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The report has been prepared by the Co-ordinating Body for the Implementation of the CBD in Greece (Zoological Museum, Dept. of Biology, University of Athens), an institution that has collected all available data on biodiversity issues from all competent authorities and research institutes of Greece.

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		c) Limiting	x
				d) Severely limiting	

1. Has your country identified alien species introduced?	
a) no	
b) only major species of concern	x
c) a comprehensive system tracks introductions	
2. Has your country developed national policies for addressing issues related to alien invasive species?	
a) no	x
b) yes – as part of a national biodiversity strategy (please give details below)	
c) yes – as a separate strategy (please give details below)	
3. 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	
4. 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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1. 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
c) active development of new projects	

1. Does your national strategy and action plan address the issue of alien species?	
a) no	
b) yes – limited extent	
c) yes – significant extent	×

Case-studies

1. 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	×
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.	
2. 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	
c) >2 – significant information available	×

Transboundary issues

1. 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	
d) more than a few - in general we share common problems with other countries	×
2. 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	×
d) consistent approach and strategy used for all common problems	

Further comments

point 4. There is no national policy, but several decrees and administrative acts that address some aspects of the problem.

point 8. The national strategy is still under preparation. However, the finalized text is going to give special attention to the issue of alien species, and address it to a significant extent.

point 9. The case studies available are not in a format facilitating submission to CBD Secretariat, being accomplished in the frame of specific research projects.

point 11. Even though we share common problems with other countries, we also face additional unique problems concerning the impact of alien species on the many endemic species of Greece.

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