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*Please provide summary information on the process by which this report has been prepared, including information on the types of stakeholders who have been actively involved in its preparation and on material which was used as a basis for report*

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On August a workshop on Alien species in Viet Nam has been held at Ha Noi. The representatives from Ministries has involved:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment
- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of Fisheries
- Representative from provinces: DongThap, LongAn, NamDinh, ThaiBinh....
- Scientists from:
  - + Institute of Ecology and Bio - Resources
  - + Institute of Genetic Agriculture
  - + Institute of Science Agriculture
  - + Institute of Forestry Science
  - + HaNoi University
  - + Agriculture University number one

At the workshop, all the participants has agreed that the invasive of alien species is strong danger to some provinces of Vietnam. For example: Species: Mimosa pigra, Eich hornia, Crassipes, Malalenca lencodrendron (import from Australia). Especially, Pomaca sp species (golden Neil) has destroyed a large areas of paddy field.

We have not yet evaluate this situation for all country.

Article 8h Alien species

1. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium	+	c) Low	
2. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	+ d) Severely limiting

3. Has your country identified alien species introduced?	
a) no	
b) only major species of concern	+
c) a comprehensive system tracks introductions	
4. Has your country developed national policies for addressing issues related to alien invasive species?	
a) no	
b) yes-as part of a national biodiversity strategy (please give details below)	+
c) yes-as a separate strategy (please give details below)	
5. Has your country assessed the risks posed to ecosystems, habitats or species by the introduction of these alien species?	
a) no	
b) only some alien species of concern have been assessed	+
c) most alien species have been assessed	
6. Has your country undertaken measures to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystem, habitats or species?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	+
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	

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7. Is your country collaborating in the development of projects at national, regional, sub-regional and international levels to address the issue of alien species?	
a) little or no action	
b) discussion on potential projects under way	+
c) active development of new projects	

8. Does your national strategy and action plan address the issue of alien species?	
a) no	+
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	

*Case-studies*

9. Has your country submitted case-studies on the prevention of introduction, control, and eradication of alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and species, in response to the call by the fourth meeting of SBATTA?	
a) no - please indicate below whether this is due to lack of available case-studies or for other reasons	+
b) yes - please give below any views you may have on the usefulness of the preparation of case-studies for developing a better biological understanding of the problem and/or better management responses.	
10. How many case-studies are available that could be used to gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding alien species in your country?	
a) none	
b) 1-2 - limited understanding	
c) >2 - significant information available	

*Transboundary issues*

11. Are known alien invasive species in your country also a problem in neighbouring or biogeographically-similar countries?	
a) not known	
b) none	
c) a few - but in general alien invasive species problem are specific	+
d) more than a few - in general we share common problem with other countries	
12. Is your country collaborating in the development of policies and programmes at regional, sub-regional or international levels to harmonise measure for prevention and control of alien invasive species?	
a) little or no action	
b) discussion on potential collaboration under way	+
c) development of collaborative approaches for a limited number of species	
d) consistent approach and strategy used for all common problems	

### *Further comments*

Although VietNam has aware of the danger of alien species to Biodiversity, but now we have not yet promote:

- As a part of a national biodiversity strategy
- We have imported a lot of alien species for developing production but in which only some alien species of concern has been assessed
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development collaborated with IUCN for preparing the document of project at national level to address all the issue of alien species. (The proposal project has not yet been supported)
- We lack of available case-study and lack of methodology for evaluation
- We are not enough information of alien invasive species problems Tranboundary issues. Some species problems we would like to discuss with neighbour countries.

We hope that CBD secretariat will support Vietnam to engage the program international or regional on controlling the alien invasive species.