↑	



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## Invasions are global ... How does it relate to taxonomy?

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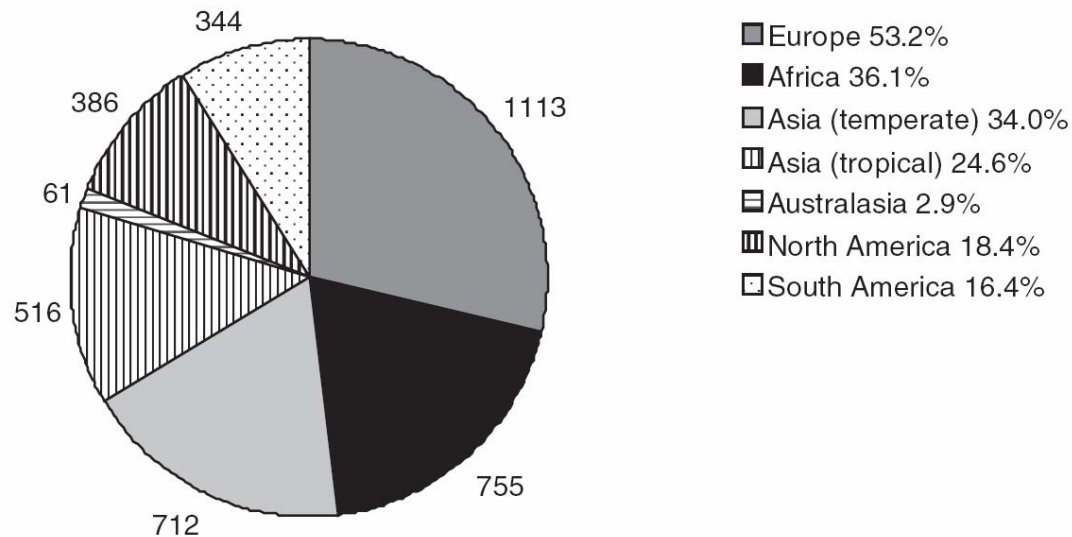


Fig. 5. – Donor regions of the alien flora of Europe. Based on 2271 naturalized aliens for which the region of origin was classified, including aliens with region of origin in Europe but alien to other parts of the continent. Species numbers are given in the pie-chart (those with native distribution in more than one continent were assigned to each of the continents), percentage contributions of regions to the total number of species follow their names.

**In terms of taxonomy, global phenomenon has local consequences ...**



**Lambdon P. W., Pyšek P., Basnou C. et al. 2008. Alien flora of Europe: species diversity, temporal trends, geographical patterns and research needs. *Preslia* 80: 101–149.**



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# Global risk from invasions by South African plants

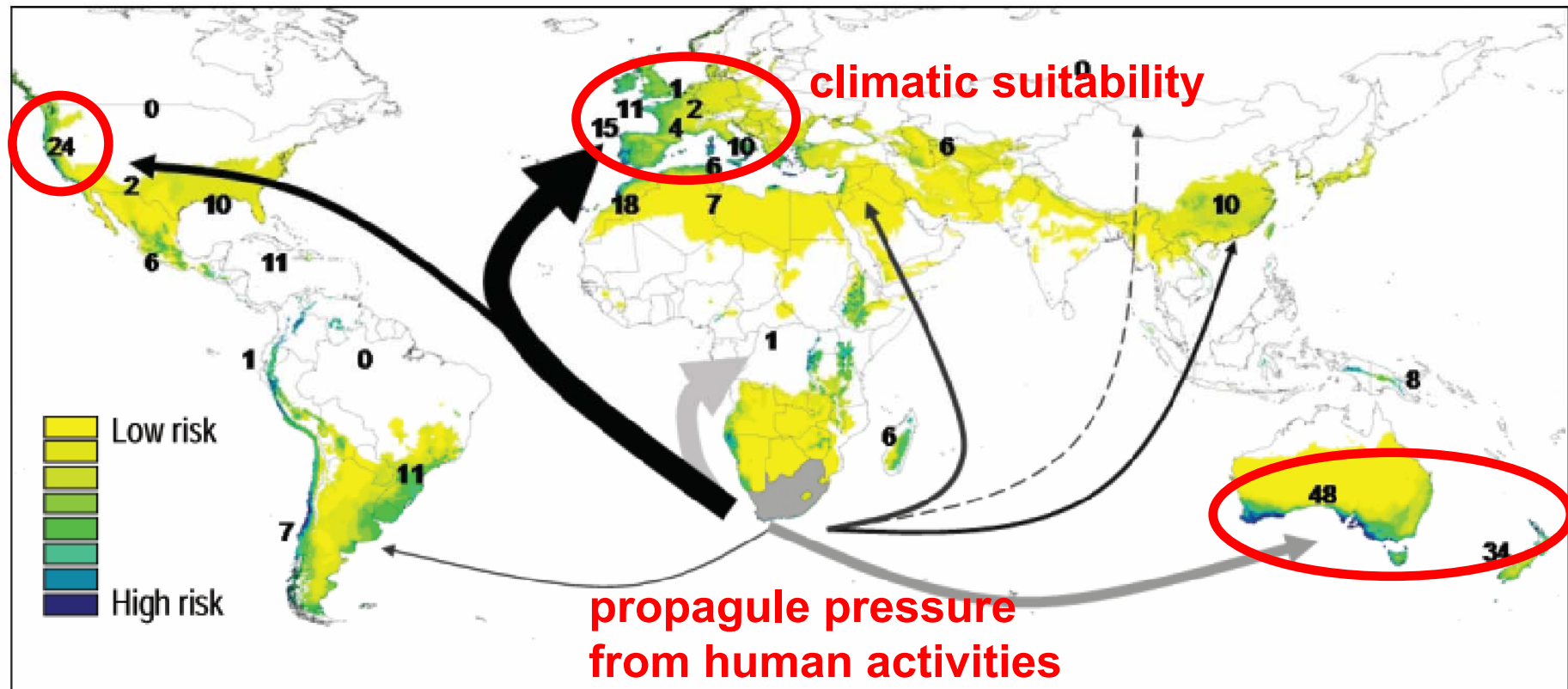


Fig. 1. The number of South African species naturalized elsewhere can be explained by climatic suitability and propagule pressure (explaining 79% of variation in the data)

Thuiller W., Richardson D. M., Pyšek P. et al. 2005. Niche-based modelling as a tool for predicting the risk of alien plant invasions at a global scale. *Global Change Biology* 11: 2234–2250.

