**Exotic and Invasive Species**

**Exotic** species are organisms that are ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a specific environment.

* So.. A moose would be considered exotic in the ­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ just as monkeys are considered exotic in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

An **invasive** species, is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_organism that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a particular environment.

**BRAINSTORM!**

*How many exotic species can you think of that live in Manitoba? (besides the animals living in the zoo..)*

Invasive species – if they are able to survive in their new environment - often lack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but have plenty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so their populations grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Adding an invasive species to an already \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food web can cause a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a short period of time.

*Considering everything we know about ecology…. Are humans an invasive species??*

**What Can You Do?**

Know your invasive species!

For invasive aquatic species it is important to thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your boat and trailer before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Report any invasive species that you come across to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_