

DUNE CONSERVATION - Manual eradication of the false Mimosa (*Acacia salicina* / *saligna*)



False Mimosa *Acacia salicina/saligna*

Impacts and Threats:

It competes with and displaces native species, altering the habit. It is a coloniser *par excellence*.

Its seeds are dispersed by ants (*myrmecocoria*), which store them in their nests to eat the outer fleshy seed covering, the *aril/ eleosome*.

Due to its enormous invasive capacity, it is included in the European catalogue of invasive alien species.

Place of origin: Australia

Etymology: *Acacia*, from the Greek *akis* = tip, alluding to the spines of the African acacia species. The Australian variety usually lack them. *Salicina*, from the Latin *salicinus*: looking like a willow tree (genus *Salix*), due to the appearance of its leaves.