# 1st Reason Why Taxonomy Is Important for Invasion Ecology

**All ecology depends on taxonomy – you are telling us what our species are 😊**



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1. To create an **inventory of invasive species** that threaten European terrestrial, fresh-water and marine environments
2. To structure the inventory to provide the basis for prevention and control of biological invasions through the understanding of the environmental, social, economic and other factors involved
3. To assess and summarise the ecological, economic and health risks and impacts of the most widespread and/or noxious invasive species
4. To use distribution data and the experiences of the individual Member States as a framework for considering indicators for early warning



# DAISIE: European Alien Species Database

1. To create an **inventory of invasive species** that threaten European terrestrial, fresh-water and marine environments

**Over 10,667 taxa** are alien somewhere in Europe

## Terrestrial:

Plants	5789
Fungi	84
Invertebrates	2519
Vertebrates	370

## Aquatic:

Inland	480
Marine	1069

**> 45,000 introduction events (species-region records) documented**

**71 terrestrial countries/regions & 9 marine areas**



# DAISIE: European Alien Invasive Species Gateway

Search by:

- Species
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Marine Terrestrial

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France  
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Gibraltar  
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Greece (North Aegean)  
Greece (South Aegean)  
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Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
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Israel  
Italy  
Kriti (Crete)  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia  
Madeira  
Malta  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Northern Ireland  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
San Marino  
Sardegna  
Scotland  
Serbia  
Sicilia  
Sicilia (Sicily)  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Svalbard  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Turkey (in Europe)  
Ukraine  
Wales

**Region Factsheet** Czech Republic

**Alien Species**

Species

- Terrestrial vertebrates
- Terrestrial invertebrates
- Aquatic inland
- Terrestrial plants
- Flowering plants (Magnoliophyta)

- Abutilon theophrasti (Not established)
- Acer ginnala (Not established)
- Acer monspessulanum (Not established)
- Acer saccharinum (Not established)
- Achillea crithmifolia (Not established)
- Achillea filipendulina (Not established)
- Aconitum cammarum hyb. (Established)
- Acorus calamus (Established)
- Acroptilon repens (Not established)
- Adonis aestivalis (Established)
- Adonis annua (Not established)
- Adonis flammea (Established)
- Aegilops cylindrica (Not established)
- Aegilops geniculata (Not established)
- Aesculus carnea hyb. (Not established)
- Aesculus hippocastanum (Not established)
- Aethusa cynapium (Established)
- Ageratum houstonianum (Not established)
- Agropyron pectinatum (Not established)
- Agrostemma githago (Established)
- Agrostis gigantea (Established)
- Agrostis soabra (Not established)
- Ajuga chamaepitys (Established)
- Ajuga glabra (Established)
- Alcea rosea (Established)
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- Alchemilla mollis (Not established)
- Alchemilla sericata (Not established)
- Alchemilla speciosa (Not established)
- Alchemilla tyttantha (Not established)






# DAISIE: Handbook of Alien Species (2009)

## Handbook of Alien Species in Europe

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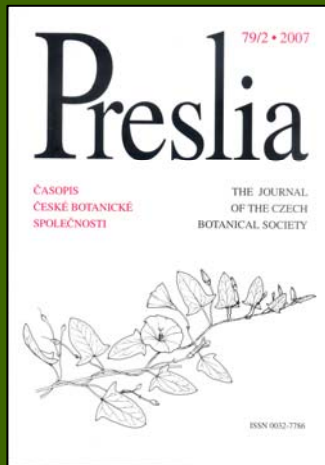
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# Alien flora of Europe



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## Alien flora of Europe: species diversity, temporal trends, geographical patterns and research needs

Zavlečená flóra Evropy: druhová diverzita, časové trendy, zákonitosti geografického rozšíření a oblasti budoucího výzkumu

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# DAISIE: classification of origin

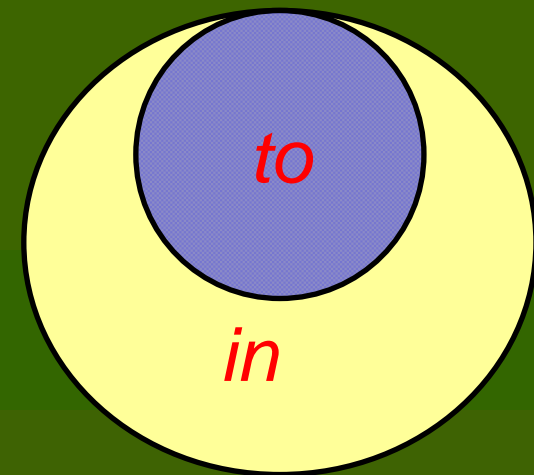
Aliens with **native range in some part of Europe**, but invading in other parts of Europe

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**Alien *to* Europe**  
(native range outside European continent)

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**Alien *in* Europe**  
(complete alien flora)



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# Alien flora of Europe: Big picture



49 countries/regions

## Total:

**5789 alien plant species**  
(2843 of origin outside Europe)

## Naturalized:

**3749 species**  
(1780 of origin outside Europe)



Europe – ca 10 000 native species  
aliens = ca 22%



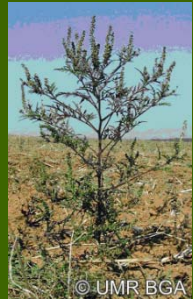
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# Invasion trends: alien plants in Europe



