

# INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

## Causes and Impacts

### International Day for Biological Diversity Symposium 2009

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U Thant International Conference Hall  
UN University Headquarters

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The term "Alien Species" collectively refers to the species that have been relocated from their native range. Amongst the alien species whose introduction and/or spread threaten biological diversity are defined "Invasive Alien Species". Impact of invasive alien species includes those on social, economic and human well-being as well as on ecosystems.

The real drivers of the spread of invasive alien species are however, not those species themselves but human activities in global trade, transportation and tourism that have continued to grow.

This symposium aims to consider the future of biological diversity by sharing the up-to-date information and scientific knowledge on invasive alien species and to review our lifestyles that have caused such threat on biological diversity and to strive the way towards the healthy and sustainable world.

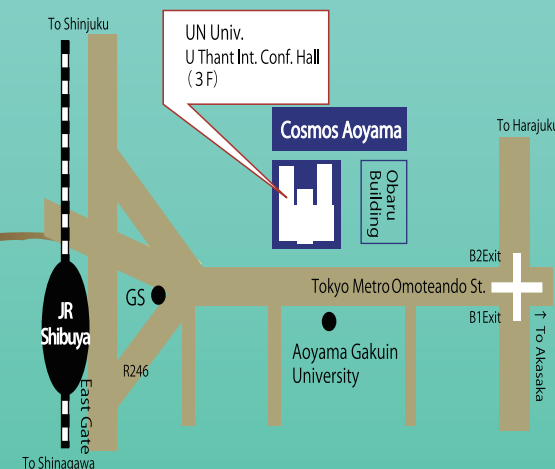
#### Session 1 → Keynote Speeches: Invasive Alien Species - A Threat to Biodiversity

Ahmed Djoghlaif (The Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity)  
Kunio Iwatsuki (Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University)  
Wojtek Solarz (IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group)

#### Session 2 → Invasive Alien Species - Current and Future Challenge

Fred Kraus (Bishop Museum)  
Sri Sudarmiyati Tjitrosoedirdjo (BIOTROP)  
Frank Courchamp (Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique, France)  
Masato Kaneda (Biodiversity Network Japan)  
Masahiro Mitsuhashi (Arysta Life Science Corporation)  
Koichi Goka (National Institute for Environmental Studies)  
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