

## Summary of 2012 SSISC Achievements

DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED										
<b>EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH</b>	<i>New: Summer student hired through Canada Summer Jobs program May – August (Quest University)</i>										
❖ Web based & Social Media	<u>Website</u> : 27,643 visits (77% increase from 2011); 96,138 hits (121% increase from 2011) <u>Facebook</u> : 240 Facebook friends as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2012 (22% increase from 2011) <u>YouTube</u> : New dedicated channel featuring 6 videos										
❖ Public presentations	20 public presentations: <i>SSISC Annual General Meeting; Whistler BioBlitz; Rivers Day Celebration Whistler; Pemberton Woman’s Institute Plant Sale; Squamish Nation Chief and Council; Whistler Home and Garden Show; Whistler Gardening open house; Whistler free yard waste disposal days (2); Pemberton Trade Show; Squamish Valleycliffe &amp; Waldorf school community weed pull; Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society Annual General Meeting; Fraser Valley Invasive Plant Council Annual General Meeting; Whistler Community Enrichment Program presentation; Stewardship Pemberton weed pull; Whistler Envirofest; Britannia Beach Community Association; Whistler presentation to elementary students; BC Wildlife Federation Wetland Institute; Molson Red Leaf Project weed pulls in Squamish in partnership with Squamish River Watershed Society (2)</i>										
❖ Resource development & distribution	SSISC Toxic Invasive Plants brochure developed and distributed throughout Corridor; 2012 Sea to Sky specific guide to ID and management of invasive species available online; “Grow me instead” brochures distributed throughout corridor.										
❖ Training programs & invasive tours	Invasive-free certification program for horticulture industry - 7 workshops, 62 participants, 15 companies certified; Invasive training to Miller Capilano Highway Maintenance Corporation, Mainroad Contracting, Resort Municipality of Whistler Horticulture Department, Squamish Nation utilities crew, Squamish Nation horticulture crew; Ministry of Transportation invasive tour (Britannia to Pemberton); CN Rail invasive tour (North Vancouver to Pemberton); Pemberton Valley Dyking District tour.										
❖ Signage	20 big yellow signs erected along roadways indicating location of Japanese knotweed										
❖ News media	11 Articles/media coverage: <i>Squamish Chief (4); Pique Newsmagazine (3); Whistler-Pemberton Question; Squamish Reporter (2); and Mountain FM.</i>										
<b>SOURCE OF EXPERTISE</b>	Rebate program & support for private land owners; consultation services available to all partners; responded to all public invasive inquiries via phone, email, in person and Facebook; active member of working group for all BC invasive councils that meet and exchange information regularly.										
<b>AIDED POLICY IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment to Pesticide Use Regulation Bylaw approved by Whistler council in response to invasive species</li> </ul>										
<b>COORDINATION &amp; COLLABORATION</b>	Organized regular meetings for board of Directors and Advisors; facilitated cooperation and collaboration between stakeholders (to date): <u>Concerned community members and local organizations</u> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Bear Aware</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Squamish Garden Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pemberton Farmers Institute</td> <td>Squamish River Watershed Society</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pemberton Valley Dyking District*</td> <td>Stewardship Pemberton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pemberton Wildlife Association</td> <td>Whistler Biodiversity Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Squamish Environmental Society</td> <td>Whistler Naturalists Society</td> </tr> </table> <u>Local governments</u>	Bear Aware	Squamish Garden Club	Pemberton Farmers Institute	Squamish River Watershed Society	Pemberton Valley Dyking District*	Stewardship Pemberton	Pemberton Wildlife Association	Whistler Biodiversity Project	Squamish Environmental Society	Whistler Naturalists Society
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	<p>District of Squamish Resort Municipality of Whistler Squamish-Lillooet Regional District</p> <p><u>Provincial &amp; Federal agencies</u> Department of Fisheries &amp; Oceans Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Forests, Lands &amp; Natural Resource Operations</p> <p><u>Horticulture: Invasive-free Certified companies</u> Bathtub Gardens* Coyote Landscape Contracting Deeply Rooted Landscaping Garden Inspiration* Gardener's Yard* Green Admiral Nature Restoration* Heike Designs Inc. High Country Landscaping &amp; Garden Shop*</p> <p><u>Industry &amp; private businesses (not horticulture)</u> BC Hydro Carney's Waste Systems CN Rail* Critter Get Ritter FortisBC</p> <p><u>Real Estate*</u> Appraisal Institute of Canada (BC)* BC Real Estate Association on behalf of its eleven member real estate boards* Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (BC)* Real Estate Foundation of BC*</p>	<p>Squamish Nation Village of Lions Bay Village of Pemberton</p> <p>Ministry of Environment Ministry of Transportation</p> <p>JB Horticultural Services* Jim's Mowing Eagleview Latham Landscapes Ltd. Miller Capilano – Horticulture Crew Mountainberry Landscaping* Sound Garden Landscape Design Ltd. Village Green Landscapes* Whistler Landscaping</p> <p>Hedberg &amp; Associates N&amp;R Forest Management Mainroad Contracting Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation Quest University</p> <p><i>*Indicates new partners in 2012</i></p>
<p><b>FIELD WORK</b></p>	<p>Worked to minimize the further introduction and spread of invasive species in the area through early detection and control, and coordinated integrated invasive species management efforts with a focus on Japanese knotweed. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field staff of two working June - October</li> <li>• Species treated: Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, scotch broom, blueweed, English ivy, english holly, Himalayan blackberry, cutleaf blackberry, yellow flag iris, spotted knapweed, purple loosestrife &amp; orange hawkweed</li> <li>• 95 treatment sites: 81 sites (1.416 ha total) chemically and/or manually treated; 14 sites manual only (1.6869 ha total)</li> <li>• Work done on behalf of land owners/managers included: BC Hydro, BC Parks, CN Rail, District of Squamish, FortisBC, Ministry of Forests, Lands &amp; Natural Resource Operations, Ministry of Transportation, Resort Municipality of Whistler and Squamish Nation</li> </ul>	