



Convention on the Conservation
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 140 (2009) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 26 November 2009, on the control of the small Indian mongoose (*Herpestes auropunctatus*) in Southeast Europe

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention;

Recalling that under Article 11, paragraph 2.b of the Convention, each Contracting Party undertakes to strictly control the introduction of non-native species;

Recalling Recommendation No. 99 (2003) of the Standing Committee on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species (IAS);

Aware that the small Indian mongoose (*Herpestes auropunctatus*) is a serious threat to native biological diversity for its predation of birds and reptiles;

Noting that measures to contain the present populations of the Indian mongoose would delay its possible spread to the whole of the European continent;

Recommends that the Contracting Parties concerned and invites the appropriate Observer States to:

1. identify the range size and trend of the small Indian mongoose population in their territories;
2. assess the impact of the small Indian mongoose on native biological diversity;
3. take appropriate measures to decrease or eradicate the population of the small Indian mongoose in their territories.