

WORKING SESSION 3: MANAGEMENT OF IAS OF UNION CONCERN

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- o CABI
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- European Pet Organisation
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1. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

• Relevant Articles of Regulation 1143/2014

- Preamble 25, Articles 17(2), 19 & 20
- Other relevant legislation/EC initiatives



2. IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT
MEASURES

- o 2.1 General Principles
- 2.2 Best Practices
- 2.3 Management methods for animals (hunting, shooting, trapping, fertility control, etc)
- 2.4 Lessons Learnt (methods that did not work in the past or that are non acceptable from an ethical point of view)

3. IDENTIFICATION OF RESTORATION MEASURES

- **3.1 General Principles**
- **3.2 Best Practices**
- **3.3 Lessons Learnt**



4. SELECTION OF MEASURES

- 4.1 Proportionality to the impact on the environment
- 4.2 Feasibility
- o 4.3 Evaluate cost of action vs. non-action
- 4.4 Further research on measures



5. COMMERCIAL USE

 Article 19.2 of the Regulation allows a commercial use of IAS of Union Concern as part of the management measures: risks??



6. STAKEHOLDERS' INVOLVEMENT

- Recommendations taken from the IAS WG of 2011 publication on Awareness & Communications
- Raising the public's awareness is crucial to the successful management of invasive alien species!



7. TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

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8. ERADICATION VERSUS MANAGEMENT

• When can an IAS be considered as non-eradicable? (shift from Article 17 to Article 19)



WHAT IS NOT COVERED??

- Management measures for plants need to be added;
- More information is needed on Restoration Measures;
- More examples of best practices in LIFE projects?
- Parts on Commercial Use and Transboundary Cooperation are almost empty.

Any offers of help?!?!?!

COMMENTS RECEIVED



• Cyprus:

- Importance of training of management personnel → already included in the report
- Concerns about the management of mosquitos → the report focuses on species included in the Union List; use of pesticides may be listed under Lessons Learnt (references?); Negatives of the release of natural enemies are already in the report.

COMMENTS RECEIVED



• Sweden :

- Most of the suggested text will be integrated in the report
- Raised concern that statement about aquatic IAS not needing public consultation wasn't case for Sweden on crayfish
- Important question: should the MS's decision on eradication or management be based on a cost/benefit study in which effectiveness of eradication is analyzed? Is there a requirement that the MS motivates its decision on management instead of eradication to the EC and other MS?
- Suggested management methods for plants were missing and have been included
- Cost effective eradication is possible <u>almost exclusively</u> on *small* islands or geographically limited areas such as river basins; immigration must be zero → King, 1990b; Hone, 1994, Orueta et al, 2001

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OUR MEMBERS

 OFI: Request to include references to a series of awareness raising activities → more relevant to the Pathways sub-group?



COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OUR MEMBERS

 REPTA: invertebrates should explicitly mentioned as non-sentient beings → agreement?

(«There is an increasing public concern for invasive alien animals as sentient beings", p. 2)