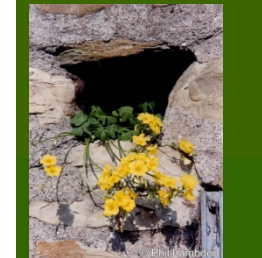
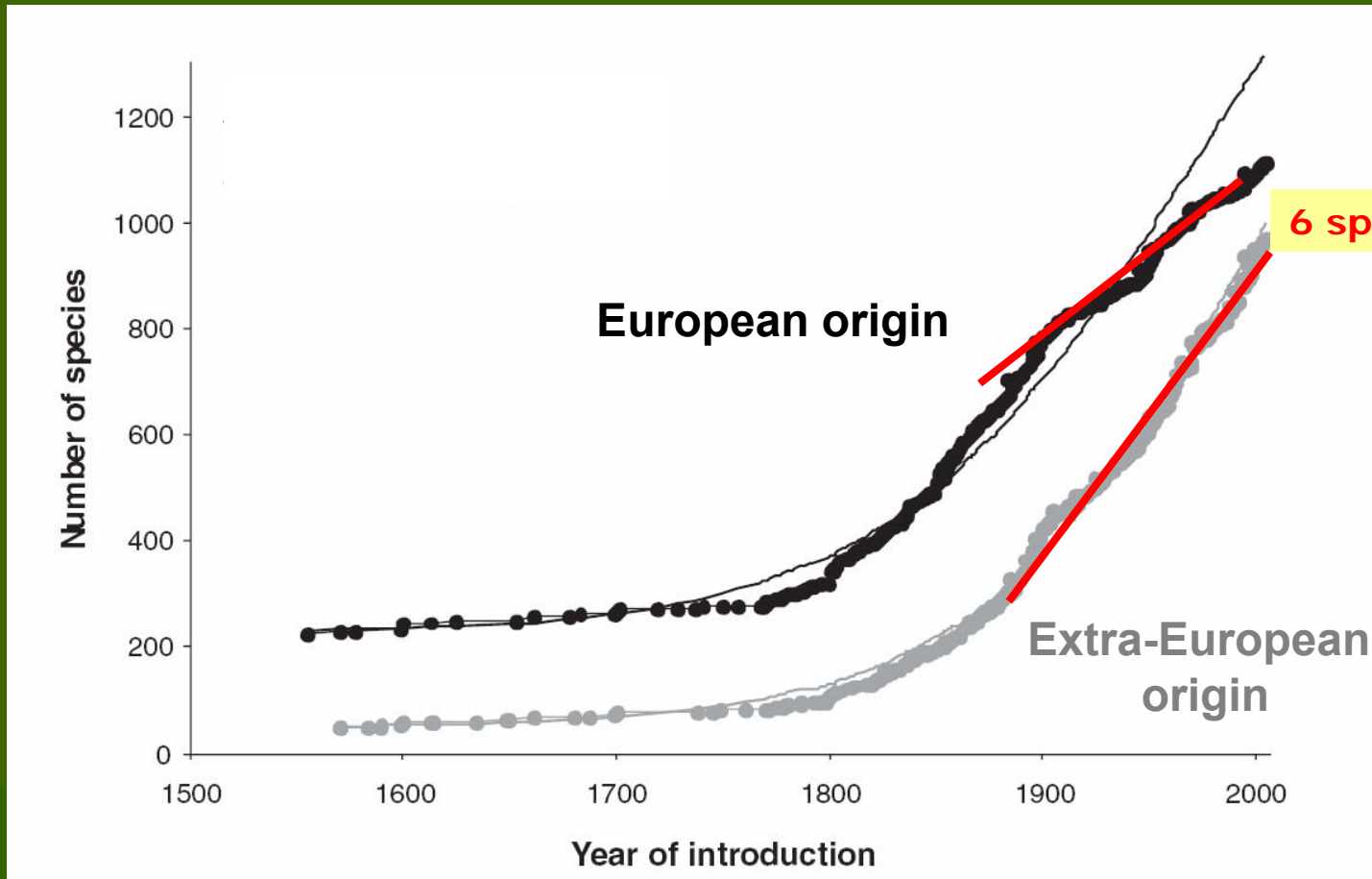
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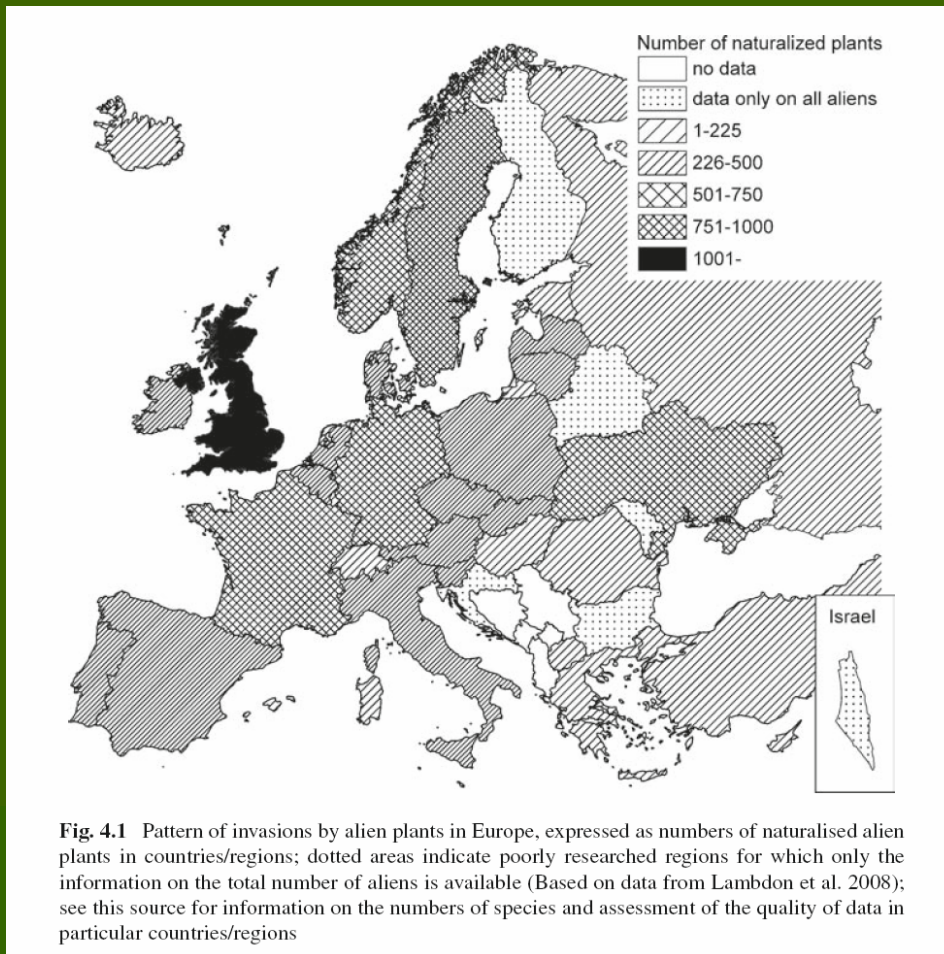


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# Alien flora of Europe: distribution in regions



## Species distributions Numbers of aliens in countries



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## 2st Reason Why Taxonomy Is Important for Invasion Ecology

**Much of the knowledge in current invasion ecology derives from the studies of congeneric species**

Comparison of alien species with native, or invasive with non-invasive aliens:

- filtering out phylogenetic bias
- bias associated with the region of origin
- congeners often occur in similar habitats

**... explicit role of taxonomy in studies on plant invasions**





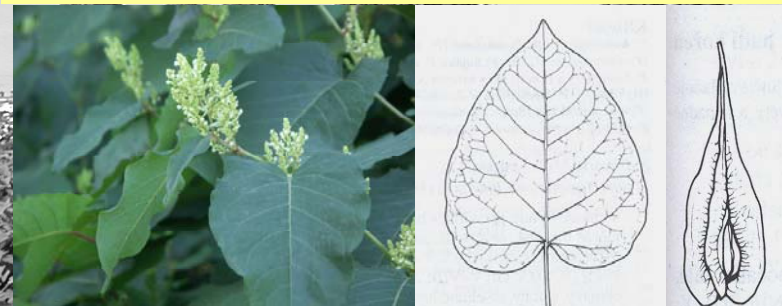
# Taxa of the genus *Fallopia* in Czech Republic

***Fallopia japonica* (Houtt.)  
Ronse Decraene var. *japonica***



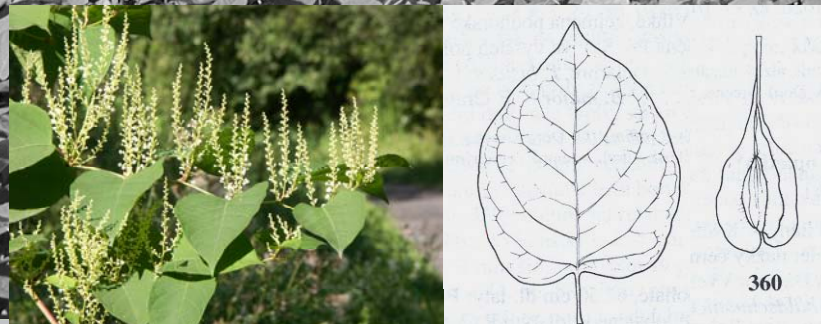
Native from North Japan through  
Korea and China to Taiwan

***Fallopia sachalinensis*  
(F. Schmidt) Ronse Decraene**



native to Japan and Sakhalin

***Fallopia* × *bohemica* (Chrtek  
& Chrtková) J. P. Bailey**



Mandák B., Bímová K., Pyšek P., Štěpánek J. & Plačková I. 2005.  
Isoenzyme diversity in *Reynoutria* (Polygonaceae) taxa: escape from sterility  
by hybridization. *Plant Syst. Evol.* 253: 219–230.



