

- Created in 2009
- Interface for communication and discussion on how to manage IASs in aquatic environments
- 60 members representative of various stakeholders : managers of natural areas, researchers, non-profits, public agencies, state services, local governments, etc.
- Managed jointly by the French national agency for water and aquatic environments and the IUCN French committee



Organisation of the Biological invasions in aquatic environments work group (IBMA)

Main objectives

Assist managers and support decision-makers. IBMA digests and makes available information on IAS species management by :

- Developing operational tools
- Participating in the formulation of strategies and public policies
- Serving as a platform for data exchange and contacts between stakeholders
- Identifying scientific issues and appropriate applied research programs
- Supporting management operations for certain species

Main tools and achievements

Dedicated internet platform

- Species factsheets and management feedbacks
- Dynamic mapping
- International, European and national regulations and strategies
- Document and photo library
- Newsletter every two months
- Species alert
- News and events

www.gt-ibma.eu

Over 1,250 documents available

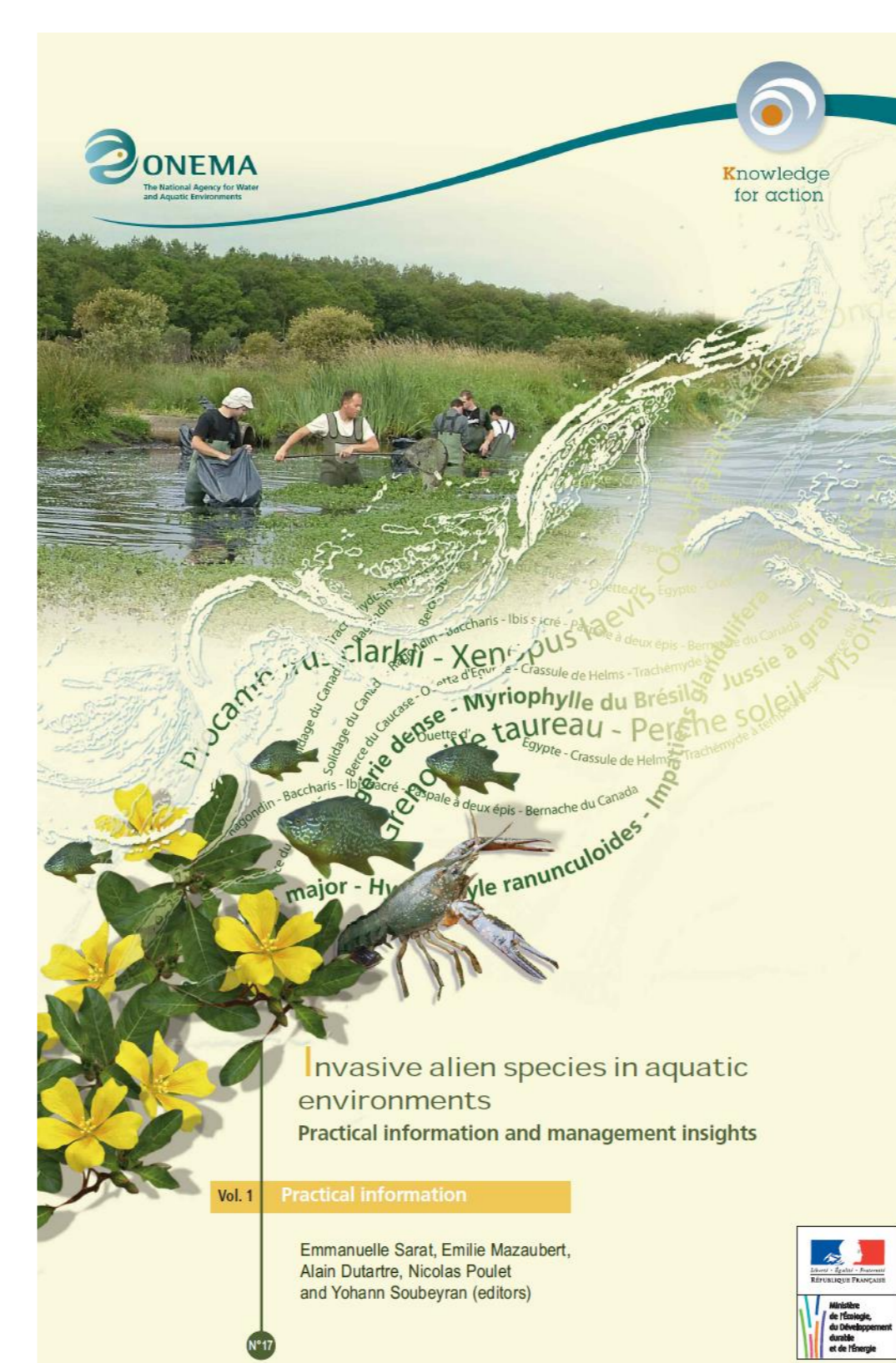


Information database

- Information available on 500 species
- Control options suitable for aquatic environments
- Introduction pathways and documented impacts
- Species distribution
- Ressources : image gallery, species factsheets, management feedbacks, links to international and european databases, references and legislation



Best practices guide



- Two volumes published in 2015

Vol. 1 | Practical information

- Current scientific knowledge
- Legislation and regulation,
- Strategies and action plans
- General approach to IAS management
- IAS management and tools

Vol. 2 | Management insights

- 52 management feedbacks
- 26 fauna and flora invasive species

Exchanges and dialogue are one of the best ways to improve management and knowledge of IASs. The IBMA work group has allowed to :

- break the isolation managers were facing on the field
- help them find answers to their questions
- promote best practices
- develop links between researchers and managers
- encourage local solidarity on IAS



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