



2nd meeting of WGIAS

European Commission

DG Environment

6 September 2016



Outline of the day

1. Progress in the implementation of R. 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species
2. Next steps & stakeholder involvement
3. Expectations, incl. list updates
4. New rules on operation of expert groups
5. Working sessions
6. Plenary



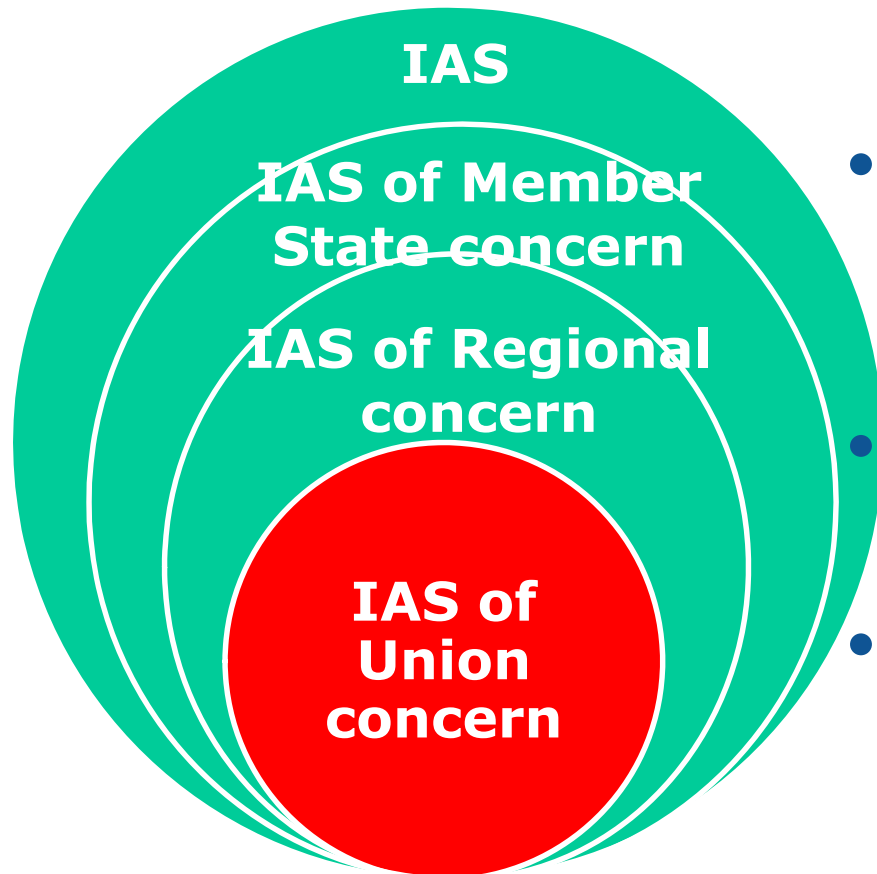


EU acts in force

- *Regulation (EU) No **1143/2014** on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of IAS*
- *Implementing Reg. (EU) **2016/145** adopting the format of the document serving as evidence for the permit issued by the competent authorities*
- *Implementing Reg. (EU) **2016/1141** adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern*



Prioritise on list of IAS of Union concern



- Commission and Member States may propose IAS
- Scientific Forum checks scientific robustness of information
- Committee checks IAS for compliance criteria listing
- Result:
 - **First list (entered into force on 3 August 2016): 37 species**
 - **First update: in preparation**

Plants on 1st Union list



<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Eastern baccharis
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Fanwort
<i>Eichornia crassipes</i>	Water hyacinth
<i>Heracleum persicum</i>	Persian hogweed
<i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i>	Sosnowski's hogweed
<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Floating pennywort
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Curly waterweed
<i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i>	Water- primrose
<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	Floating primrose-willow
<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>	American skunk cabbage
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot's feather
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Whitetop weed
<i>Persicaria perfoliata</i>	Asiatic tearthumb
<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	Kudzu vine

