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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	X	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	X
3. Has your country identified alien species introduced?					
a) no					
b) only major species of concern					X
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)					X
c) Yes – as a separate strategy (please give details below)					
5. 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					X
c) potential measures under review					
d) comprehensive measures in place					

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6. 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	X
b) discussion on potential projects under way	
c) active development of new projects	

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

Case-studies

8. 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	X
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.	
9. 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	X

Transboundary issues

10. Are known alien invasive species in your country also a problem in neighbouring or biogeographically- similar countries?	
a) not known	X
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	
11. 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	X
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	

Further comments

● Question 4: Related to national policies

Counter-measures against alien species are stipulated in the National Strategy on Biological Diversity as follows.

(Extract: Basic Policies on counter-measures against impacts of alien species)

Alien species from outside the country or the area may cause a loss of biological diversity through cross-breeding with similar indigenous species, genetic pollution by crossbreeding with existing local populations, and ecosystem disturbance by preying on other species and occupying habitats. Measures are thus required either to prevent immigration or exterminate alien species. The risk of alien species greatly changing local biota and ecosystems is especially strong on islands, which are isolated from other regions and are homes for endemic biota.

It is also necessary appropriately to control the invasion of animals and plants which may have adverse effects on agricultural, forestry and fishery industries.

● Question 8: Related to case studies

We could not do that because we didn't have an English Version of them. However, we are going to submit some in coming October taking into account of the importance.

● Comment about this format

Some options for answers contain both quantity based things and quality based ones e.g. the option b) and c) as in the question 9. Since they seem like different matters, they should not be mixed up in one option.