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INVASIVE WILD PIGS – TAKING ACTION

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Who We Are & What We Do

- National voice & hub to protect Canada from impacts of invasive species
- Board Representatives
 - Governments
 - Industry/ Businesses,
 - Indigenous Organizations
 - Chapters
- Collaborate to deliver key tools & resources to stimulate action
- Reduce spread through best practices - for business and others



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Board of Directors



Transportation Sector



Parks Canada
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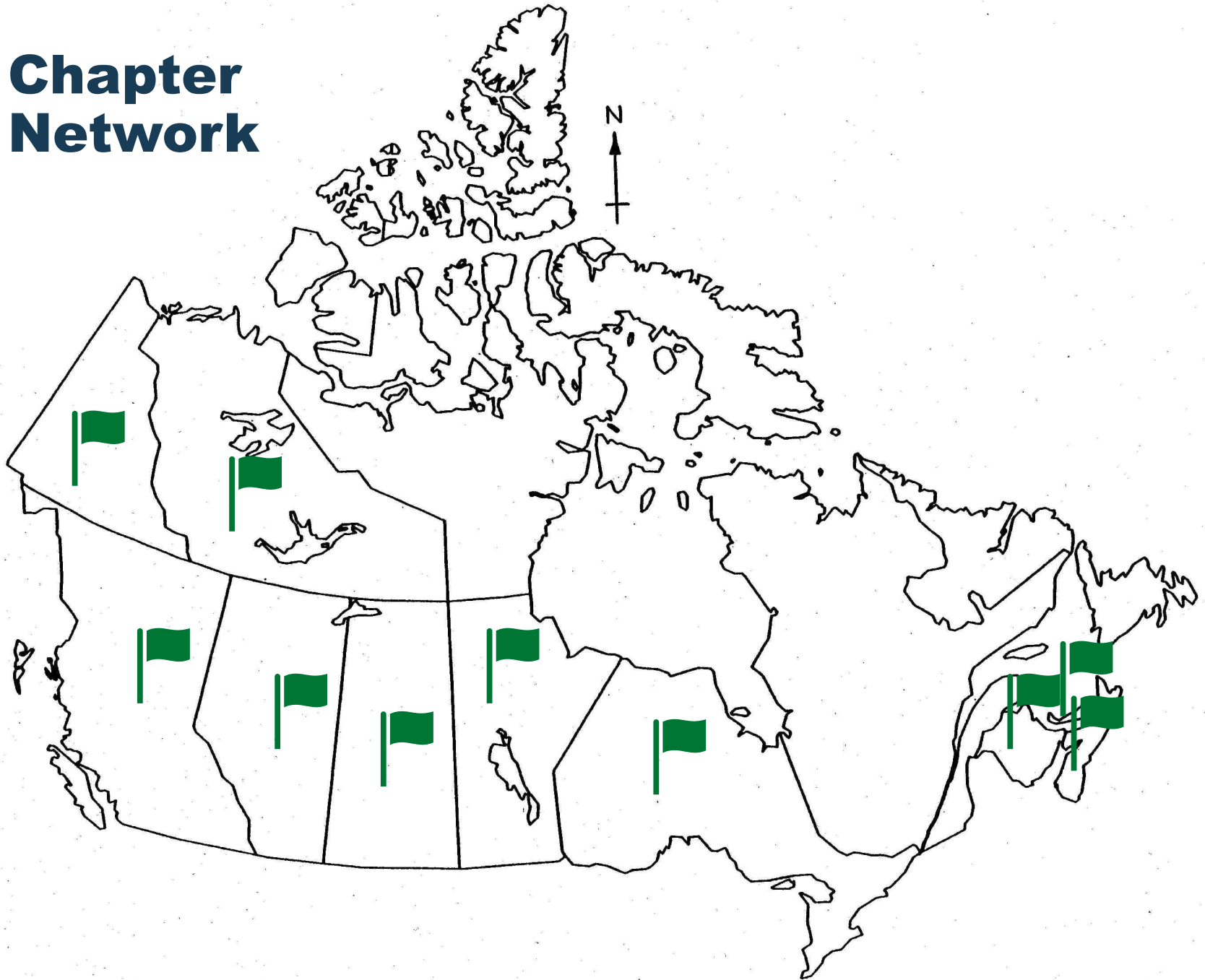
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Why Should We Care?

- Global invasive species costs are estimated to be \$1.2 trillion since 1960 (Cuthbert et al. 2022).
- Most of those costs are damage costs (92%), followed by management costs (8%), with only a quarter of a percent of the total costs spent on prevention activities.
- Invasive species costs are comparable to those for natural disasters and have increased faster than costs from natural disasters (Turbelin et al 2023).



Why Should We Care About Invasive Pigs?

- “Worst invasive animal on the planet’
- One Health Issue
- Not limited by anything
- Damage every single crop
- Live anywhere and everywhere
- Reproduce in record numbers



Why Should We Care About Invasive Pigs?

- \$1.5 billion not accurate, a lot more
- Disease transmission
- Could ASF become endemic?
- Once ASF gets in wild pigs, shuts down trade
- Difficult to control ASF once in an invasive wild pig population, hard to tell where it is



What Can We Do?

- Nine in 10 Canadians say nature is important to them
- Two in three are concerned about the damage from invasive species
- Only one in four Canadians are aware of invasive species
- Increasing knowledge and awareness is essential to assist Canadians in taking action
- i.e. Canadians say they want to report but they don't know how



What Are We Doing?

- Squeal on Pigs!
- Transboundary Feral Swine Working Group
 - Mapping
 - Advocacy
- Reporting
- Canada's Wild Pig Strategy
 - Leadership Group



QUESTIONS?

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