Animals on 1st list



<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>	Pallas's squirrel
<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Indian house crow
<i>Eriocheir sinensis</i>	Chinese mitten crab
<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>	Small Indian mongoose
<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>	North American bullfrog
<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	Muntjac deer
<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Coypu
<i>Nasua nasua</i>	Coati
<i>Orconectes limosus</i>	Spiny-cheek crayfish
<i>Orconectes virilis</i>	Virile crayfish
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Ruddy duck
<i>Pacifastacus leniusculus</i>	Signal crayfish
<i>Percottus glenii</i>	Amur sleeper



Animals on 1st list



<i>Procambarus clarkii</i>	Red swamp crayfish
<i>Procambarus fallax f. virginalis</i>	Marble crayfish
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Raccoon
<i>Pseudorasbora parva</i>	Stone moroko
<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	American grey squirrel
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Fox squirrel
<i>Tamias sibiricus</i>	Siberian chipmunk
<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Sacred ibis
<i>Trachemys scripta</i>	Red-eared and yellow-eared slider
<i>Vespa velutina nigrithorax</i>	Asian hornet





EU acts in preparation

- *Implementing Regulation on the technical format for reporting – Art.24(4)*
- *Implementing Regulation on the first update of the list of IAS of Union concern – Art.4(1)*
- *Delegated Act on the methodology for risk assessments – Art.5(3)*



Next steps – towards 1st update

<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Alligator weed
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Box elder
<i>Alopochen egyptiacus</i>	Egyptian goose
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed
<i>Bison bison</i>	American bison
<i>Cervus nippon</i>	Sika deer
<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's waterweed
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	Chilean rhubarb
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant hogweed
<i>Homarus americanus</i>	American lobster
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Indian balsam
<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Large-leaved lupin
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Broadleaf watermilfoil
<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	Raccoon dog
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Muskrat
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Crimson fountaingrass

Next steps



How to follow the ongoing work?

- 1) DG ENV webpage on IAS (links to all other info)
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasiv
ealien/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasiv
ealien/index_en.htm)
- 2) Comitology Register (IAS Committee)
[http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/in
dex.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/in
dex.cfm)
- 3) Expert Group Register (SF & WGIAS)
<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/>
- 4) CIRCABC (SF & WGIAS)
<https://circabc.europa.eu>

Next steps



http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm

A screenshot of the European Commission website page titled "Invasive Alien Species". The page features a navigation menu with "Home", "About us", "Policies", "Funding", "Legal compliance", and "News & outreach". A sidebar on the left lists "Nature and biodiversity", "Biodiversity Strategy", "Nature and biodiversity law", "Species protection", "Natura 2000", and "Knowledge and data". The main content area includes a section for "Invasive Alien Species" with a description, a link to a brochure, and a section for "EU Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species" with a description and a link to a list of species of Union concern. The list of species is highlighted with a red circle. The page also mentions a "Committee on Invasive Alien Species" and a "Scientific Forum on Invasive Alien Species".

ENVIRONMENT

European Commission > Environment > Nature and biodiversity

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Invasive Alien Species

Invasive Alien Species are animals and plants that are introduced accidentally or deliberately into a natural environment where they are not normally found, with serious negative consequences for their new environment. They represent a major threat to native plants and animals in Europe, causing damage worth billions of euros to the European economy every year.

Brochure on [Invasive Alien Species](#)
Brochure on [Life and Invasive Alien Species](#)

EU Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species

The [Regulation 1143/2014 on invasive alien species](#) entered into force on 1 January 2015. This Regulation seeks to address the problem of invasive alien species in a comprehensive manner so as to protect native biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as to minimize and mitigate the human health or economic impacts that these species can have.

The Regulation foresees three types of interventions; prevention, early detection and rapid eradication, and management.

List of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern

A list of invasive alien species of Union concern has been adopted:

- [News and questions & answers](#)
- [Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1141 adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern](#)

The list was drawn up and managed together with the Member States using risk assessments and scientific evidence. The underlying risk assessments are available [here](#).

Committee on Invasive Alien Species

The implementation of the Regulation is supported by a [Committee](#) made up of representatives of all Member States.

Scientific Forum on Invasive Alien Species

Furthermore, advice on scientific questions related to the implementation of the Regulation is provided through a [Scientific Forum](#) with representatives of the scientific community appointed by the Member States.

