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Sustainable Management of Invasive Fishes: Two Sides of the Coin

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Invasive fishes can cause adverse and complex ecological and socio-economic impacts worldwide. Management actions are always needed to minimize these impacts. These actions include the containment of existing populations to prevent their further spread, population control by suppression through removal programmes, and eradication attempts from specific waters or well-defined spatial areas. On the other side of the coin, they are frequently used to enhance aquaculture and fisheries within the context that they are valued by the public. When an introduced invasive fish has minimal socioeconomic value to that recipient society, the implementation of management programmes should be in accordance with the assessed level of environmental risk, whereby decisions should be made on risk management principles that identify, evaluate, select, and implement commensurate actions.

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