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Re. Danish Action plan on Invasive Alien Species

Denmark is preparing an Action plan on Alien Invasive Species to be launched in the quarter of 2008.

The Action plan is based on the recommendations in COP VI/23 Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species and the European Strategy on invasive alien species.

The Action plan will give a number of recommendations on organizational matters, prevention, monitoring, mitigation of impacts and information. The Action plan also stress the need of international cooperation to have an early warning of new aliens in the region and to share experience prevention and mitigation of impact.

Invasive species does not stop at national borders and therefore international cooperation is very important in regard to invasive species. Denmark is participating in the North and Central European information system on alien species (www.NOBANIS.org) which provides information on alien species in all participating countries.

In general it is not possible to eradicate widespread alien invasive species, the Danish action plan also is focusing on prevention and the precautionary principle to minimize introduction and impact of invasive species.

Yours sincerely			
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