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Bern Convention Group of Experts
on Invasive Alien Species**

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**TEMPLATE
FOR REPORTING BY PARTIES ON PROGRESS IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY ON
INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES AND ON THE USE OF BERN
CONVENTION CODES OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES ON IAS**

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Background

In view of the 13th meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species, the Secretariat prepared this template, to be used by Parties for reporting on progress in implementing the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species, on the use made at national level of the voluntary guidance tools developed by the Bern Convention and on additional issues identified as emerging topics of concern, namely on IAS and insects conservation and climate change and IAS.

Reference Documents

In 2003, the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention adopted [Recommendation No. 99 \(2003\) on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species](#). Since 2009, the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species worked on the identification and prioritisation of pathways for IAS introduction and spread. The Group prepares several targeted Codes of Conduct to address these pathways and the Standing Committee adopted them as Bern Convention standards through Recommendations:

- [European Code of Conduct on Horticulture and Invasive Alien Plants](#) (2008) - [Illustrated version](#) (2011)
- [European Code of Conduct on Pets and IAS](#) (2011) - [Illustrated version](#) (2016)
- [European Code of Conduct for Botanic Gardens on Invasive Alien Species](#) (2012)
- [European Code of Conduct on Zoological Gardens and Aquaria and IAS](#) (2012) - [Illustrated version](#) (2016)
- [European Code of Conduct on Hunting and IAS](#) (2013) - [Illustrated version](#) (2016)
- [European Guidelines on Protected Areas and IAS](#) (2013) - [Illustrated version](#) (2014)
- [European Code of Conduct on Recreational Fishing and IAS](#) (2014)
- [European Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and IAS](#) (2016)
- [European Code of Conduct for Invasive Alien Trees](#) (2017)
- [European Code of Conduct on International Travel and Invasive Alien Species](#) (2017)

Information on the institution/agency/person reporting

Country	
Name and position of responsible person	
Institution/Organisation	
E-mail	

Q1. Please provide information on the measures put in place at national level, since the last meeting of the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species in 1-3 June 2017 (Madeira, Portugal), for implementing Recommendation No. 99 (2003) on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species and in particular in the following areas of the Strategy¹:

1.	Building awareness and support	
2.	Collecting, managing and sharing information	
3.	Strengthening national policy legal and institutional frameworks	
4.	Regional cooperation and responsibility	
5.	Prevention	
6.	Early detection and rapid response	

¹ Please add as much space as you need for your replies under each question.

7.	Mitigation of impacts	
8.	Restauration of native biodiversity	

Q2. Have the European Codes of Conduct, developed in the frame of the Bern Convention (see above), been used at national level in your country and if yes,

Q2 a): Which Codes of Conduct were used and in which way?

Q2 b). Which bodies, agencies and stakeholders were involved in implementing the Codes and how?

Q3. What is your evaluation of the benefits and challenges linked to the implementation of the Codes of conduct and how their use at national level by the relevant sectors and actors can be improved?

Q4. Has your country initiated some work on the effects of IAS on pollinators and on assessing the role of IAS in the decline in insect species?

Q5. Are IAS part of any management plans for threatened or declining insect/pollinator groups?

Q6. Has your country been working on identifying ways of dealing with the effects of climate change in IAS management today? What approaches and models are being used and what research is being developed?