

Questionnaire on SDG 15

1. Purpose of the questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information which will help assess progress on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15:

“Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss”.

Specifically, Target 15.8 calls for the establishment by 2020 of

“measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species”

and the assigned Indicator 15.8.1 is:

“Proportion of countries adopting relevant national legislation and adequately resourcing the prevention or control of invasive alien species”

2. Questions and suggested answers

Note: Where there are several possible answers (e.g. Yes/No/Unsure), it is not possible to add further comments.

Number	Suggested answer
1. For your home country, please name any government department, national agency or agencies (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) responsible for managing IAS that impact the natural environment, economic sectors (e.g. agriculture, forestry, tourism, etc.) or human health.	<p>Nature conservation authorities and health authorities of the 16 federal states (Länder) in Germany</p> <p>German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)</p> <p>German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)</p> <p>Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVg) Bundesamt für Infrastruktur, Umweltschutz und Dienstleistungen der Bundeswehr (BAIUDBw)</p> <p>Institute for Federal Real Estate (BImA) European Union (EU)</p>

<p>2. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to develop national plans and policies in relation to invasive alien species?</p> <p>Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)</p> <p>Necessary powers (legal authority)</p>	<p>Yes/No/Unsure</p> <p>Yes/No/Unsure</p>
<p>3. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to undertake risk analyses of potentially invasive species?</p> <p>Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)</p> <p>Necessary powers (legal authority)</p>	<p>Yes/No/Unsure</p> <p>Yes/No/Unsure</p>
<p>4. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary authority to prevent the intentional introduction of species assessed as potentially invasive (including importation, for the purposes of agriculture, aquaculture, the nursery/ornamental trade, farming and animal breeding, the pet trade etc.)?</p> <p>Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)</p> <p>Necessary powers (legal authority)</p>	<p>Yes/No/Unsure</p> <p>Yes/No/Unsure</p>
<p>5. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to minimise the unintentional introduction of alien species?</p> <p>Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)</p> <p>Necessary powers (legal authority)</p>	<p>Yes/No/Unsure</p> <p>Yes/No/Unsure</p>
<p>6. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to promote public awareness of IAS issues?</p> <p>Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)</p>	<p>Yes/No/Unsure</p>

Necessary powers (legal authority)	Yes/No/Unsure
7. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to monitor and conduct surveillance programmes to detect introduced populations of IAS at an early stage?	
Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)	Yes/No/Unsure
Necessary powers (legal authority)	Yes/No/Unsure
8. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to contain and eradicate populations of IAS within the country?	
Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)	Yes/No/Unsure
Necessary powers (legal authority)	Yes/No/Unsure
9. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to record and maintain information on IAS?	
Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)	Yes/No/Unsure
Necessary powers (legal authority)	Yes/No/Unsure
10. Are there institutions (including supranational institutions/organizations, e.g. EU) with a clear legal mandate and the necessary powers to enforce the relevant legal provisions regarding the control of invasive alien species?	
Clear legal mandate (authorisation, decree, directive or official order)	Yes/No/Unsure
Necessary powers (legal authority)	Yes/No/Unsure
11. Are there any existing legal provisions or institutional arrangements to facilitate cooperation between different government agencies in making decisions regarding IAS?	Yes/No/Unsure
12. Does your country have an allocation from the National budget to manage the threat of IAS?	Yes/No

13. Can you provide an estimate of this allocation?	No, the Federal Government doesn't have an overview of the budget allocated by the German Länder to manage the threat of IAS.
14. If your country is a recipient of global funding (such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) - has your country accessed any funding from global financial mechanisms for projects related to IAS management?	Yes/ No
15. If yes, can you list them?	
16. Does your Biodiversity Strategy (at the local, national, regional, or supranational level) include objective(s) and actions related to IAS management?	Yes /No
17. If yes, are these actions being implemented?	No implementation / Full implementation
18. Is there a budget allocation or are there any financial tools (for e.g. dedicated financial programmes) available for this implementation?	Yes /No
19. Has your country developed a National Invasive Alien Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP)?	Yes/ No
20. If yes, are these actions being implemented?	No implementation / Partial implementation / Full implementation? [No response required, as question 19 was answered with „No“.]
21. Is there a budget allocation or are there any financial tools (for e.g. dedicated financial programmes) available for this implementation?	Yes/No [No response required, as question 19 was answered with „No“.]
22. If your country has not developed a National Invasive Alien Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP), under what national regulatory or policy framework is IAS prevention, control and management currently done in your country?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species • National implementation: § 40-§ 48a Bundesnaturschutzgesetz(Federal Nature Conservation Act)
23. Do you know of any non-governmental agencies (NGO) or civil society groups involved in IAS management in your country?	Yes /No
24. What is the level of involvement?	High involvement Low involvement
25. Does your government take precautionary measures to prevent IAS from entering the country, and if so, how does it attempt to manage pathways/vectors?	Pathway action plans are being developed according to the specifications of the EU regulation 1143/2014.

26. Are there any forms of collaboration with other countries that your government engages in on a regular basis?	Collaboration with other EU member states: regular meetings of committee and scientific forum.
27. Please enter the name of your country (not entering a name will invalidate the survey)	Germany