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Reflections towards the conclusion of the UN Decade of Biodiversity

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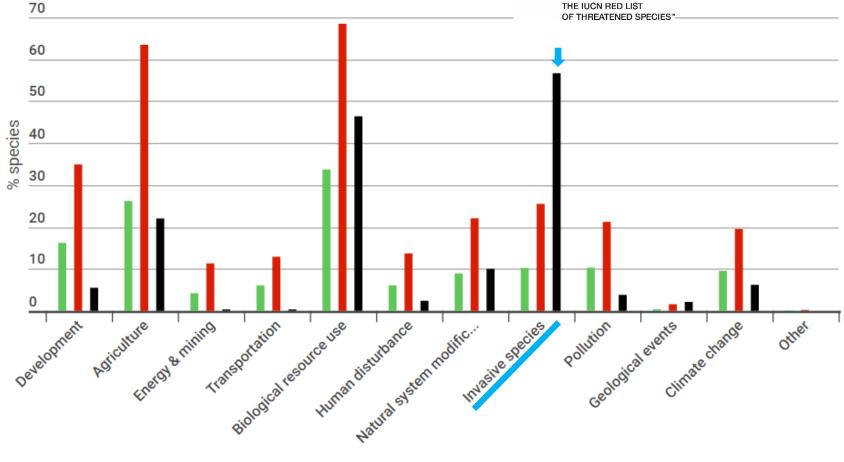




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Threats

IUCN Red List v 2016.3



















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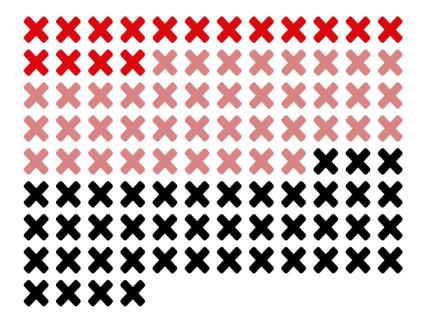


THE IUCN RED LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES"

16.2% of extinctions are driven by

invasive alien species ONLY

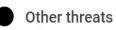
43% of extinctions are driven by other threats



40.5% of extinctions are driven by invasive alien species + other threats

Invasive species only





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#### IMPACT ON ECOSYSTEMS AND LIVELIHOOD

- Beaver introduced in Tierra del Fuego, established in over 7 Mln hectares
- Prosopis invading large areas of Africa, limiting access to land
- Water hyacinth impacting access to water and transport, and spreading malaria

















#### AFFECT OUR HEALTH

- More than 100 known cases of invasive species with effects on health
- Pathogens, parasites, vectors of pathogens, producing toxins, allergenic, direct attacks or bites, indirect effects on other invasive species with impact on health, etc.

Ethology Ecology & Evolution, 2013 http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03949370.2013.863225



#### Biological invaders are threats to human health: an overview

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### CAUSE HUGE ECONOMIC LOSSES

#### **Europe**

€ Eradication/control

€ Damage to infrastructure

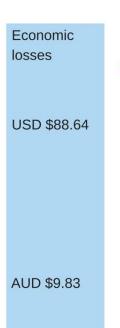
€ Damage to agriculture and forestry

€ Fishing

€ Human health

€ Research, prevention, monitoring, etc



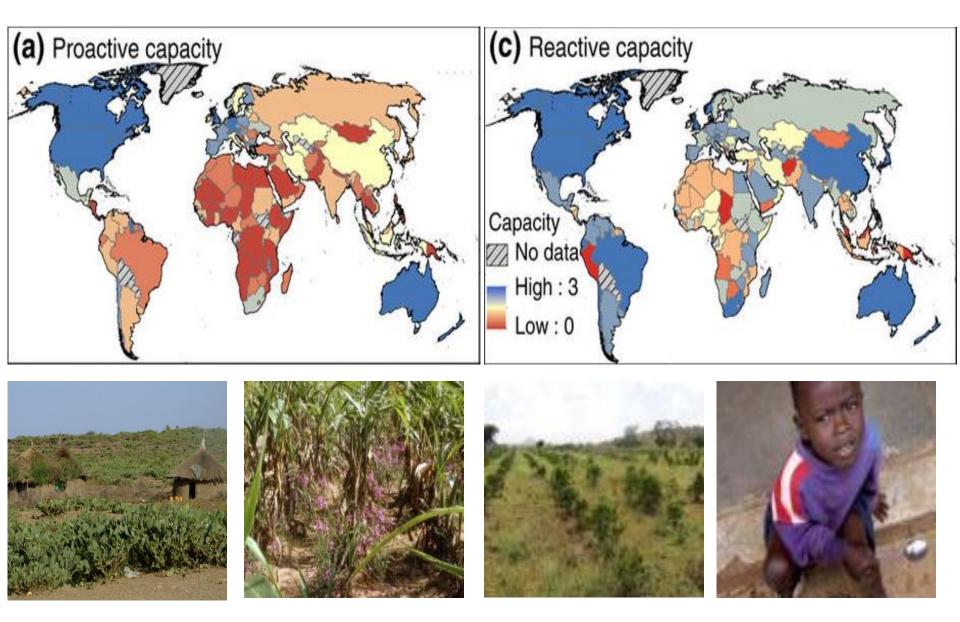




### > € 12.5 billions/year

Kettunen, Genovesi, et al. 2008. Report for European Commission. IEEP

Hoffmann & Broadhurst. 2016. Neobiota



Early et al. 2016. Nature Communications, 7, 12485.











#### PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY SAFEGUARDS LIVELIHOOD

How well do we understand the impacts of alien species on ecosystem services?

A pan-European, cross-taxa assessment

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	Total	Eco	ological	Economic	
		impacts		impacts	
Aquatic marine	1076	134	12.45%	114	10.59%
Aquatic inland	486	139	28.60%	107	22.02%
Birds	172	46	26.74%	78	45.35%
<b>Terrestrial invertebrates</b>	584	126	21.58%	180	30.82%
<b>Terrestrial mammals</b>	112	55	49.11%	67	59.82%
Terrestrial plants	6135	841	13.71%	745	12.14%





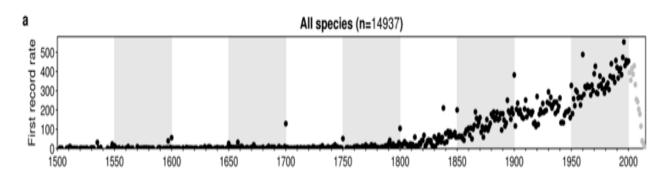


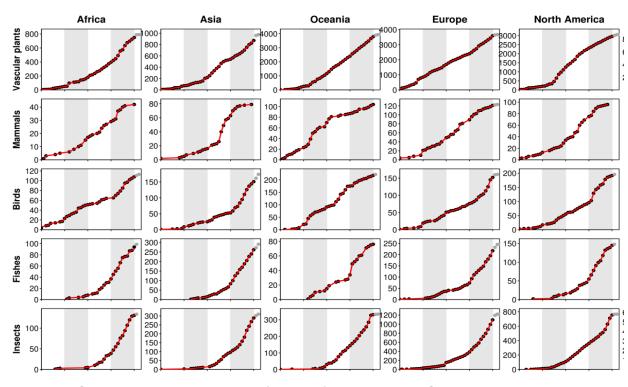




#### No saturation

 Annual rate of first records worldwide is still increasing, both in mainland and on islands





Seebens H, Blackburn TM, Dyer E, Genovesi P et al. (2017). Nature Comm. 1–9.











#### POTENTIAL INVASIVES

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Metric	Birds	Crustaceans	Fishes	Insects	Mammals	Molluscs	Other invertebrates	Vascular plants
Estimated candidate species pool	625	1,565	1,354	20,611	499	1,289	3,268	26,048
No. of alien species in analysis	406	430	478	4,992	248	441	780	7,380
Percentage of established alien species, %	65	27	35	24	50	34	24	28
Reported total no. of alien species	971*	425 <sup>†</sup>	944 <sup>‡</sup>		445 <sup>§</sup>	539 <sup>†,¶</sup>		13,168#
Estimated true candidate species pool	1,494	1,574	2,697		890	1,585		47,029
Estimated total no. of native species on Earth $^{\parallel}$	10,000	150,000	40,000		5,500	200,000		368,000
Percentage of potential alien species among all species worldwide, %	15	1	7		16	1		13
	15%	1%	<b>7</b> %		16%	1%		13%





what and the way forward

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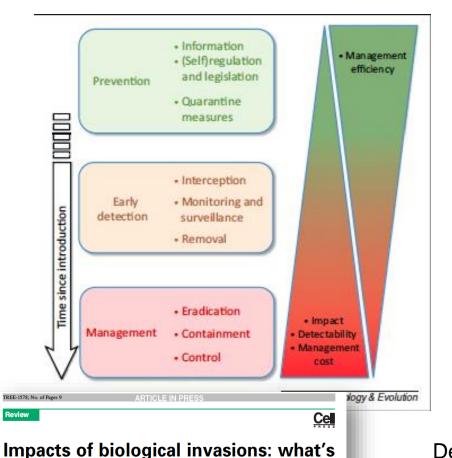
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### **HOW TO RESPOND?**



