Eleven Steps for Developing EDRR Capacity in States and Provinces.

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- 1. Establish a State EDRR Committee.
- 2. Develop a State EDRR Work Plan.
- 3. Select State EDRR Target Species Post Fact Sheets on State Council Website.
- 4. Develop and Train a State Early Detection and Reporting Network
 - Agency Field Personnel, Volunteers (State Native Plant Society, Friends of Parks, Professional Associations, Civics Club Members, Master Gardeners, Fishermen, etc.)
 - Regional and Local Volunteer Training Workshops

5. Survey and Monitor Valuable Natural and Managed Resources

- Weekend Bio-Blitzes for EDRR Target Species at Parks, Forests, Refuges, etc.
- Survey of Specific High Risk Sites (e.g., Parks, Forests, etc.)
- 6. Report Suspected EDRR Target Species to Designated Herbaria/Scientists.

7. Contribute Field Records to U-GA EDDmapS

- Archival of Field Data Records Submitted by the EDRN
- 'Real-time' Distribution Information on EDRR Target Species
- 8. Conduct Rapid Assessments of Newly Reported Species
- 9. Develop Rapid Response/Eradication Initiatives for New Invaders
 - Single-Agency Led Projects (Generally Regulated Species)
 - Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (Geographic Focus)
 - Interagency Task Forces (Species Focus)

10. Train the Next Generation

- Online Invasive Species Management Training Program (SCC – R. Westbrooks)

11. Utilize Common EDRR Resources.

- National EDRR System Fact Sheets Introduction and Overview Traditional Approaches – Evolving Framework – Student Weed Stopper Program
- National EDRR System Rapid Assessment Guidelines
- National EDRR System Field Data Collection Form