# Taxa of the genus *Fallopia* in Czech Republic

In invaded range knotweeds reproduce and spread almost exclusively vegetatively, but rare hybridization events do occur

Mandák et al. — Variation in DNA-ploidy levels of *Reynoutria* Taxa

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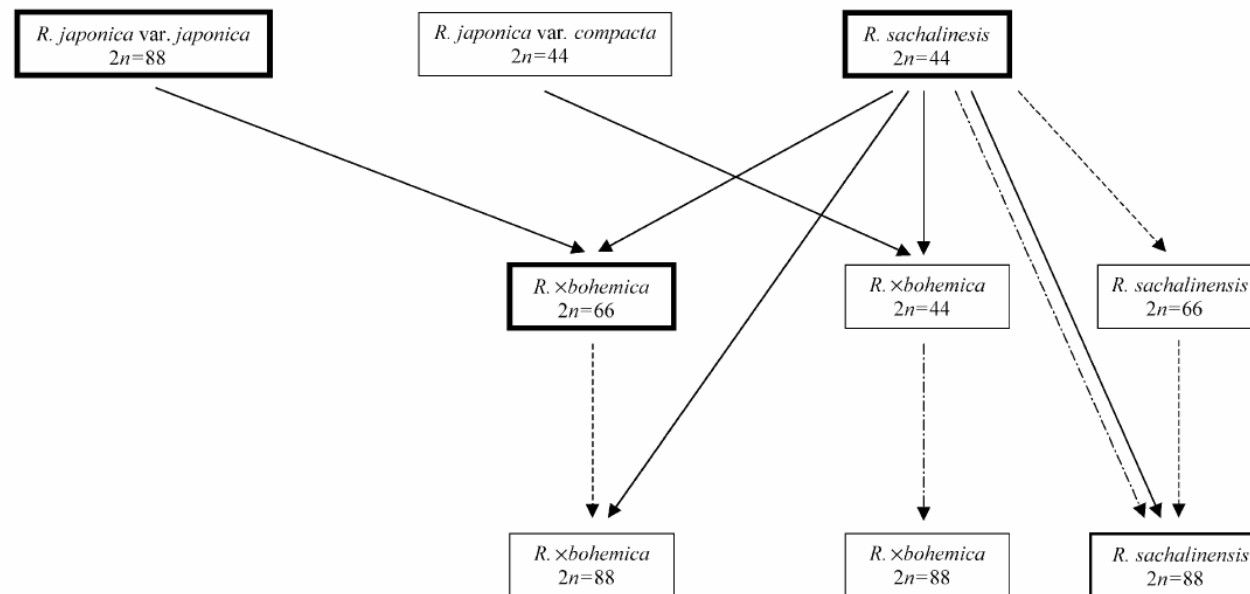


FIG. 4. Schema of hybridization and polyploidization within the genus *Reynoutria* in the Czech Republic. More frequent ploidy levels are indicated by wider frames: those with 6–20 localities have intermediate frames, those with more than 20 localities have wide frames. Solid lines indicate origin of particular taxa by hybridization, dashed lines indicate expected fusion of reduced and unreduced gametes, and dot-and-dashed lines indicate autopolyploidization.

the pattern of hybridization is complex and hybrids are difficult to determine



Mandák B., Pyšek P., Lysák M., Suda J., Krahulcová A. & Bímová K. 2003. Variation in DNA-ploidy levels of *Reynoutria* taxa in the Czech Republic. *Ann. Bot.* 96: 265–272.

# Problems with determination of knotweeds in floristic literature

Table 2. Overview of misidentifications of *Reynoutria* taxa in original data obtained from literature, herbaria and unpublished records. Number of localities in which the clone persisted (n) until recently and which were used for verification of the past determination in *Reynoutria* species is shown. Cells showing incorrect determination are shaded.

Original determination:	Correct determination (%)		
	<i>R. japonica</i>	<i>R. ×bohemica</i>	<i>R. sachalinensis</i>
<i>R. japonica</i> (n = 120)	86.7	10.8 (n=13)	2.5 (n=3)
<i>R. sachalinensis</i> (n = 43)	7.0 (n=3)	9.3 (n=4)	83.7

correct determination  
of *Fallopia japonica* in  
floristic papers = 87%

correct determination  
of *F. sachalinensis* in  
floristic papers = 84%

proportion of *F. bohemica* determined  
as either of parents = 20.1%



Pyšek P. et al. (2001) Persistence of stout clonal herbs as invaders in the landscape: a field test of historical records. In: Brundu G. et al. (eds.), *Plant invasions*, p. 235–244, Backhuys Publishers, Leiden.



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# History of invasion and distribution in the Czech Republic

Table 1. – Number of localities recorded for *Reynoutria* taxa in the Czech Republic up to 2000. Percentages of the total number of localities recorded for all taxa are shown in brackets, those of the total number of localities recorded for a given taxon in parentheses.

	<i>R. japonica</i> var. <i>japonica</i>	<i>R. japonica</i> var. <i>compacta</i>	<i>R. sachalinensis</i>	<i>R. ×bohemica</i>	Total
Date of the first documented record	1883	1948	1921 <sup>1</sup>	1950	–
Total number of recorded localities	1335 [67.3]	5 [0.3]	261 [13.2]	381 [19.2]	1982
Number of specimens in herbaria	152 (11.4)	1 (20.0)	60 (23.0)	58 (15.2)	271
Number of localities in settlements	1030 (77.2)	5 (100.0)	200 (76.6)	238 (62.5)	1473
Number of localities outside settlements	305 (22.8)	0 (0.0)	61 (23.4)	143 (37.5)	509

<sup>1</sup> Indirect evidence suggests 1869 (see text for details)

