

SUMMARY

Sub-Action C.5.2: Guidelines for inclusion of species into the list of invasive alien species in Latvia

Deliverable – Guidelines for species inclusion into the National List of Invasive Species

The aim of the Guidelines for Inclusion of Species in the List of Invasive Species (hereinafter - the Guidelines) is to improve the assessment process and criteria for inclusion of invasive alien species (IAS) into the national Regulation approved by the Cabinet of Ministers containing the list of invasive species in Latvia. The Latvian regulatory framework governing this process was adopted in 2008, and it applies only to plant species. However, Latvia as an EU Member State is bound by EU Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species (IAS Regulation), which sets the need for clarifications and additions to the relevant Latvian legislation including if deemed necessary by the Member State setting of a national list of invasives species and implementation of management measures appropriate to the specific circumstances of the Member States.

The Guidelines describe the procedure for performing risk analysis of species and determine the need to include them in the Latvian list of invasive species, as well as identify necessary actions or management measures to identify, limit and reduce negative impacts. The guidelines are based on a guideline procedure plan (Chapter 2) and a guideline procedure scheme (Figure 1). Definitions of terms used in the guidelines are described in Chapter 1.

The guidelines have been developed by experts from Daugavpils University in cooperation with representatives of the Nature Conservation Agency, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development and the State Plant Protection Service.

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