

APES
Invasive Species Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use the following links to answer each section below.

Introduced Species: The Threat to Biodiversity & What Can Be Done

<http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/simberloff.html>

- 1) What are three ways invasive species are a threat to our environment?

- 2) When looking at biodiversity threats, how do invasive species rate, what is the highest threat to biodiversity?

- 3) How many naturally occurring imperiled species are in the United States and what percent of them are by introduced species?

- 4) What kind of economic damage and to what parts of the US economy do introduced species cause?

- 5) Are there any beneficial introduced species, if so give an example?

The Formosan Subterranean Termite.

<http://www.termite.com/termites/formosan-subterranean-termite.html>

- 1) What is the issue with the Formosan Termite (FT) in the U.S.?

- 2) Where does this pest come from?

- 3) What structures does the FT attack?

- 4) Do the FT attack living things? If so, what?

- 5) Do the FT attack anything non-living? If so, what?

- 6) Where are the FT found in the U.S.?

- 7) What latitude and above are the FT not found? Why?

Ohio Department of Agriculture Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

<http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab/>

- 1) When was the EAB first identified in Ohio?
- 2) How many Ash trees are in Ohio and how are they protected?

- 3) How long does it take the EAB to kill an Ash tree?
- 4) Describe the adult EAB, and the larvae.

- 5) Is there any place in Ohio that does not have EAB infestations?

6) What is being done today to fight the EAB, invasive species?

Nonindigenous Aquatic Species

<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/StateSearch.asp>

Choose one nonindigenous/invasive plant and one nonindigenous/invasive animal species from **Ohio** and then a nonindigenous/invasive plant and animal from **another state** and complete the following:

Plant Ohio

- 1) Organism's name
- 2) Native range
- 3) Means of introduction
- 4) Status
- 5) Impact of introduction
- 6) One additional fact.

Animal Ohio

- 1) Organism's name
- 2) Native range
- 3) Means of introduction
- 4) Status
- 5) Impact of introduction
- 6) One additional fact.

State _____ Plant

- 1) Organism's name
- 2) Native range
- 3) Means of introduction
- 4) Status
- 5) Impact of introduction
- 6) One additional fact.

State _____ Animal

- 1) Organism's name
- 2) Native range
- 3) Means of introduction
- 4) Status
- 5) Impact of introduction
- 6) One additional fact.