## Fallopia japonica

first record 1883  
1335 localities

## F. × bohemica

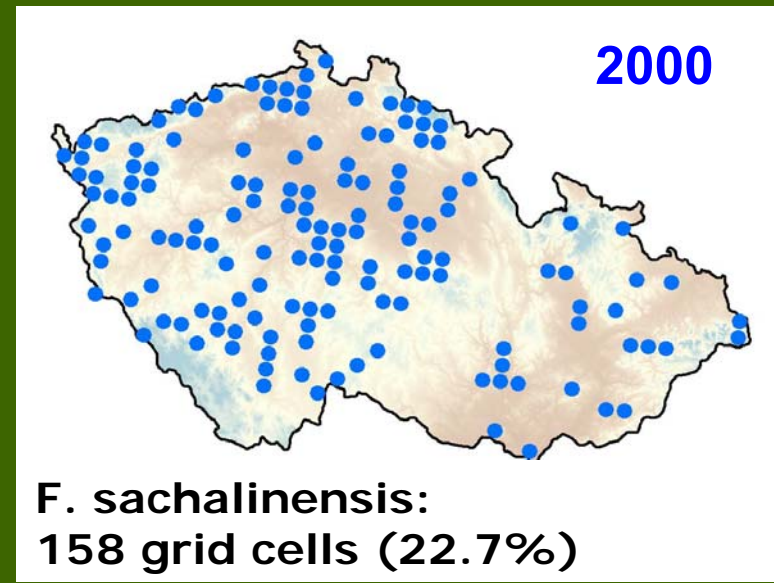
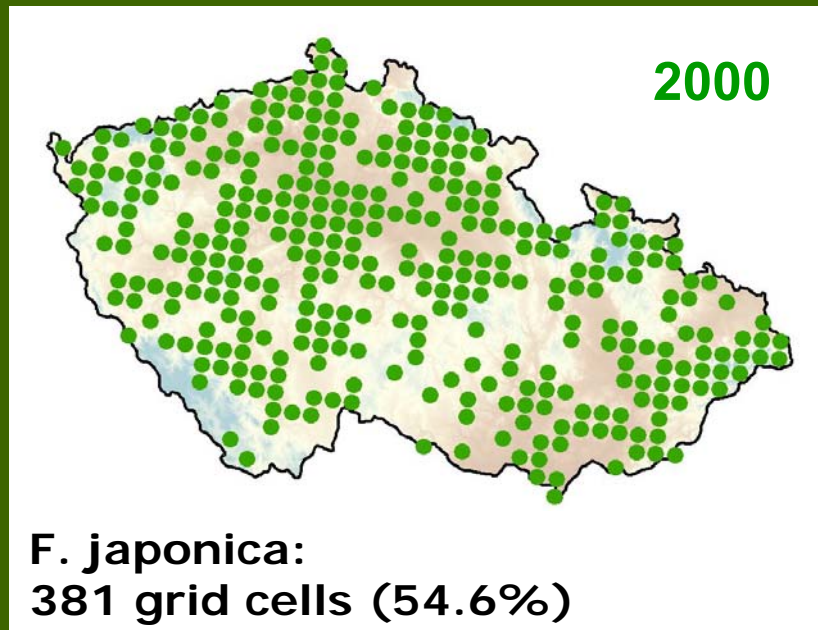
first record 1950  
381 localities

## F. sachalinensis

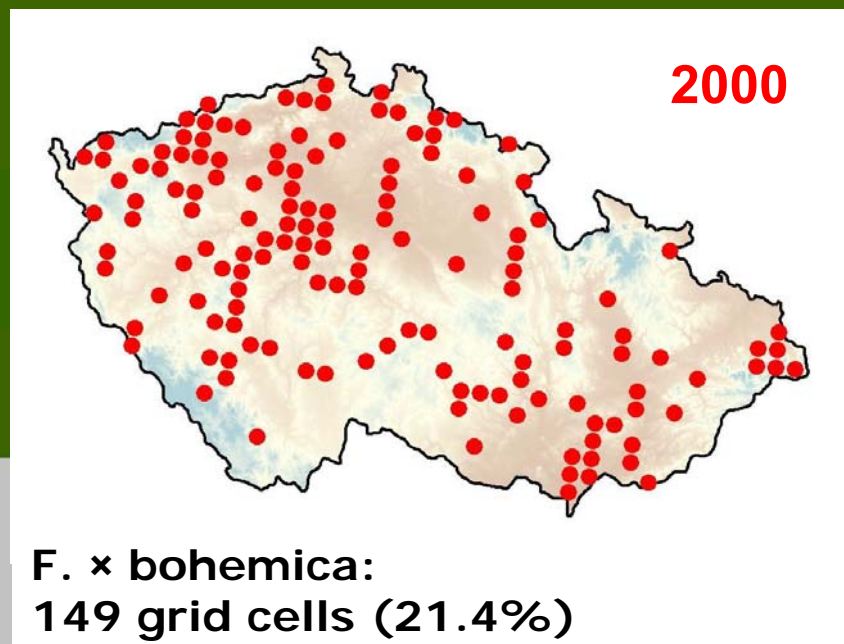
first record 1869  
261 localities

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# Distribution of Fallopia taxa in the Czech Republic



Fallopia japonica is most widespread but the hybrid is as much widespread as F. sachalinensis



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# Persistence of Fallopia clones in invaded sites

