



Terms of reference and modus operandi for the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species

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1. Recognizing that invasive alien species are a major and growing driver of biodiversity loss causing severe impacts on many aspects of human well-being, as well as affecting multiple sectors, such as agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, transport and trade; and pursuant to decision [IX/4](#) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Executive Secretary of the Convention invited several international organizations to form an inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species.

1. The general purpose of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species is to facilitate cooperation among relevant organizations to support measures to prevent the introduction and mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species.

2. Specifically, the Liaison Group will aim:

(a) To address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks for the prevention, control and eradication of invasive alien species;

(b) To promote intersectoral cooperation and capacity-development activities for the prevention, control and mitigation of invasive alien species;

(c) To raise awareness across the multiple sectors of the impacts of invasive alien species and of the best practices for addressing the issue;

(d) To promote cooperation at all levels, and specifically at the national level, through each organization's national and regional focal points or their equivalents;

(e) To promote cooperation in the gathering of, access to and use of relevant and reliable information.

3. The terms of reference and modus operandi for the group were revised by agreement among the Liaison Group at its fourth meeting, held in Rome on 28 February and 1 March 2013, at its tenth meeting, held in Paris on 3 and 4 June 2019, and at its thirteenth meeting, held in Wallingford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on 19 and 20 June 2024.

4. In the light of the adoption by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in Montreal, Canada, in 2022, the Framework, and in particular its Target 6, will form the basis for the work of the Liaison Group.

5. The Liaison Group will work by exchanging information on relevant policies and activities to ensure that they are complementary so as to optimize efficiency, build synergies and avoid any unnecessary duplications.

6. The secretariats of the following international organizations participate in the Liaison Group as core members:

- CABI
 - Convention on Biological Diversity
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - Global Biodiversity Information Facility
 - International Civil Aviation Organization
 - International Maritime Organization
 - International Plant Protection Convention
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- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- World Customs Organization
- World Organisation for Animal Health
- World Trade Organization

7. Further membership may be decided by the Liaison Group, and additional organizations may be invited to participate in the meetings and work of the Group.

8. Each organization shall identify one or more representatives to participate in the meetings of the Liaison Group, and each organization shall determine a focal point to ensure communication between meetings.

9. Meetings of the Liaison Group may be held using modern technologies or in-person meetings, as needed, and will be convened by the member organizations, preferably on a rotational basis.

10. The convening organization will act as the secretariat of the Liaison Group during the intersessional period, with the support of other members, as needed.

11. The convening organization can arrange teleconferences or email exchanges, will prepare a draft agenda at least one month in advance of the meeting, will chair the meeting and prepare and finalize its report, within one month of the end of the meeting. The responsibility of the convening organization will be transferred at the end of each meeting.

12. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will provide a public website,¹ where updated terms of reference, final reports and other official documentation, as finalized by the Liaison Group, will be posted.

¹ www.cbd.int/convention/areas-of-work/issues/invasive/programme/inter-agency-liaison-group-on-invasive-alien-species