



**Pearl acacia** (*Acacia podalyriifolia*)



**Tree of heaven** (*Ailanthus altissima*)



**Madeira vine** (*Anredera cordifolia*)



**Pampas grass** (*Cortaderia selloana*)



**Sweet hakea** (*Hakea drupacea*)



**Australian myrtle** (*Leptospermum laevigatum*)

## Western Cape Invasive Species Compliance

Organs of state and private property owners are responsible for controlling and removing Category 1a and 1b invasive species from all state-owned and privately-owned land.



**Devil's beard**  
(*Centranthus ruber*)



### Why are invasive plants a problem?

- Use up precious water resources
- Outcompete indigenous plants
- Change the chemical constituents of soil
- Threaten rare and endangered plants
- Threaten subsistence farming
- Clog up waterways
- Exacerbate wildfires



Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*)



Bluebell creeper (*Billardiera heterophylla*)



Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)



Montpellier broom (*Genista monspessulana*)



Yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*)



Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

## Controlling invasive species

Invasive species are controlled under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act no. 10 of 2004) Alien and Invasive Species (AIS) Regulations.

The National List includes 567 invasive species in four categories.



### Category 1a

- Combat, eradicate and remove these invasive species.
- Any form of trade or planting is strictly prohibited.



### Category 1b

- Control and wherever possible, remove and destroy.
- Any form of trade or planting is strictly prohibited.
- Property owners and organs of state must develop control plans to detail the long-term control of these species.



### Category 2

- Species requiring a permit issued by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).
- Species must not spread outside of demarcated land.
- Unpermitted Category 2 species revert to Category 1b.



### Category 3

- Species may remain in prescribed areas or provinces.
- Further planting, propagation or trade, is prohibited.
- If species occur within a protected area or riparian (wetland) they revert to Category 1b.

### For more information

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