Next steps



Public access

The screenshot shows the CIRCABC website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the European Commission logo and the text "European Commission | CIRCABC". Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads "EUROPA > European Commission > CIRCABC > env > ias_forum". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with a "Scientific Forum on Invasive Alien Species" dropdown menu, which is currently expanded to show "Library" (highlighted in blue), "Information", "Events", and "Newsgroups". Below this is a search box with a "Go" button and a link to "Advanced Search". At the bottom of the sidebar is a "Main Menu" with links for "Browse categories", "Login", "Help", and "eLearning". The right column displays the "Library" section, which includes a description: "The Library is the space where **contents** are stored, managed and shared." Below this is a section titled "Spaces" with a "Title" dropdown menu. A list of folders is shown, each with a folder icon and a count: "0 Meetings of the Scientific Forum", "0 Risk Assessments - Explaining the folders below", "1 Risk Assessments - IAS listed", "1bis Risk Assessments - IAS not listed", "2 Risk Assessments - IAS proposed for listing", "3 Risk Assessments - check by Scientific Forum", and "4 Risk assessments - under consideration or under development". A large red arrow points to the "3 Risk Assessments - check by Scientific Forum" folder.

Next steps – listing procedure

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↓ *Deadline*

1. MS or COM submit species for listing according to Art 4(4), incl. RA according to Art 5(1)

↓ *1-2 weeks* ↑

2. Quick screening by Commission

↓ *2 weeks*

3. Scientific Forum members
nominate reviewers

↓ *2-3 months*

3. Scientific Forum reviewers
review submission

4. Stakeholders submit additional
scientific or economic evidence

↓ *1-2 months* ↓

5. Submitting institution (MS or COM) revise submission and provide cover note

↓ *1-2 months*

6. Meeting of Scientific Forum delivers opinion

Next steps – towards 2nd update



European Commission

↓ **Deadline 10 February 2017**

1. MS or COM submit species for listing according to Art 4(4), incl. RA according to Art 5(1)

↓ 1-2 weeks ↑

2. Quick screening by Commission **End of February 2017**

Early March 2017

↓ 2 weeks

3. Scientific Forum members nominate reviewers

↓ 2-3 months

3. Scientific Forum reviewers review submission

End of May 2017

4. Stakeholders submit additional scientific or economic evidence

↓ 1-2 months ↓

End of July 2017

5. Submitting institution (MS or COM) revise submission and provide cover note

↓ 1-2 months ↓

6. Meeting of Scientific Forum delivers opinion **3rd quarter 2017**

Next steps



How to provide your input?

WHAT?

Additional referenced information (scientific information, data on socio-economic benefits and on risk management)

HOW?

- European stakeholder organisations to ENV-IAS@ec.europa.eu
- National / local organisations /citizens through a European stakeholder organisation or their MS competent authorities





Other ongoing work (1) Meetings

- 5 October 2016 – 7th meeting of IAS Committee:
 - i. **Discussion on species for 1st update - Art.4(3), 4(6) of R.1143/2014**
 - ii. **Discussion on reporting format – Art.24(4)**
- 6 October 2016 – 4th meeting of Scientific Forum
Discussion on Delegated Act - Art.5(3)



Other ongoing work (2) Projects - studies

- EASIN <http://easin.jrc.ec.europa.eu> continuously updated and improved by JRC – open access
- NOTSYS Art.25(2) and electronic authorisation system Art.9(2) operational – MS access only
- LIFE project with EPPO www.iap-risk.eu – 16 RA
- Under evaluation:
 - **Service contract for technical support**
 - **Study for new RA**

- **Discussion on work towards further list updates and prioritisation of species**
- **Other comments?**



New rules



New rules on expert groups

- *Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 of 30.05.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups*
- ENV IAS will send to WGIAS members instructions
- **Please respect the deadline = condition to remain member of the group**



Working sessions



Working session

Three parallel groups:

1: Management of pathways of introduction and spread of IAS of Union concern

2: Surveillance of IAS of Union concern

3: Management of IAS of Union concern

ENV IAS Team will attend to answer questions



Working sessions



Expected outcomes

Today:

- First brainstorm for organisation of work and outline of final report
- Identify rapporteur for plenary
- Identify leader to coordinate further work

End April 2017:

- First draft of report addressing issues in scoping document
- All members exchange on finalisation

June 2017:

3rd meeting of WGIAS – deliver final reports





Thank you for your attention!

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http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm