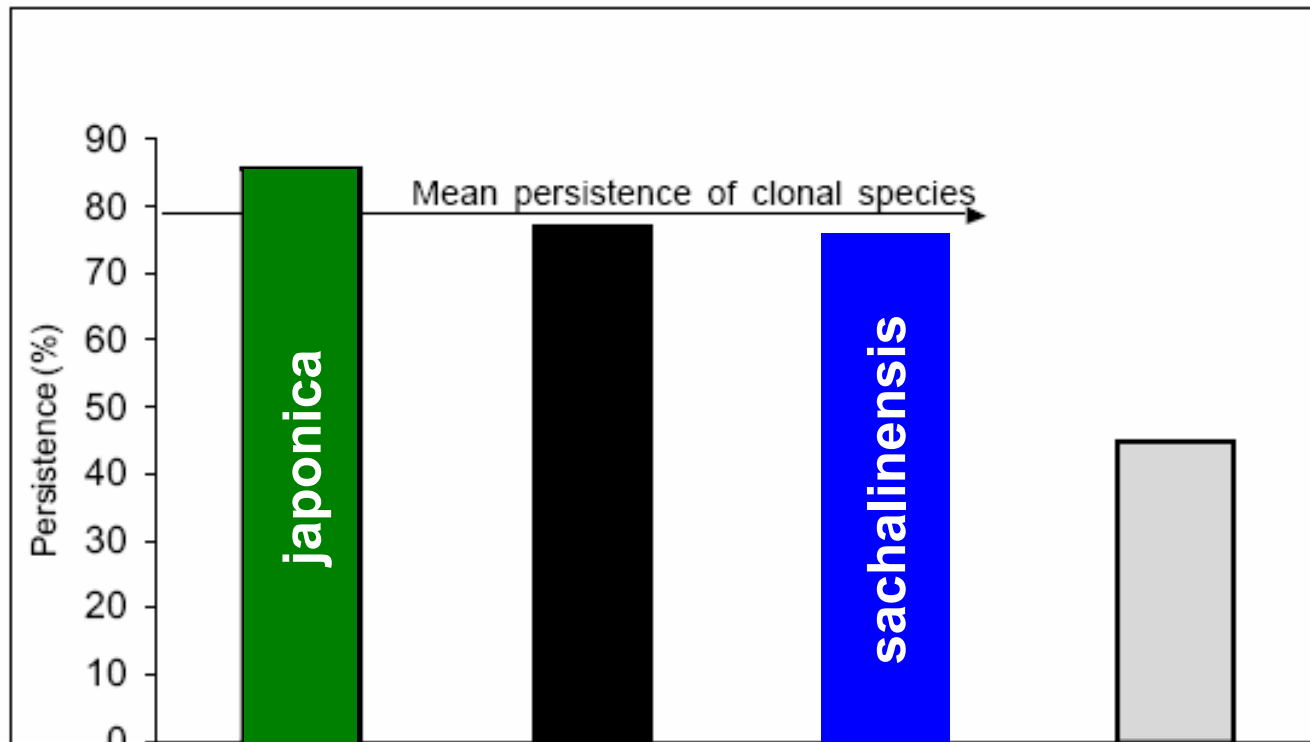


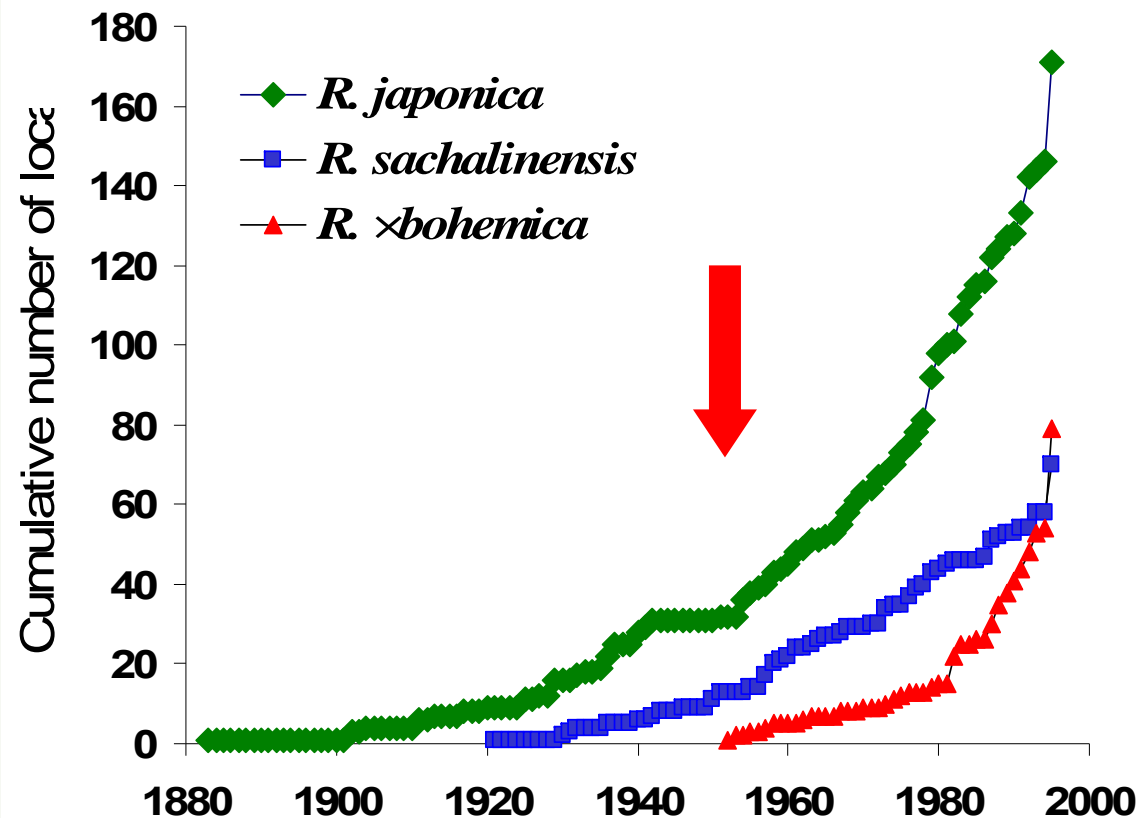
Fig. 3. Comparison of the persistence rate of the three clonal species presented in this study (solid bars) with a non-clonal invader *Heracleum mantegazzianum* (hatched bar, data from WADE *et al.* 1997). Mean values calculated from the pooled data of clonal species is indicated.

**Fallopia japonica – persistence in 86% localities**

**Fallopia sachalinensis – persistence in 75% localities**

Pyšek P. et al. (2001) Persistence of stout clonal herbs as invaders in the landscape: a field test of historical records. In: Brundu G. et al. (eds.), Plant invasions, p. 235–244, Backhuys Publishers, Leiden.

# Comparing the rate of invasion in the Czech Republic



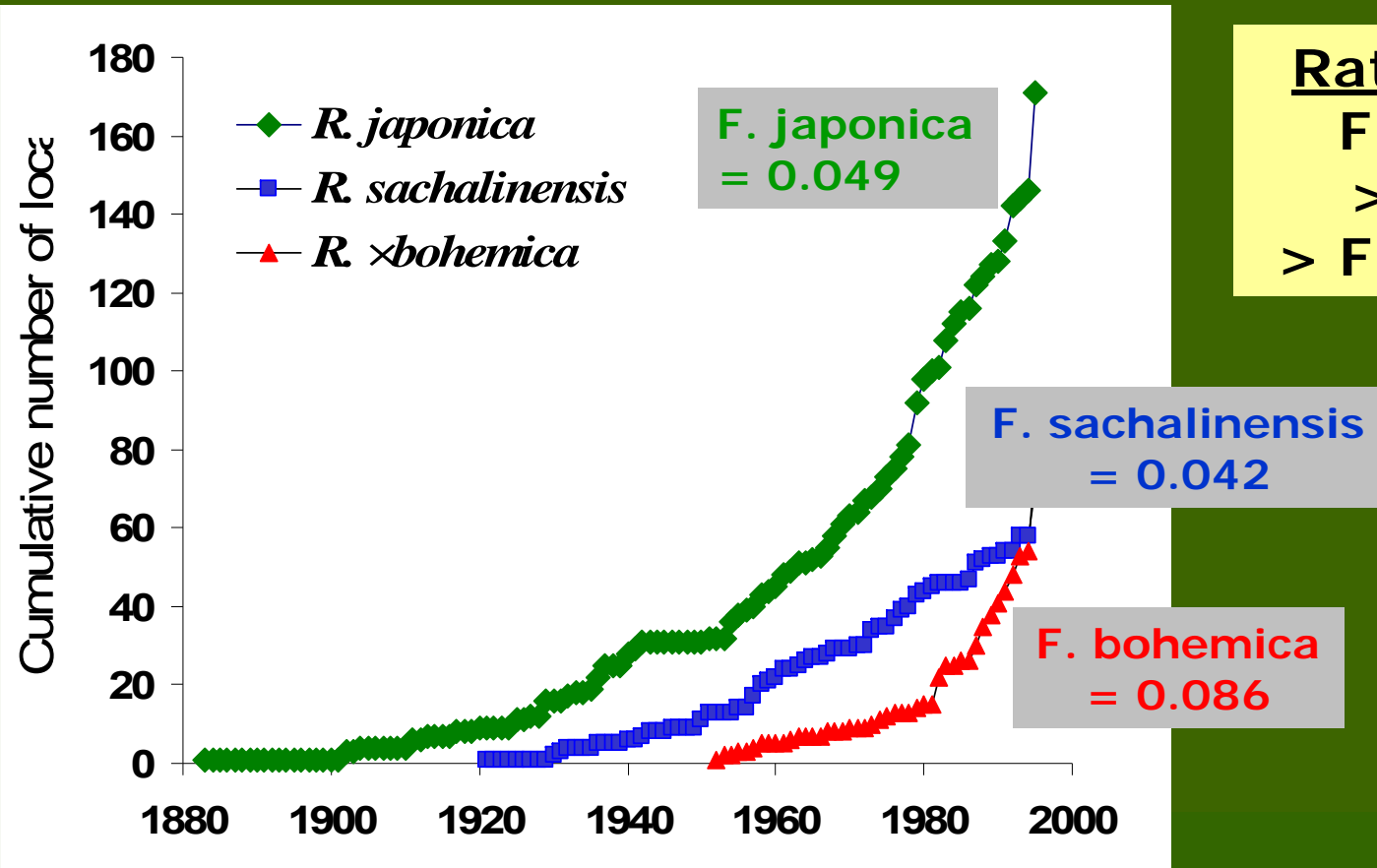
statistical analysis:  
1950-2000

Differences in slopes (= measure of the rate of invasion) were tested using ANCOVA with species as a factor and year as a covariate



