

AIM OF THE CAMPHOR LAUREL KIT

Educate the community about issues related to camphor laurel and encourage its control.

AIM OF CAMPHOR LAUREL CONTROL

To contain and reduce the negative impacts of camphor laurel on the NSW North Coast environment.

How? Camphor laurel control programs should aim to:

- Control camphor laurel at a rate faster than the rate of spread;
- Control other threatening weeds at the same time to ensure that they do not replace camphor laurel;
- Protect and enhance native plant and animal diversity, prime agricultural land, waterways and other assets.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kit is an initiative of the North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee. It is designed to be a “one-stop-shop” of everything you need to know about camphor laurel and its control.

Camphor laurels are spreading at an alarming rate throughout the region, invading agricultural lands and native vegetation. There is a need to control them now, however, if not done correctly there is the potential for the situation to be made worse through invasion by other weeds, loss of habitat of threatened plant and animals, increased soil erosion and / or loss of shade trees.

The Camphor Laurel Kit is divided into separate chapters relating to various aspects of the plant and its control such as:

- Identification and **background** to the species;
- Project **planning** for weed control and restoration;
- How to **approach** control for different situations;
- Both chemical and non-chemical **control** techniques;
- Value adding information including lists of camphor laurel **millers**;
- **Replacement** information including species lists for different situations;
- Regional **strategies** to improve awareness, co-ordination and ownership;
- **Funding** opportunities;
- Future **research** needs and more!

A Camphor Kit Field Sheet has also been included for ease of use in the field.

The Kit has a loose-leaf format for ease of updating. Implementation of the strategies will be overseen by the North Coast Weed Advisory Committee and the regional Camphor Laurel Taskforce but **IT IS EVERYBODY’S RESPONSIBILITY!**

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