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Globalization, Anthropocene and invasive alien species

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Abstract

Since 15th century, different human activities have exerted pressure on the environment. Given these human-induced changes in terrestrial systems and their impact on the environment, it is justified to assign the term Anthropocene to the current geological era (Crutzen, 2006). In this context, this research focuses its study on the relationship between globalization (commercial exchange), the Anthropocene and biological invasions.

Currently, the commercial model is considered, linked to economic development and globalization, as the main causative agent of the loss of biodiversity on a global scale (Bright, 1999; Davis, 2003; Perrings *et al.*, 2005; Meyerson & Mooney, 2007; Von der Lippe & Kowarik, 2008).

The emission of greenhouse gases, desertification or contamination of water resources influence on biodiversity, intensifying the expansion of invasive alien species (Ehrenfeld, 2003).

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