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## Rate of invasion:

F. × bohemica  
> F. japonica  
> F. sachalinensis

Since this first record in the wild, the hybrid exhibits twice the rate of invasion of its parents, measured as the number of occupied localities



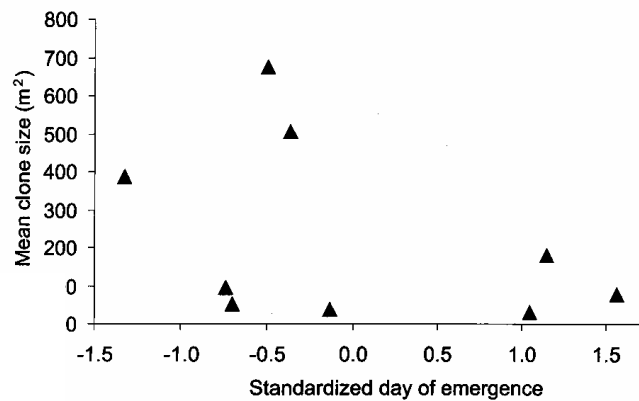
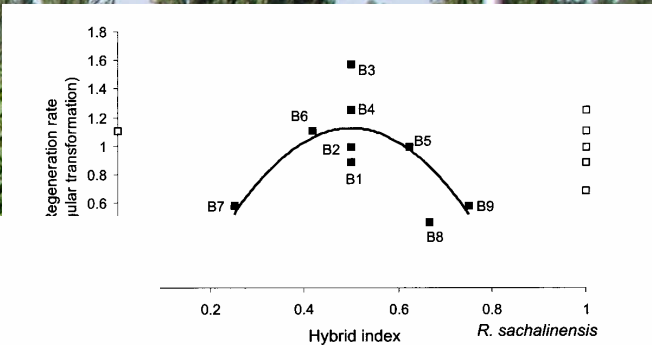
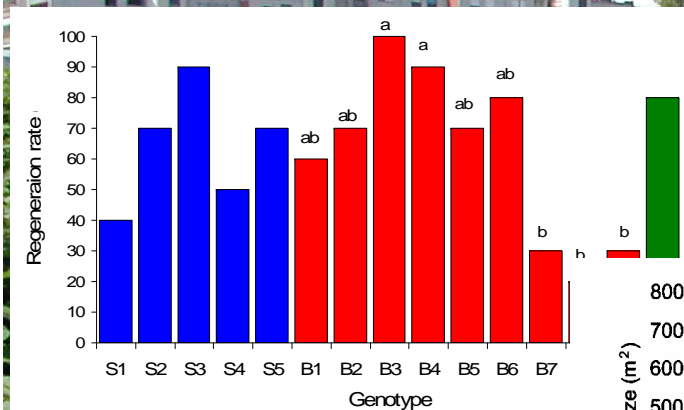
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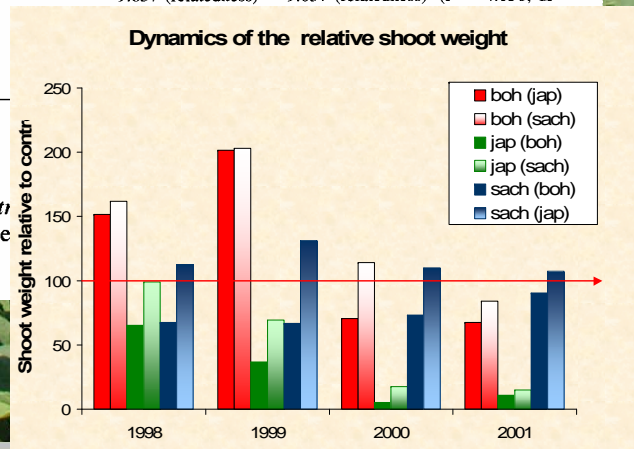
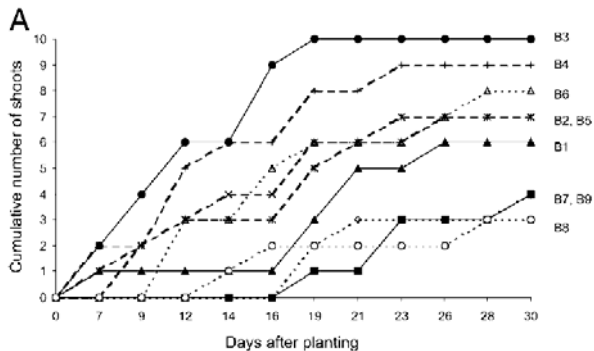
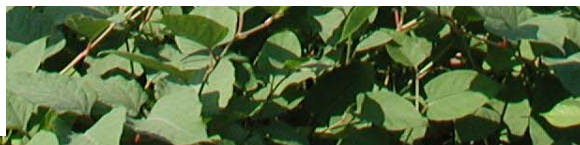
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# Fallopia taxa: hybrid superior to the parents

**EXPLICIT ROLE OF TAXONOMY: Only after the taxonomy was disentangled, we were able to analyse the invasion dynamics, and conduct a number of ecological studies ...**



The relationship between mean clone size of *Reynoutria* genotypes in the landscape and the standardized value of the day of emergence in the experiment.





## **Fallopia taxa: hybrid superior to the parents**

**The invasion of the hybrid taxon *Fallopia* × *bohemica* in the Czech Republic is faster than that of either parental species**

**Higher regeneration ability of the hybrid, compared to both parents, contributes to its invasiveness at the landscape level, and so does the fact that it is superior in direct competition with parental species**

**There seem to be ongoing evolution of novel hybrid genotypes of *F.* × *bohemica* with superior regeneration characteristics, that are produced sexually and fixed by clonal growth, and may become threat to native vegetation**



## 3rd Reason Why Taxonomy Is Important for Invasion Ecology

### **Invasion Ecology Is About Distributions**

**In macroecological studies based on whole floras, it is impossible to deal with each species in detail – yet such studies depend on good primary taxonomic, floristic and phytogeographic information**

**... implicit role of taxonomy in studies on plant invasions**



# Central-European flora as a source of invasions

## A study

- using source area approach
- evaluating invasion success at global scale
- distinguishing between two phases of invasion
- exploring relative importance of distribution and traits
- considering direct and indirect effects of biological traits



1. **Distribution in native region is the major determinant of the probability of a species to become an alien, but not necessarily invasive**
1. **The role of biological traits is stage-dependent: traits have direct effect when it comes to the probability of a species to become invasive**

The minor and only indirect role of traits in early stages of invasion process advocates for **precautionary approach** to the management. Common species which have large native ranges should be paid increased attention upon introductions



Pyšek P., Jarošík V., Pergl J., Randall R., Chytrý M., Kühn I., Tichý L., Danihelka J., Chrtek J. jun. & Sádlo J.: Relative effects of species traits and native distribution ranges on the global invasion success of Central-European plants depend on the stage of invasion (in review)



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**How is it in reality:  
Does taxonomy interact sufficiently with invasion ecology?**






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**database of experts studying biological invasions (searchable by taxa, region and expertise)**

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The Expertise Registry links and mobilises current expertise in biological invasions, to contribute knowledge and data to meet the requirements in dealing with invasive alien species. The European Expertise Registry contains details for individual experts with respect to taxonomic expertise, geographic units, and thematic areas. Since species from all over the world may invade into Europe, experts from all over the world are invited to register here.