#### CBD guiding principles

- Prevention as the first line of defence
- Early detection rapid response
- Eradication when feasible
- Permanent management when appropriate

Decision VI/23 on Alien Species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and species; COPVI, The Hague, April 2002



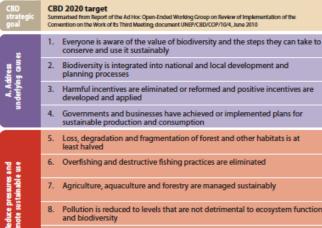








### CBD STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2020





Loss of genetic diversity in crop, livestock and wild relatives is halted
 Ecosystems that provide essential services and livelihoods are safeguarded and/or restored, with equitable access

 Ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks is enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including 15% of degraded ecosystems

16. Access to genetic resources is enhanced and benefits shared

17. All parties have implemented effective national biodiversity strategies and action plans

 Traditional knowledge and practices are protected and their contribution to biodiversity conservation is enhanced

 Knowledge and technologies relating to status, trends and value of biodiversity are improved and shared

20. Human resources and financing for implementing CBD has increased.



COP 10 MOP 5 Nagoya, Japan 2010

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Target 9: By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment



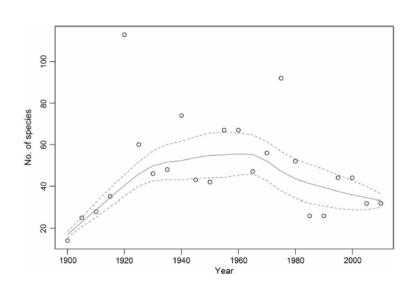




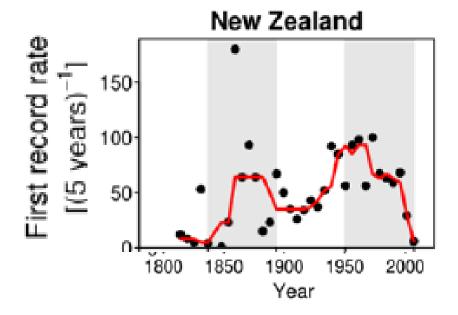




#### BIOSECURITY CAN REDUCE INVASION RATES



Edney-Browne et al. 2018. Biol. Inv. Establishment patterns of non-native insects in New Zealand



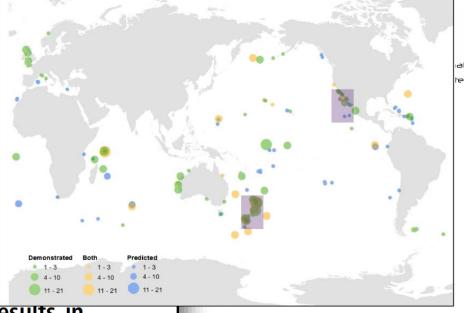
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#### **ERADICATIONS WORK**



## Invasive mammal eradication on islands results in substantial conservation gains

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 596 populations of 236 native species on 181 islands benefitted from eradications.













#### Progress of national targets towards the Aichi Targets

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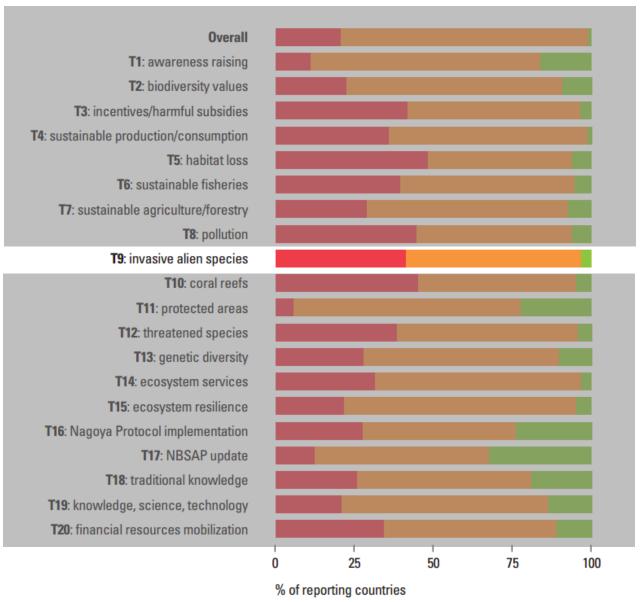
On track

