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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

The Ministry of the Environment has commissioned the Swedish Environmental Agency, being the central Governmental Agency in the field of environment, to co-ordinate the preparation of the material used as basis for this report. This has also included to suggest answers to the questions asked.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency has in this case performed this duty in cooperation with the following organisations:

- * The Swedish Biodiversity Centre
- * The Swedish Board of Agriculture

Due to time constraints consultations with NGO's have not been performed.

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
				d) Severely limiting	

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)	X
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	X
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	X
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	X
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	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	
b) 1-2 – limited understanding	
c) >2 – significant information available	X

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	X
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

Comments to some of the questions:

4 b, c) In the Swedish Action Plan on Biological Diversity (1996) is stated:

"Non-native (alien) species and/or genetic material should only be permitted to be introduced in such a way that the genetic makeup of native species is not put in jeopardy and other damage to biological diversity is avoided."

5 b) A brief assessment of a number of selected species in different ecosystems has been performed in a Nordic project, cf. attached file.

7 a) E.g. extinction campaigns against the Mink (mainly trapping)

9 a) Lack of available administrative resources in relation to total workload.

10 c) cf. 5 b)