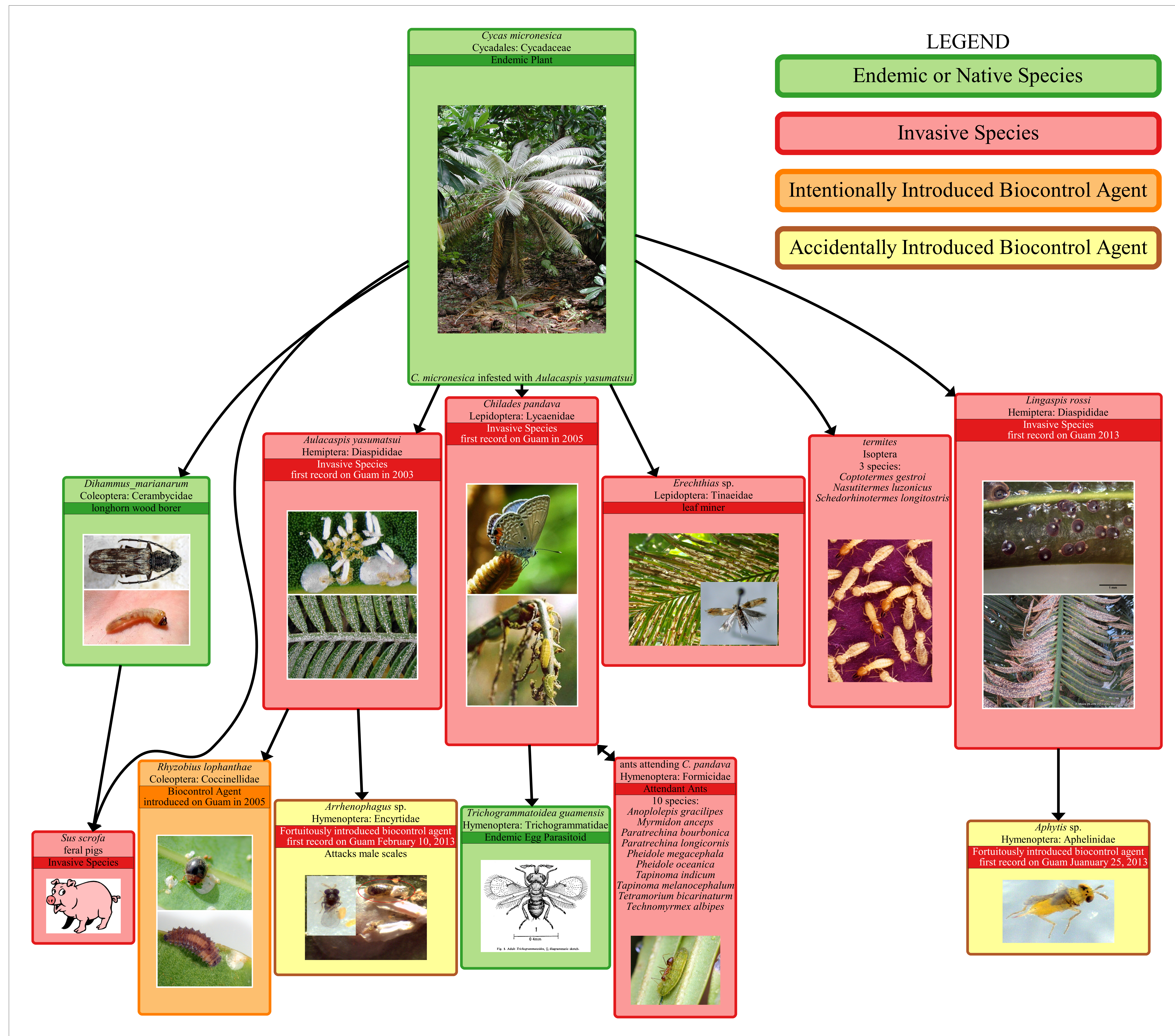




A Coalition of Invasive Species Attacks Guam's Endemic Cycad, *Cycas micronesica*

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A 2002 forest survey listed *Cycas micronesica*, locally known as "fadang", as the most numerous tree-sized plant in Guam's forests. In 2006 *C. micronesica* was placed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species in response to high mortality from simultaneous attack by recently introduced invasive species including the cycad aulacaspis scale (CAS), *Aulacaspis yasumatsui*, the cycad blue butterfly, *Chilades pandava*, and a lepidopteran leafminer, *Erechthias* sp. The coccinellid, *Rhizophagus lophanthae* was established as an effective biological control agent for CAS. However, the cycads continue to decline due to damage from herbivores. This poster summarizes the major ecological relationships between *C. micronesica* and the invasive species which threaten its existence.

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