

Crowd Sourcing invasive species information in New York



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What are Invasive Species?

Non-native plant, animals, and pathogens that cause harm to the environment, the economy, or human health



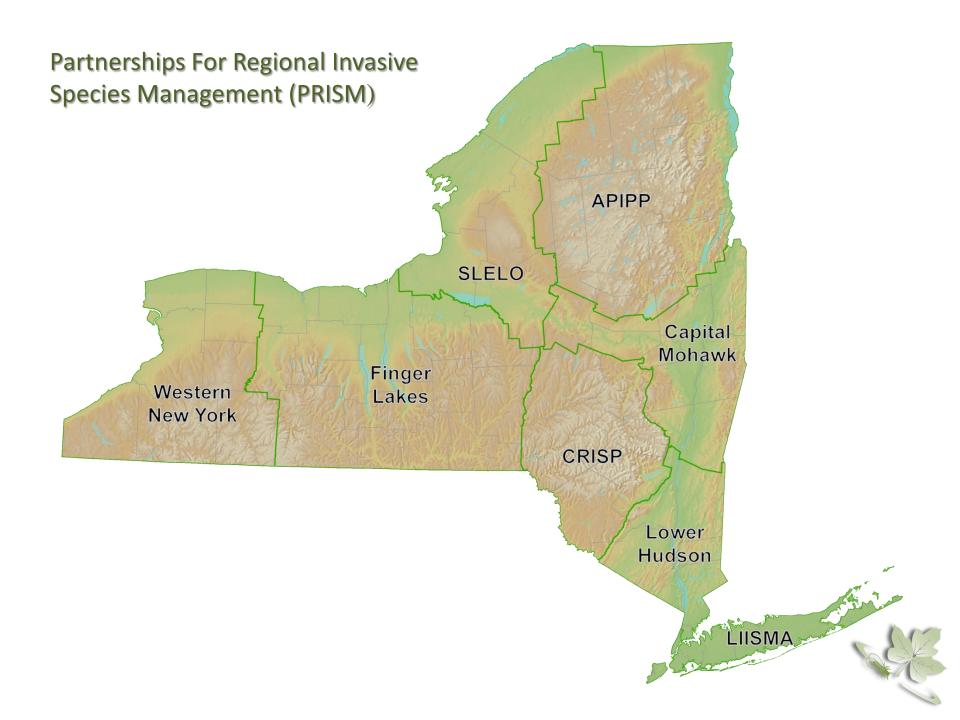










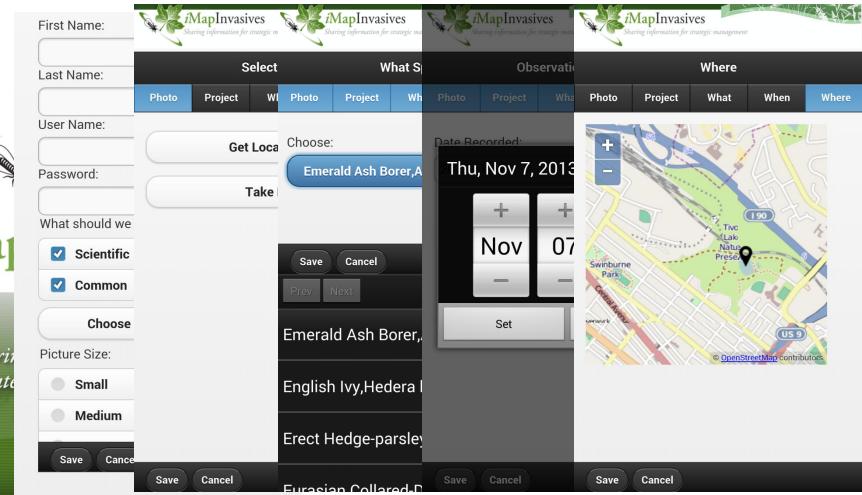








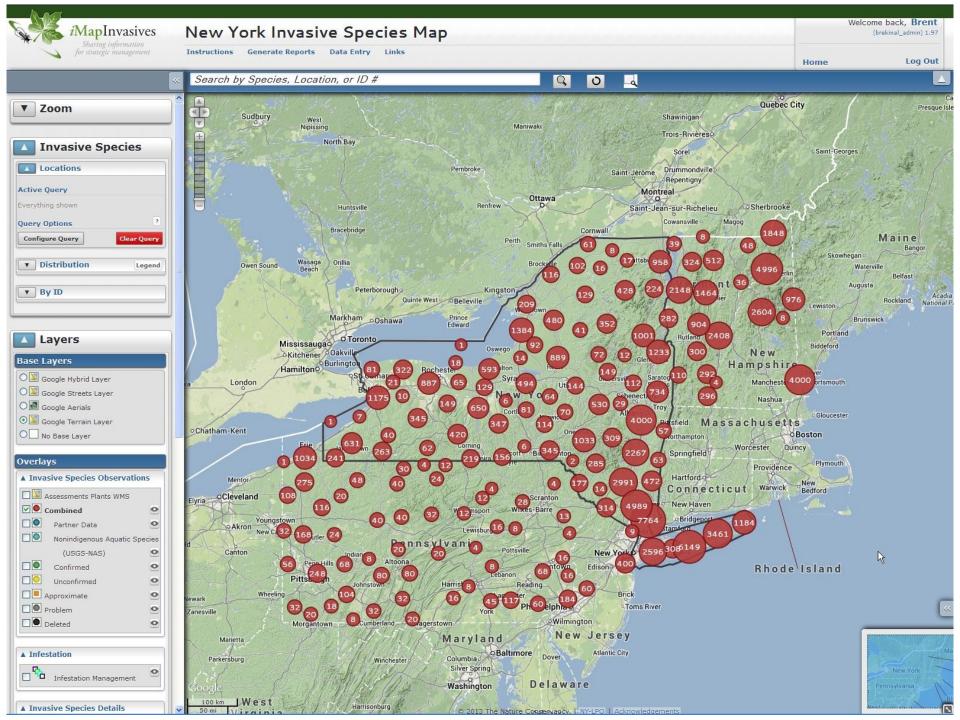


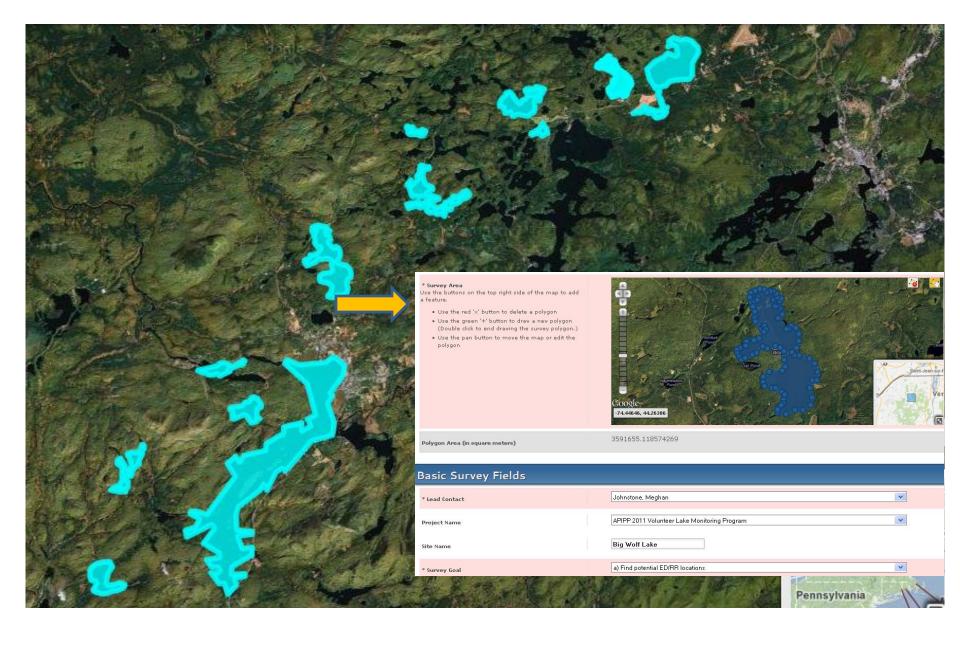




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Natural Resource Professionals

- Local, state, and federal agencies
- Land/water managers
- Researchers
- Collections data
- Contractors

Citizen Scientists

- Amateur Naturalists
- Educators/Students
- Volunteers

Comprehensive and Quality Data

- Required User Training
 - Online and in-person sessions
- Encouraging Data Submissions
 - Targeted outreach (reduce gaps)
 - Projects
 - Mobile
- Quality Control
 - Confirmation Process
 - Built-in error control features



Number of trained iMap users: 1380 Users entering data: 440 (~ 33% ROI)

Observations submitted per user

(~7500 records entered online/mobile)