**- 3%** 

Insufficient

**- 48%** 





















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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Convention on

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Twelfth meeting

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 6-17 October 2014 Agenda item 22

#### DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

XII/17. Invasive alien species: review of work and considerations for future

COP XII Decision 17: Invites the Invasive Species Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other technical partners to continue and complete the work on pathway analysis, and to continue to develop a system for classifying invasive alien species based on the nature and magnitude of their impacts;



Reported on at SBSTTA



#### **GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE**

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Montreal, 23-28 June 2014 Item 5.2 of the provisional agenda\*

PATHWAYS OF INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES, THEIR PRIORITIZATION

Note by the Executive Secretary

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Alien Species that threaten Ecosystems, Habitats and Species (the Guiding Principles) annexed to decision VI/23\*\* provide all Governments and organizations with guidance for developing effective strategies to minimize the spread and impact of invasive alien species. In particular, the Guiding

#### Table 1: Categorization of pathways for the introduction of Subcategory

Biological control

Hunting in the wild

Aquaculture / mariculture

Frosion control/dune stabilization (windbreaks

Fishery in the wild (including game fishing)

Landscape/flors/fauna "improvement" in the w Introduction for conservation purposes

Release in nature for use (other than above, e.g. Other intentional release

Agriculture (including Biofuel feedstocks)

Botanical garden/200/aquaria (excluding domes

Pet/aquarium/terrarium species (including live )

Category

RELEASE

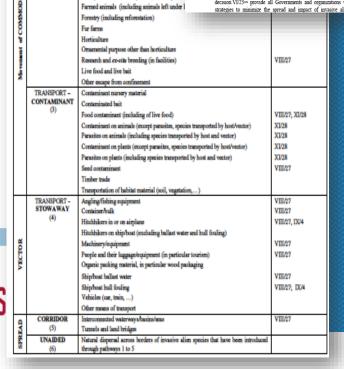
INNATURE

ESCAPE

CONFINEMENT

<b>↑</b>	ADVANCED SEARCH OPTIONS						
<b>▼ TAXONOMY</b>	Release Release in nature for use						
_ LOCATION	■ Biological control ■ Erosion control/ dune stabilization ■ Fishery in the wild ■ Hunting in the wild ■ Landscape/flora/fauna improvement						
SYSTEM							
<b>☑</b> PATHWAY	Conservation introduction Other Intentional release						
THREATENED SPECIES	□ Subclass Undefined     □ Escape     □ Transport - Contaminant						
□ IMPACT							
■ MANAGEMENT							

### LAST ADDED INVAS



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Impact categories

Minimal Concern (MC)

Data Deficient (DD)

Not Evaluated (NE)

No Alien Populations (NA)

Massive (MV)

Major (MR)

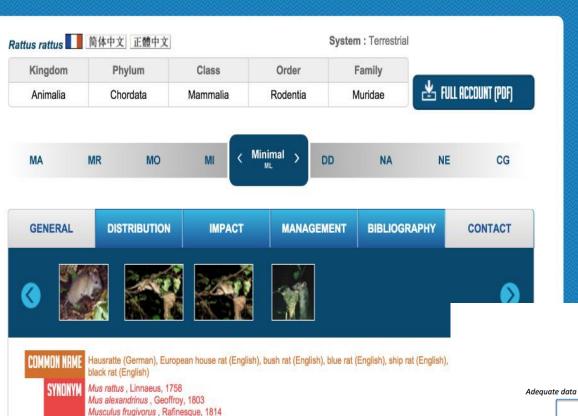
Minor (MN)

**(+)** 

Magnitude of Impact



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A native of the Indian sub-continent, the ship rat (Rattus rattus) has now spread throughout the world. It is w

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SIMILAR SPECIES

Mus novaezelandiae, Buller, 1870

Rattus norvegicus



The Global Invasive Species Databa Group (ISSG) of the IUCN Species S global initiative on invasive specie.

(GISP), and has been redesigned in 2013 with support from the Abu Dhabi Environment Agency, the Italian Ministry of Environment and ISPRA - the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Italy. Conditions of use.

