



Doc 23.4.4 A Review of the Impact of Invasive Alien Species



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Background

- 17th Meeting of the Scientific Council
- IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group, University of Auckland
- Review of the impacts of invasive alien species (IAS) to migratory species
- Review along with a draft resolution

Aims of the study

- Identifying those migratory populations that are most threatened by IAS;
- Specifically assessing the impact of IAS on migratory species on islands;
- Identifying those CMS-listed species that are known to be invasive;
- Evaluating how the threat of IAS on migratory species is likely to develop in the light of climate change
- Identifying gaps in the international regulatory framework where CMS could play a role in relation to IAS; and
- Identifying synergies with other organizations that are already working on IAS

Threats caused by IAS

- Predation
- Competition
- Genetic Changes by Hybridization
- Transmission of diseases



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Extent of the impact of IAS

- Over 1/3 of the species covered in Appendix I and II are threatened by IAS
- Most impacted species fall in the terrestrial/marine biome
- Seabird and marine turtle species are under the



International Regulatory Framework

- “Inadequate action related to the management of IAS is not a result of gaps in international policy but rather it is caused by inadequate implementation of existing international provisions at national level”
- Need for systematic cooperation between different global conventions and multilateral environmental agreements

Draft Resolution

- Outlines future actions for CMS Activities related to Invasive Alien Species
- Calls on parties to address threats at the national level
- Encourages collaboration with other MEAs and additional strategic partners
- Requests continued action to address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework addressing IAS

Future Action

- Consider the information put forth in the Review and Draft Resolution on Invasive Alien Species
- Compare against national policies for IAS and current IAS challenges your nation is facing

