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Summary information

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For the problematic of invasive species was created the Working Group for invasive species of Plants as the part of National Natural Protection, two scientists are working there - Ms. Alžbeta Cvachova and Ms. Ema Gojdičová.

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	x	c) Low
2. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?			
a) Good	b) Adequate	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 (see ref. 1)
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	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	
b) discussion on potential projects under way	x (national level)
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	x
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
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	x (<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>)
d) consistent approach and strategy used for all common problems	

Further comments

Ref. 1:

National Biodiversity Strategy of Slovakia (approved by the Parliament on July 2, 1997);

Goal 2: Manage threatening processes: prevent the introduction of invasive species and control or eradicate those alien species, which may threaten ecosystems or native species

Action plan for the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy of Slovakia (1998 - 2010):

- to complete the methodology of the alien species mapping
- to identify the status of protected areas threatened by the alien invasive species
- revision of the parklands as a potential source of alien invasive species
- preparation and realization of the management actions to control *Helianthus* species
- ecology and management research of the invasive species in relation to the agricultural products
- research of the alien three species