All species

Alien taxon

Evaluated







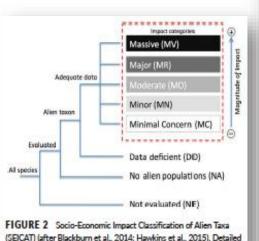




COP Decision XIII/13; 17... Also requests the Executive Secretary... (a) To compile information on the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values..;

subcategories (after MEA, 2005). The overarching premise for all constituents is the freedom of choice and action, i.e. the opportunity to be able to achieve what a person values doing and being Constituents of human well-being Examples Secure resource access Security from disasters Material and immaterial Adequate livelihoods Sufficient nutritious food Shelter Access to goods Health Strength Feeling well Access to clean air and water Social, spiritual and cultural Social, spiritual and cultural practice Mutual respect

TABLE 1 Constituents of human well-being and examples of their



descriptions of the classes are given in Table 2.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Methods in Ecology and Evolution Control of Alien taxa (SEICAT)

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TABLE 2 Description of Socio-Economic Impact Classification of Alien Taxa (SEICAT) according to observed changes in peoples' activities

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Impact classification	Description
Minimal concern (MC)	No deleterious impacts reported despite availability of relevant studies with regard to its impact on human well-being. Taxa that have been evaluated under the SEICAT process but for which impacts have not been assessed in any study should not be classified in this category, but rather should be classified as data deficient
Minor (MN)	Negative effect on peoples' well-being, such that the alien taxon makes it difficult for people to participate in their normal activities. Individual people in an activity suffer in at least one constituent of well-being (i.e. security; material and non-material assets; health; social, spiritual and cultural relations). Reductions of well-being can be detected through e.g. income loss, health problems, higher effort or expenses to participate in activities, increased difficulty in accessing goods, disruption of social activities, induction of fear, but no change in activity size is reported, i.e. the number of people participating in that activity remains the same
Moderate (MO)	Negative effects on well-being leading to changes in activity size, fewer people participating in an activity, but the activity is still carried out. Reductions in activity size can be due to various reasons, e.g. moving the activity to regions without the alien taxon or to other parts of the area less invaded by the alien taxon; partial abandon- ment of an activity without replacement by other activities; or switch to other activities while staying in the same area invaded by the alien taxon. Also, spatial displacement, abandonment or switch of activities does not increase human well-being compared to levels before the alien taxon invaded the region (no increase in opportunities due to the alien taxon)
Major (MR)	Local disappearance of an activity from all or part of the area invaded by the alien taxon. Collapse of the specific social activity, switch to other activities, or abandonment of activity without replacement, or emigration from region. Change is likely to be reversible within a decade after removal or control of the alien taxon. "Local disappearance" does not necessarily imply the disappearance of activities from the entire region assessed, but refers to the typical spatial scale over which social communities in the region are characterised (e.g. a human settlement)
Massive (MV)	Local disappearance of an activity from all or part of the area invaded by the alien taxon. Change is likely to be permanent and irreversible for at least a decade after removal of the alien taxon, due to fundamental structural changes of socio-economic community or environmental conditions ("regime shift")
Data deficient (DD)	There is no information to classify the taxon with respect to its impact, or insufficient time has elapsed since

introduction for impacts to have become apparent

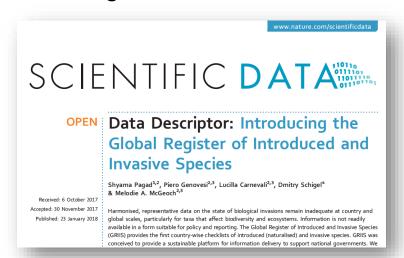






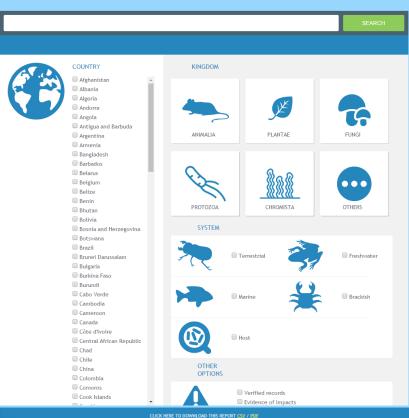
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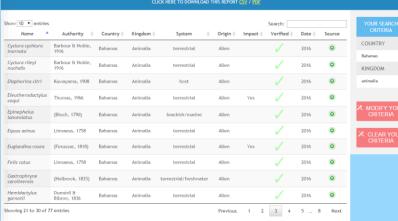
- CBD mandated
- GIASI Partnership\* product led by IUCN
- Launched April 2016, published 2017
- Annotated & validated country data
- Starting point for building national strategies NISSAPs





















#### PRIORITISING ACTION

## Combining data on the most relevant pathways and on the most harmful IAS can enhance prioritization of action

 Aggregating pathways and invasive specie ranks can enhance prioritization of prevention and management actions

