

SESSION 6

*Safety, Best Practices,
Legal Issues*

Code of Best Practices for Classical Biological Control of Weeds

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1. Ensure target weed's potential impact justifies release of non-endemic agents
2. Obtain multi-agency approval for target
3. Select agents with potential to control target
4. Release safe and approved agents
5. Ensure only the intended agent is released
6. Use appropriate protocols for release and documentation
7. Monitor impact on target
8. Stop releases of ineffective agents, or when control is achieved
9. Monitor impacts on potential non-targets
10. Encourage assessment of changes in plant and animal communities
11. Monitor interaction among agents
12. Communicate results to public

Resolution

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Delegates and participants to the X International Symposium for Biological Control
of Weeds, recognizing the need for professional standards in the subdiscipline of
classical biological control of weeds, urge practitioners of the subdiscipline to
voluntarily adopt the CODE OF BEST PRACTICES FOR CLASSICAL
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS,
as published in the proceedings of the Symposium, and to adhere
to the principals outlined in the Code.