



# Bioinvasion – Distribution Patterns for Invasive Species on a Global Scale

**Definition** | Species are classified as invasive when they appear outside of their natural habitat and harm their newly occupied habitat in manners of ecosystems, biotopes, species and human health<sup>9,15</sup> This can happen either intentionally or unintentionally caused mostly by human influence (e.g. trading).<sup>7</sup> There are many different definitions for invasive species depending on science and administrative guidlines and can be very complex and contradictory.<sup>9</sup> In the following the focus lies on increasing human influence by globalization.