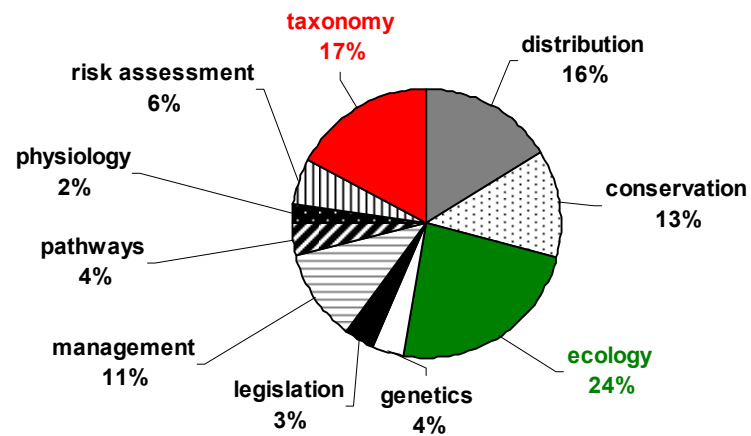
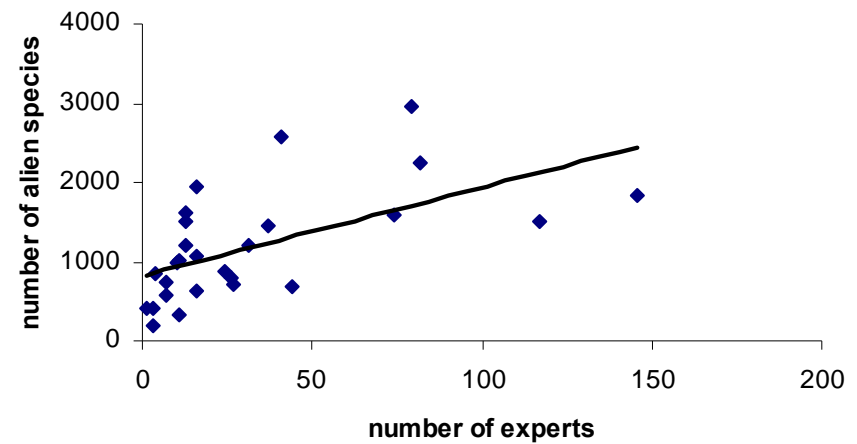
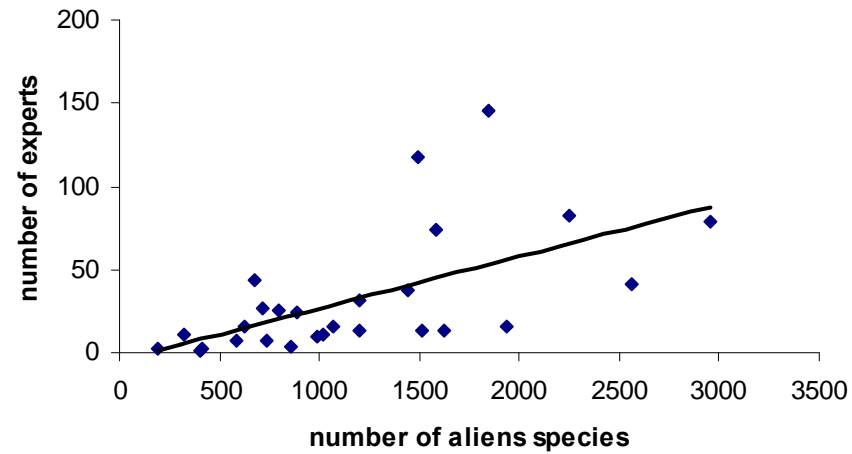
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# Invasive alien species in Europe: The future

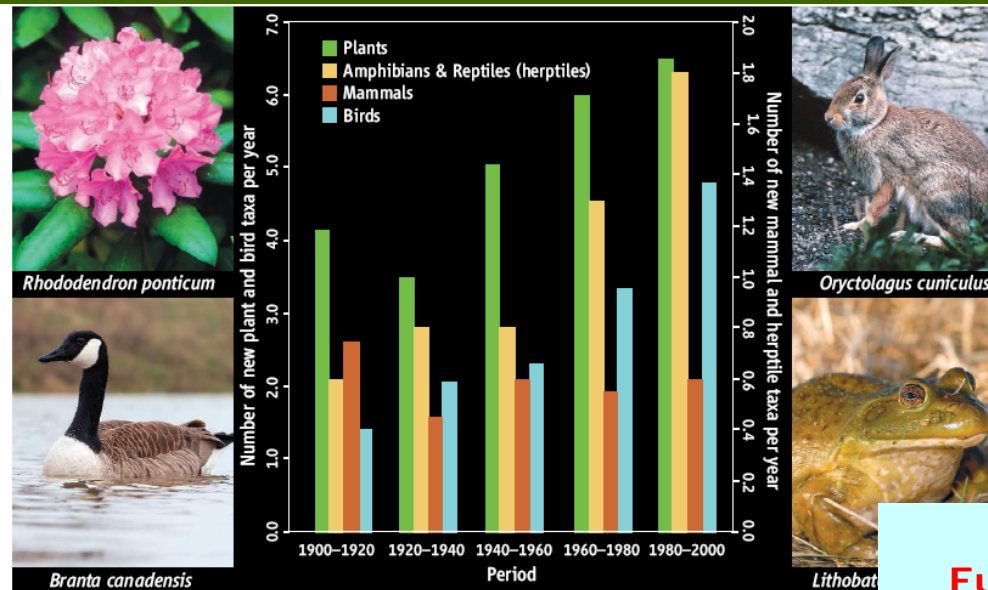
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### Will Threat of Biological Invasions Unite the European Union?

Philip E. Hulme,<sup>1\*</sup> Petr Pyšek,<sup>2</sup> Wolfgang Nentwig,<sup>3</sup> Montserrat Vilà<sup>4</sup>

New data on the extent of biological invasions pose major regulatory and political challenges to European institutions.



Rates of introduction in all taxonomic groups accelerate – the need for taxonomic expertise will increase in Europe

Costs of biological invasions in Europe estimated at: 12,700,000,000 € annually (Genovesi et al., in prep.)

European Centre For Invasive Species Management (ECISM) ?



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# European Centre For Invasive Species Management (ECISM) ?

## Scientific Advice and Research Direction

Information service to the Commission, the Parliament, the Member States and their citizens; advise on targeting research, identifying gaps

## Surveillance and Early Warning

→ Maintenance of the DAISIE database and its development to early warning system; warning lists, immediate removal of newly detected invaders

## Horizon Scanning and Risk Assessment

→ Development of an integrated invasive species risk assessment scheme; monitoring of pathways; regular reporting of emerging threats

## Rapid and Continuing Response

→ Timely reaction to invasion threats; coordinated approach; mobilization of experts; guidelines and operating procedures for eradications

## Training and Capacity Building

Public awareness and stakeholder consultation ....



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