

BURROW RECORDER

A smartphone app for capturing impacts of burrowing invasive species on erosion ✓ iOS✓ Android

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Why is it needed?

- Burrowing invasive species have been linked with erosion and flood risk^{1, 2} but little is known about the extent of impacts
- The app captures burrow presence, signs of erosion and site information, building a geolocated database of impacted sites
- Designed for invasive non-native species but applicable to any burrowing species generating erosion concerns



Who can use it?

- No specialist expertise required⁺
- Can be used for rivers, artificial channels, lakes, estuaries, saltmarshes*
- Different levels of information recorded according to user expertise and preference
- As a minimum include: location, burrow presence/ absence, photographs
- Adventurous users may upload a full photo survey to support 3D modelling using Structure-from-Motion photogrammetry

+users must be trained in safe working in aquatic environments *lake, estuary and saltmarsh components under development

How do I use it?

✓ It is a progressive web app (pwa) accessed like a website but can be added to your home screen

- ✓ Internet enabled device e.g. smartphone
- ✓ Internet access is required to complete the survey
- ✓ Familiarise yourself with the app before a site visit
- ✓ Check location access is enabled on phone/ browser
- ✓ Visit: **burrow-recorder.coreo.app**

Add to home screen

You can add the app to your home screen for easy access. View using the web link and then:

iOS:

Choose

upload icon and

Android:

You will be prompted to

✓ Sign up with an email account ✓ Click the verification email link ✓ Start your survey!

select "Add to install on home home screen" screen - accept!**

** Do this the first time you are prompted

References

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