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Expert Workshop on Invasive Alien Species in Preparation for the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Montreal, Canada, 6–9 December 2017

# ANNOTATION TO Provisional agenda

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its thirteenth meeting requested the Executive Secretary to prepare draft guidance and tools on invasive alien species for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as follows:
2. To prepare draft supplemental guidance to incorporate unintentional introductions, as referred to in the fifth preambular paragraph above, to the existing Guidance on Devising and Implementing Measures to Address the Risks Associated with the Introduction of Alien Species as Pets, Aquarium and Terrarium Species, and as Live Bait and Live Food (decision XIII/13, para. 5);
3. To explore with the World Customs Organization, as well as member organizations of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species, the need for tools or guidance for Parties that may assist national customs authorities in facilitating the necessary control of live alien species via e-commerce (para. 9 (a));
4. To develop technical guidance for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis for the management of invasive alien species (para. 17(b));
5. To develop guidance on invasive alien species management that takes into consideration the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change on the management of biological invasions (para. 17(c));
6. To compile information on the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values, including the values and priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities (para. 17(d)).
7. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary sent notifications 2017-056[[1]](#footnote-1) and 2017-074[[2]](#footnote-2) to collect information as mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present document, and conducted desktop survey on relevant information.
8. The Executive Secretary in collaboration with the World Customs Organization convened the eighth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species in Brussel, from 22 to 23 November 2017 and consulted on the matters mentioned in paragraphs 1 (a)-(e) above.
9. Following the processes above, the expert workshop on Invasive Alien Species in Preparation for the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be convened in accordance with Appendix C (Informal workshop) of the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.[[3]](#footnote-3)
10. The purpose of the present workshop is to exchange views on the management of invasive alien species among Parties and relevant organizations, and to streamline the guidance setting under the Convention on Biological Diversity in harmony with existing international standard-setting processes undertaken by separate international organizations, for example, by the standard setting bodies recognized by the World Trade Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the World Customs Organization, among others. In addition, information submitted by Parties and relevant organization that require some clarity for consideration by the Subsidiary Body will be discussed and the Secretariat will receive advices from experts to clearly indicate the technical and scientific aspect of information in the documents to be presented to the Subsidiary Body.
11. The outcome of this workshop will be a chair’s text which will be made available for the information of participants in the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
12. The workshop registration will start at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 6 December 201,7 in the conference room of the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), on 393 St-Jacques Street West, Suite 200, Montreal.

**ITEM 1. OPENING THE WORKSHOP**

1. The Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome participants and open the workshop at 9.30 a.m.
2. A representative of the Secretariat will briefly provide the overview of this workshop, and explain the background of each agenda item and relevant processes undertaken by other international organizations in relation to each agenda item. The proposed organization of work can be found in annex 1 to the present document.
3. After adoption of the agenda, participants will be invited to elect a Chair and a rapporteur for the workshop.

**ITEM 2. PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE AND TOOLS ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

***Item 2.1 Draft supplemental guidance on the trade in live alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food***

1. The Chair will invite a representative of the Secretariat to provide information on the outcome of the eighth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species with regard to guidance‑setting under the Convention on Biological Diversity, then the Secretariat will present the draft of the Supplementary Guidance on Trade in Live Alien Species as Pets, Aquarium and Terrarium Species and as Live Bait and Live Food (hereafter Supplemental Guidance).
2. A representative of the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) will make a presentation on relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures.
3. Participants will be invited to review the draft Supplemental Guidance.

***Item 2.2 Tools for facilitating the necessary control of live alien species sold via e-commerce***

1. The Secretariat will introduce the process undertaken by various international organizations on e-commerce and present the outcome of the eighth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, taking into account the ongoing efforts of the World Customs Organization.
2. The Secretariat of IPPC will be invited to present a document prepared through the IPPC process to address the pest risks of live plant species sold via e-commerce, and progress on the implementation of the Single Window System for phytosanitary purposes (e-Phyto) to reduce the pest risk that may be associated with live species sold via e-commerce.
3. Participants will be invited to discuss approaches to address the risk of biological invasion associated with live species sold via e-commerce.

***Item 2.3 Options for supplementing risk assessment and risk management standards for the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species***

1. The Secretariat will introduce the item taking into account the discussions at the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species.
2. Participants will be invited to provide additional information relevant to risk assessment and risk management of biological control agents.

***Item 2.4 Technical guidance for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses***

1. The Secretariat and partners will report on progress in developing technical guidance for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis in addressing the issue of invasive alien species.
2. Participants will be invited to discuss on the needs of such guidance and provide advices to the Secretariat with regard to the appropriate scope of the requested guidance and process of developing this technical guidance, and its appropriate timing to present to SBSTTA.

***Item 2.5 Consideration of the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change on the management of biological invasions***

1. Representatives of IUCN, IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility will be invited to present on the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change, as appropriate, on the management of biological invasions.
2. Participants will be invited to discuss how to convey the information on the impact of environmental changes to biological invasions to Parties to the Convention, and the actions expected of the Secretariat or other bodies to address the issue of invasive alien species.

**ITEM 3. INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL VALUES, INCLUDING THE VALUES AND PRIORITIES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

1. The Secretariat will explain the result of the survey (notification 2017-056, 2017-074) related to this agenda item, noting the range of views among Parties with regard to the identified risks of biological invasion that may consequently impact on the social and cultural value of biodiversity.
2. Participants will be invited to discuss the scope of existing risk assessment standards and how the concerns of Parties regarding the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values can be considered by the Subsidiary Body.

**ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

1. Participants will be invited to raise other matters to be discussed by the workshop, as appropriate.
2. Participants will be invited to evaluate this workshop by responding to a questionnaire.

**ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

1. The Secretariat will provide a summary of the outcome of the workshop and explain the process for finalizing the Chair’s report.
2. The workshop will be closed at noon on 9 December 2017.

*Annex*

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

| *Date and time* | *Agenda item* |
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| *Wednesday 6 December 2017* |  |
| 9 a.m.9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Registration at the conference room of the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)Item 1. Opening of the workshop1.1 Overview and objectives of the workshop1.2 Adoption of agenda1.3 Organizational mattersItem 2. Progress in the development of guidance and tools on invasive alien species management2.1 Draft supplementary guidance on the trade in live alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food |
| 1 to 2 p.m. | *Break* |
| 2 to 5.30 p.m. | 2.1 *(Continued)*2.2 Tools for facilitating the necessary control of live alien species sold via e-commerce; |
| *Thursday, 7 December 2017* |  |
| 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | 2.3 Options for supplementing risk assessment and risk management standards for the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species |
| 1 to 2 p.m. | *Break* |
| 2 to 5.30 p.m. | 2.4 Technical guidance for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses;2.5 Consideration of the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change on the management of biological invasions |
| *Friday, 8 December 2017* |  |
| 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Item 3. Information on the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values, including the values and priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities |
| 1 to 2 p.m. | *Break* |
| 2 to 5 p.m. | (Review of the workshop outcomes) |
| *Saturday , 9 December 2017* |  |
| 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Item 4. Other mattersItem 5. Closure of the workshop |

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1. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-056-ias-en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-074-ias-en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. https://www.cbd.int/convention/sbstta-modus.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-3)