

# IUCN guide to the EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species

1143/2014

# Regulation applies to:

### All invasive alien species (IAS) \*

- Introduced outside natural range
- Live specimens that may reproduce
- Adversely impact biodiversity and related ecosystem services

# Listing criteria:

- Alien to the Union (exc. outer regions)
- Capable of establishing & spreading in
- >2 Member States or 1 marine region
- Adverse impacts to biodiversity & ecosystem services
- Risk Assessment shows concerted action at Union level required
- Inclusion on the *Union List* will effectively prevent, minimise or mitigate impacts

#### Prevention measures

#### **Emergency measures**

- For IAS of imminent risk of introduction not on Union List
- IAS need to likely meet criteria for inclusion on Union list
- Member States (MS) may apply temporary *Restrictions*
- MS must notify Commission to decide if apply EU wide
- MS must carry out Risk Assessment and submit for inclusion on *Union List*

#### **IAS of Member State/regional concern**

- MS may establish a national list of IAS and apply Restrictions and other measures at national level
- For IAS that require enhanced regional co-operation MS may request Commission to require MS concerned to apply the following measures: Action plans, Surveillance, Early detection, Rapid eradication, Management, and Restoration
  - \* Regulation 1143/2014 scope excludes:
  - Species that expand range without human intervention
  - Non-native species covered by other EU legislation

# List of IAS of Union concern

# "Union List' = 88 species

2016 = 37 species listed (23 animals and 14 plants)

2017 = 12 species listed (3 animals and 9 plants)

2019 = 17 species listed (4 animals and 13 plants)

2022 = 22 species listed (17 animals and 5 plants)

### Early detection and rapid eradication

#### **Surveillance**

- MS establish a surveillance system for IAS of Union concern
- Needs to able to rapidly detect new introductions

#### Controls

- MS have in place risk-based controls to goods imported to verify they are not on the Union List or are covered by a valid Permit

#### **Prevention measures**

#### **Restrictions**

- IAS of Union concern shall not intentionally be; brought into the Union, kept, bred, transported, sold, used or exchanged, permitted to reproduce, grown or cultivated, released into the environment

#### **Action plans**

- Pathways analysis
  of unintentional
  introduction for IAS
  of Union concern
   Pathway action
  plans implemented
  for priority pathways
  (within 3 years of
- **Authorisations**

adoption)

In exceptional cases for reasons of compelling public interest (incl. social or economic) MS may permit activities
Authorisation required from Commission

# Management of widespread IAS

#### **Management**

- MS have in place effective management measures for IAS of Union concern that are widespread in their territory (18 mo. of adoption)
- Based on costbenefit analysis

Restoration

- MS carry out restoration to assist ecosystem recovery degraded by IAS of Union concern
- Based on costbenefit analysis

## Early detection notification to EC

#### **Rapid eradication**



- MS undertake eradication (complete & permanent) within 3 months of notification
  Methods used with due regard to human
- Methods used with due regard to human health, environment and animal welfare

#### **Derogations**



- Within 2 months of detection, MS may not eradicate if one of the following apply:
  - Technically unfeasible
  - Cost-benefit analysis show costs disproportionate to benefits
  - Eradication methods not available or have serious impacts to human health or environment
- Can be rejected by Commission within 2 months

# Permits

- Permits issued by MS allowing for research or ex-situ conservation activities