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I. Involved Agencies/ Institutions

- MOEPP: Agency for Environment, Division of Biological Diversity and Division of the Protected Areas Conservation ; State Inspectorate of Environment, Skopje
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy: Department of Forestry , Skopje
- Faculty of Natural Sciences, Institute of Biology, Skopje;
- Faculty of Forestry, Skopje;
- Macedonian Museum of Natural History, Skopje;
- Hydrobiological Institute, Ohrid.

II. Reports/ Publications

- Report on the Status of the Introduction of Invasive Alien Species in the Republic of Macedonia (Authors: Nastov A, M.A & R.Brajanoska, M.A., DBD/AE/MOEPP, Skopje, 2002), publ.: Document, SC 22/BC, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.
- Country Study of Status of Biological Diversity in the Republic of Macedonia (First National Report), Authors: Dr Matevski V., University Professor, Dr Micevski B, University Professor, Dr Petkovski S. & Dr Stojanovski P., University Professor. (This Study is part of the process of preparation of the National Strategy for Biological Diversity and Action Plan, project of Macedonian Government/MOEPP & UN/GEF/WB).
- Dr Naumovski M. (1995): Pisces of Macedonia, Zaki, Skopje, pp.; 1-162.
- Dr Hristovski M. (2003): Ihtiofauna of the Republic of Macedonia, Review 'Makedonsko Ribarstvo' NFMSR, Skopje, 1:8-12.

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	x
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 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					x
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					x
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	x
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	x

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	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.	
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	x
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	x
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	x
d) consistent approach and strategy used for all common problems	

Further comments

4. b. Case-Studies, especially studies for conservation of the wetlands ecosystems (lakes, rivers and marshes), grasses and forest ecosystems will be prepared in the next four years (2004-2008).

9. a. Lack of available case-studies.