

Implementation of the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species

Malta

Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Progress made:
 - Legal provisions
 - NBSAP Targets
 - NBSAP Measures
 - Actions in Protected areas
- Questions

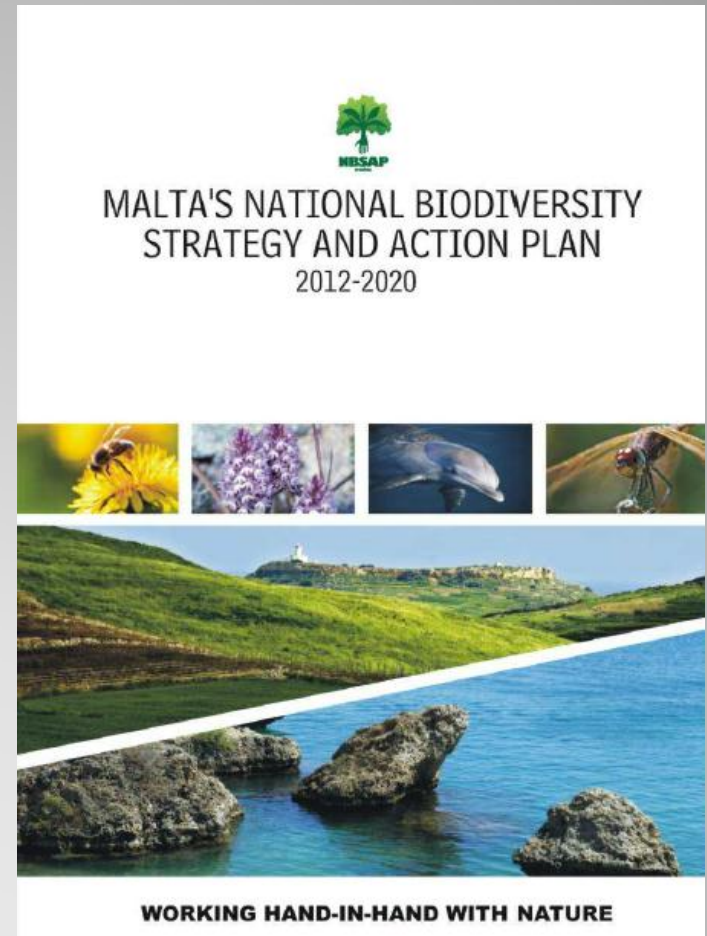


Legal Framework

- Continued work on national legislation
- EU Regulation No. 1143/2014
 - 1 January 2015
 - IAS Committee
 - Scientific Forum
 - National implementing legislation
- Animal Welfare Act
 - the “Protection of Animals offered in Pet Shops (Minimum Standards) Regulations, 2014” (SL439.16)
 - July 2013
 - Contingency concept: escapees and cases of emergency



- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2012-2020)
- NBSAP Target 9 – *"measures are in place to prevent ... the introduction and establishment of new invasive non-native species, ...while [those] established are identified and prioritised for eradication or control..."*
- Good progress made, further action is required - 😊



Nature-Related Policy and Guidance

Measures

- NBSAP Theme 4: Biological Introductions
- Various measures in place



- **Code: BI1** 😞
 - *A national information and early warning system.*
 - *Contingency planning for introductions*
- EU Policy
 - Border inspection posts
 - Permitting procedures
- Release of species into the environment controlled.
- EU Regulation No. 1143/2014 transposition
- Monitoring of alien species
 - Rapid Assessment Surveys in hotpots
 - MSFD



- **Code: BI2** 😊
 - *National strategy on invasive non-native species*
 - *Other policy guidance on the removal of invasive species.*

- **Policy guidance**

- Adopted in 2013
- Addresses invasive plants and restoration of terrestrial plant communities



- **Work on the drafting of the national strategy**

- **Code: BI4** ☹️

- *Key stakeholder groups co-operatation*
- *Establishment of national codes of best practices*

- Timelines not met

- Work in progress:

- draft recommendation national codes of best practice
- development of the national strategy (BI2)



- **Code: BI3** 😊

- Identification of endemic species and areas of conservation value
- Planning of remedial action

- **Eradication or control activities**

- *ad hoc basis*
- *focus on priority cases and in certain protected areas*
- *Management plans*
 - *Respective conservation measures*



Combating effects of Alien Species within Protected Areas

- Control of the spread
 - Measures and monitoring
 - Planting of native species as appropriate
- L-Inħawi tar-Ramla tat-Torri u ta' l-Irdum tal-Madonna
 - Rat Eradication
- Rehabilitation of sand dunes at ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa
 - Eradication of IAS Flora
- Additional IAS removal initiatives are planned for other protected areas.



Links:

- Malta's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2012-2020): <http://www.cbd.int/doc/world/mt/mt-nr-05-en.pdf>
- Malta's Marine Strategy Framework Directive: <http://www.mepa.org.mt/water-msfd>
- MedPAN North project: http://www.mepa.org.mt/med_medpannorth
- Guidelines on invasive plants and restoration of terrestrial plant communities: <http://www.mepa.org.mt/guidelines-alienplants>
- Natura 2000 Management Plans: http://www.mepa.org.mt/eafrd_natura2000

Questions?

