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Article 8h Alien species

1. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium		c) Low	✓
2. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	
				d) Severely limiting	✓

3. Has your country identified alien species introduced?	
a) no	
b) only major species of concern	✓
c) a comprehensive system tracks introductions	
4. Has your country developed national policies for addressing issues related to alien invasive species?	
a) no	
b) yes – as part of a national biodiversity strategy (please give details below)	✓
c) yes – as a separate strategy (please give details below)	
5. Has your country assessed the risks posed to ecosystems, habitats or species by the introduction of these alien species?	
a) no	
b) only some alien species of concern have been assessed	✓
c) most alien species have been assessed	
6. Has your country undertaken measures to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	✓
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	

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7. Is your country collaborating in the development of projects at national, regional sub-regional and international levels to address the issue of alien species?	
a) little or no action	
b) discussion on potential projects under way	✓
c) active development of new projects	

8. Does your national strategy and action plan address the issue of alien species?	
a) no	
b) yes – limited extent	✓
c) yes – significant extent	

Case-studies

9. Has your country submitted case studies on the prevention of introduction, control, and eradication of alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species, in response to the call by the fourth meeting of SBSTTA?	
a) no – please indicate below whether this is due to a lack of available case studies or for other reasons	lack of case studies
b) yes – please give below any views you may have on the usefulness of the preparation of case-studies for developing a better biological understanding of the problem and/or better management responses.	
10. How many case-studies are available that could be used to gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding alien species in your country?	
a) none	✓
b) 1-2 – limited understanding	
c) >2 – significant information available	

Transboundary issues

11. Are known alien invasive species in your country also a problem in neighbouring or biogeographically-similar countries?	
a) not known	✓
b) none	
c) a few – but in general alien invasive species problems are specific	
d) more than a few – in general we share common problems with other countries	
12. Is your country collaborating in the development of policies and programmes at regional, sub-regional or international levels to harmonise measures for prevention and control of alien invasive species?	
a) little or no action	✓
b) discussion on potential collaboration underway	
c) development of collaborative approaches for a limited number of species	
d) consistent approach and strategy used for all common problems	

Please provide summary information on the process by which this report has been prepared, including information on the types of stakeholders who have been actively involved in its preparation and on material which was used as a basis for the report

- 1). Review of biodiversity assessments done for various sectors (towards development of National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan) provided base for report
- 2). Letters to specialists in Life Sciences (stakeholders) and consideration of their responses (Institutions consulted include relevant departments of University of the West Indies, Natural Resources Conservation Authority, Institute of Jamaica) provided clarity in some areas and additional information
- 3). Phone consultations with other stakeholders no longer attached to an institution, including consultants working for projects and NGO's provided additional information

Further comments

Regarding question 4 (b):

Jamaica is in the final stages of developing a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. (The Strategy is completed and the Action Plan will be finalized by end of January 2001.)

A series of biodiversity assessments were done and they provided the basis for the Strategy. Alien Species was one of the areas addressed by each assessment and has its own section in the National Strategy.