Invasive Species Assignment

Today you will be working on an Invasive Species assignment. Invasive species are organisms that are not native to an ecosystem and pose a danger to the environment they now inhabit. You will need to choose a species from the list below, or pick your own, and research the following information. Once you have answered the following questions, create a mini poster in which you include the information listed below, as well as a drawing of your creature. This assignment is due by Wednesday 2nd at 11:59pm. This is worth 15 points.

Information you need to include on your poster.

1. Species Common Name: European red fox

2. Species Scientific Name: Vulpes vulpes Linn

3. Native Geographical Location/Habitat: Vulpes occurs in Europe,North Africa and most of asia

4. Invaded Geographical Location/Habitat: Vulpes was brought to the continent of Australia mainly for hunting /sports purposes.

5. Date of Introduction: Vulpes has been transplanted from the earsten USA into california in the late 1800’s and they have been spread out throughout lowland areas of the western coast states

6. How was this species introduced? Was the introduction intentional or accidental? Explain.

Humans brought it out here over to hunt.

7. Identification: Briefly describe key features of your organism. The description should have enough detail so that any person can easily identify this species if seen.

Red foxes have long snouts and red fur across the face, back,side, and tail.There throat,chin and belly are grayish-white.They also have black feet and black-tipped ears that are large and pointy.

8. Life Cycle: Describe or include a picture of the species lifecycle.

They have an average life span pf three years in the wild but they can live up to 33 years in captives

9. Impact on the Ecosystem?

Red foxes help to control populations of their prey animals ,such as rodents and rabbits.

10. Methods of Control: How can we get rid of the current population?

Invasive Species List

| Africanized Bee  | Argentine Ant  |
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|   | Asian Longhorn Beetle  |
| Asian Tiger Mosquito | Brown Anole  |
| Brown Marmorated Stink Bug | Brown Tree Snake |
| Burmese Python | Cane Toads |
| Cuban Tree Frog | Eastern Grey Squirrels |
| Emerald Ash Borer |  |
| European Rabbit | European Red Fox |
| European Starlings | Feral Hogs |
| German Yellow Jacks | Giant African Snail |
| Japanese Beetle | Kudzu |
| Lionfish | Mallard Duck |
| Mongoose | Norway Rat |
| Nutria | Red Imported Fire Ant |
| Ship Rat | Snakehead Fish |
| Spiney Waterflea | Tegu |
| Tumbleweed | Zebra Mussel |