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The report was prepared at the Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences in Krakow.

The main source of information was a detailed database on alien species, prepared in 1999 in the Institute for the Ministry of Environment. Both the database and this report were supervised by prof. dr Zbigniew Witkowski.

Prof. dr Halina Piekos-Mirkowa assessed alien plant species issues.

**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	

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	√
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	
c) 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	

#### **Further comments**

<p>3. The most adequate answer is that although nearly all alien species have been identified, only major species of concern (e.g. Eastern vison <i>Mustela vison</i> or Sosnowski's Cow Parsnip <i>Heracleum sosnovskyi</i>) are comprehensively tracked.</p> <p>4. National biodiversity strategy is still being discussed. In its first version the issue of alien species was omitted altogether. In the new version (currently under preparation) the problem is addressed marginally.</p> <p>9. A lack of available case-studies.</p>
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