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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		b) Medium	<b>X</b>	c) Low	
2. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	<b>X</b>
				d) Severely limiting	

3. Has your country identified alien species introduced?	
a) no	
b) only major species of concern	<b>X</b>
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 national biodiversity strategy	<b>X</b>
c) yes as a separate strategy	
5. Has your country assessed the risks posed the ecosystem, habitats or species by the alien species ?	
a) no	
b) only some alien species of concern have been assessed	<b>X</b>
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 ecosystem, habitats or species ?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	<b>X</b>
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>X</b>
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 wheather this due to a lack of available case studies or for other reasons	
b)yes- please give below any views you may have on the usefullness of the preparation of case studies for developing a better biological understanding of the problem and /or better management responses	X
10. )How many case studies are avaliabe that could be used to gain a better understanding of the issue surrounding alien species in your country	
a) none	
b)1-2- limiting 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
d) more than a few-in general share common problems with other countries	
12) Is your country collobrating 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

There is no problem at the follewering plants of Turkey	
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Please provide summary information on the process by which this report has been prepared, including informing 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.

Ministry of Environment is responsible for the coordination of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This report has been prepared by the collaboration of Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Forestry, Environment and The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey.

Please find enclosed the brief information related with Question 9 and 10.

## APPENDIX:

The effects of alien species on Agricultural products have been evaluated according to **the regulation on Agricultural Quarantine** which controlled the imported all kinds of living materials into the country. Furthermore, the introduction of weed and pests that cannot be present in the country have been also obstructed regarding this regulation. Although, the strict measurements on Agricultural products are applied, the introduction of some alien species have been observed recently. These are as follows;

### 1-Colarado potato beetle (*Leptinotera decemlineata*) :

It distributes very large area of the country, so, it doesn't possible to control at all .Because the economic threshold has been observed, the chemical application is started.

### 2-Golden nomatode (*Globodera rostochinensis*):

It only exists in Bolu- Dörtdivan. The infected area has fenced and kept under quarantine. The chemical application is to start and every kind of planting of the products have also banned.

### 3-Citrus Leaf Miner (*Phyllocnistis citrella*):

It has entered into the all citrus fruits area for 3 years and spreaded all area for a year. Due to starting the population is to control by natural predators, the population become to decline. Because of natural predators, it hasn't required any additional measurements to control.

### 4-Citrus Wooly White Fly (*Pleurothrixus floccosus*):

It has entered into the country from Syria. Due to the application of natural predators, it hasn't required any additional measurements to control.

### 5-*Lersia spp.*:

This species has observed in Thracian region which affects rice field. For the measurement, the preliminary study has started but not concluded yet.

### 1- *Aquatic weed*:

Some weed for aquarium usage imports into the country, after throwing the weed into the drainage canals, it spreads and plugs the canals. Only pulling of the weed from canals has applied for the controlling its spreading.