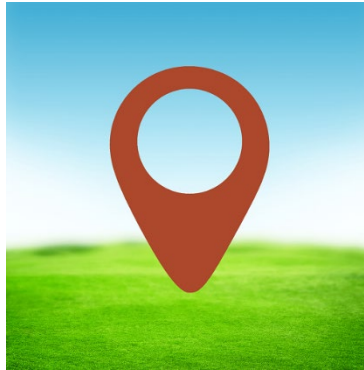


Frequently Asked Questions



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Q: Who should use EDDMapS Pro?

A: EDDMapS Pro is designed for invasive species practitioners who oversee invasive species management programs. The app has a revisit feature, useful for assessing control efforts and is fully functional in areas without cellular coverage. EDDMapS Pro allows for the ability to download data, as well as to mark records as private when submitting a report.

Q: Who can access and see Private Records in the EDDMapS database?

A: Only EDDMapS verifiers can view Private Records in the EDDMapS database. If you are an invasive species manager who oversees an invasive species management program in your jurisdiction, contact the AISC to discuss the possibility of becoming a verifier for your county so you can view Private Records.

Q: Can EDDMapS Pro data influence funding decisions for my organization?

A: Absolutely! The ability to record and revisit occurrences, especially with the added photo monitoring feature of EDDMapS Pro, allows organizations to clearly show each year where their funding is going, and to fine-tune the allocation of funding within their program for the most effective use of available funds.

Q: How do I query and view the data?

A: Log onto EDDMapS online at EDDMapS.org and click the Tools & Training tab at the top. Here, in the left-hand sidebar, you will see all EDDMapS tools available, including the Advanced Query tool. More information and a training video can be found here.

Q: How do I download the data?

A: Log onto EDDMapS.org. Then conduct a query to bring up data for the timeframe(s), species, area(s) you are interested in (see the last question for details). This will bring up an interactive map with the results of your query. On the upper right-hand side of the screen select the file type that you would like the data to be downloaded in (either CSV, KML, or shapefile). A message will appear stating 'you will receive an email shortly with instructions to download the requested content'. Follow the link in the email stating your file is ready for download, OR select the My EDDMapS tab and then click Downloads in the dashboard.

Q: How often should I upload records from my queue to the main EDDMapS database?

A: Whatever is most useful for you or your program. When a record is created, it is stored in the queue within the app until the reports are uploaded by the user. This action submits the reports to a verifier. The reports are then removed from your upload queue and will not be visible on your Invasives Map until they have been verified. Once the reports are verified, you'll need to 'refresh' your data in the Data Set option in the main app menu. It's good practice to upload data from your queue at the end of each day once connected to the internet (to avoid data usage fees) and refresh your data set at the beginning of each workday to ensure you are working with the most up-to-date dataset. If you are a part of an invasive species management program, it is likely that your program supervisor is set up as a verifier in your county. Please contact the AISC if you would like more information on the verification process for EDDMapS Pro records.

Q: Can others see my records that have not yet been verified?

A: No. Only the user can see their non-verified records. Once the records have been uploaded and verified anyone will be able to view the records in the app or on EDDMapS.org, unless the record was marked Private.

Q: Can I use both EDDMapS for citizen science and EDDMapS Pro together as a suite?

A: It depends on what works best for your organization, but yes. The login you use will be the same for both apps, so if your program requires site revisits and treatments but also has a volunteer component

or new staff that would benefit from the field identification feature of EDDMapS for citizen science, it would be useful to have both apps in your software suite.

Q: Will I need to download my area from the map tiles page for offline use each time I use the app?

A: No. Once you download your map package for offline use it will remain in the app, you do not need to re-download each time.

Q: What file size are the offline map packages?

A: It varies by county size, but the largest is around 3 gigabytes in size.

Q: Can I filter my data downloads for an area by species?

A: Yes, you can use the Advanced Query Tools online at EDDMapS.org to view and download records for a specific species. You can also filter records in the app by selecting Species in the Map Settings area of the app.

Q: I am currently using a different app to track our invasive species data. Can I upload bulk data from my program to EDDMapS?

A: Yes, you can bulk upload your data by visiting EDDMapS.org, Selecting the Tools and Training tab and downloading the Bulk Data upload Procedure and/or the Bulk Data Entry Templates and Data Dictionary.

Q: What is the Photo Projects feature?

A: The Photo Projects feature in EDDMapS can be found in the Main app Menu. This feature allows users to 'ghost' an original photo in the background while taking a new photo of the same object or location. The end product is a series of photos taken at different points in time that show exactly the same object or location. This feature is great for photo monitoring and tracking control efficacy.

Q: Can I edit an existing record in the field that was created by another user, for example, to change it from "positive" to "treated"?

A: In EDDMapS Pro, select any verified invasive species report, this brings up a text box, then select Report a Revisit. You will then be able to add the revisit information in the reporting form.

Q: How much does it cost to use the EDDMapS Pro app? Are there any hidden or in-app costs?

A: The EDDMapS Pro app is completely free to use and there are no hidden or in-app costs associated with regular use. The only time cost might come into play is if an organization is interested in adding a new feature to the EDDMapS Pro app. Annual AISC sponsorship and/or partnership is a great way to contribute to the sustainability of programs like this!

Q: If my team is not yet ready to go Pro, should we hold off reporting until we can?

A: If you are not ready to go Pro, you can still submit reports using the regular EDDMapS citizen science app for both [iPhone](#) and [Android](#)! Any amount of reporting for invasive species is better than none at all. Bulk uploads are an option as well.

Q: Where can I send requests for new features within the apps for use in Alberta?

A: You can contact the AISC by emailing info@abinvasives.ca.