

## **Approaches to Regulating Invasive Species in Trade: Species vs Pathway**

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Lawmakers have traditionally responded to concerns over the environmental and economic impact of invasive species by prohibiting the import, sale, transport, possession, and release of non-native species designated as harmful. Although these laws can be useful for raising awareness of the problem and controlling intentional introductions, they are generally ineffective at preventing unintentional or accidental introductions where individuals often do not know that they are moving species or what those species are. As a result, attention has shifted in recent years to directly regulating the human activities, or pathways, that lead to invasive species introductions, such as the live bait trade and the aquarium trade. This presentation will provide a general overview of the history of these two regulatory approaches and some of the management challenges they present.