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Current legislative framework of invasive alien species in Latvia

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Invasive Alien Species - Biodiversity threats

- Convention on Biological Diversity. Target 6 - Reduce the Introduction of Invasive Alien Species by 50% and Minimize Their Impact. <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/targets/6>
- EU biodiversity strategy for 2030. Under the pillar two: «Restoring nature in the EU» target – Tackle invasive alien species.



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REGULATION (EU) No 1143/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 22 October 2014

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/1141
of 13 July 2016

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1263
of 12 July 2017

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1262
of 25 July 2019

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 to update the list of invasive alien species of
COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1203
of 12 July 2022

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 to update the list of invasive alien species of
Union concern



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Regulation 1143/2014 and implementing regulations

- **88 invasive alien species** are strictly regulated

- **47 animal species** of Union concern

- **41 plant species** of Union concern



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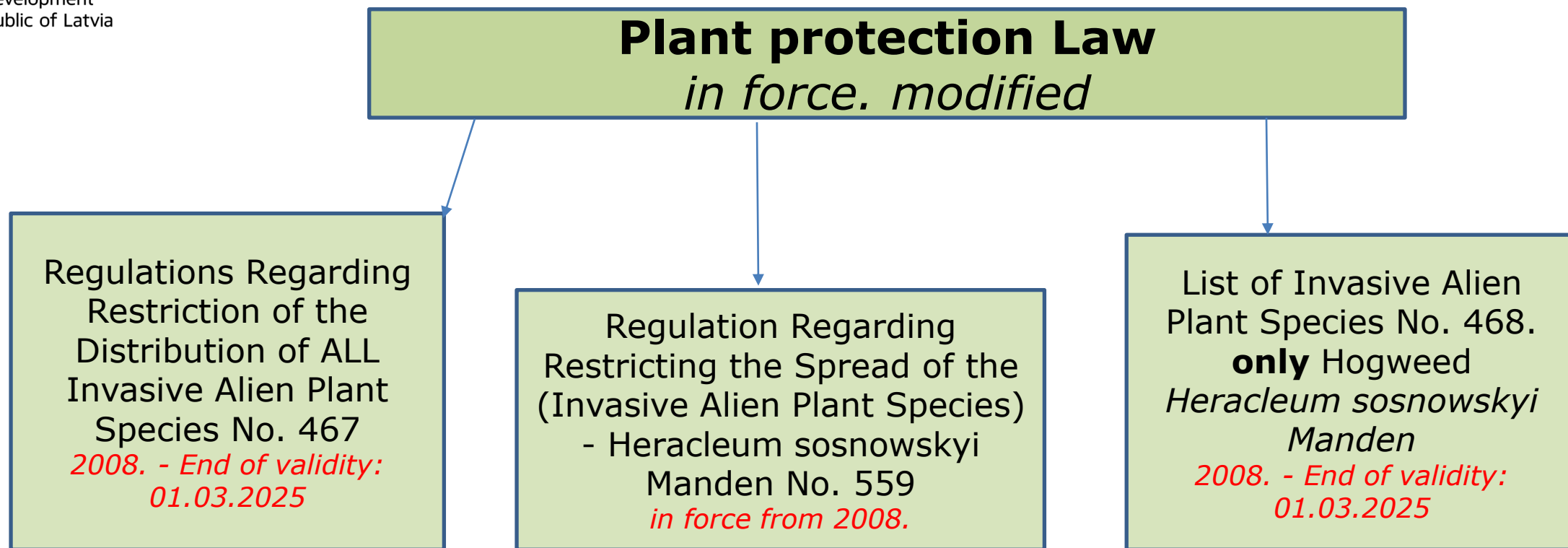
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Plant and animal	English	Latviski
<u>Asclepias syriaca</u>	<u>Common milkweed</u>	<u>Sīrijas asklēpija</u>
<u>Gunnera tinctoria</u>	<u>Chilean rhubarb</u>	<u>krāsu gunnera</u>
<u>Heracleum sosnowskyi</u>	<u>Sosnowsky's hogweed</u>	<u>Sosnovska latvānis</u>
<u>Impatiens glandulifera</u>	<u>Himalayan balsam</u>	<u>puķu sprigane</u>
<u>Lysichiton americanus</u>	<u>American skunk cabbage</u>	<u>Amerikas lizihitons</u>
<u>Pennisetum setaceum</u>	<u>Fountain grass</u>	<u>purpurvioletā sarzāle</u>
<u>Pontederia crassipes</u> (<u>Eichhornia crassipes</u>)	<u>Water hyacinth</u>	<u>resnkātu ūdenshiacinte</u>
Eriocheir sinensis	Chinese mitten crab	Ķīnas cimdiņkrabis
Faxonius limosus (Orconectes limosus)	Spiny-cheek crayfish	dzeloņvaigu vēzis
Muntiacus reevesi	Muntjac	Ķīnas mundžaks
Myocastor coypus	Coypu	nūtrijs
Nasua nasua	Coati	Dienvidamerikas degunlācītis
Nyctereutes procyonoides	Raccoon dog	jenotsuns
Ondatra zibethicus	Muskrat	ondatra
Pacifastacus leniusculus	Signal crayfish	Amerikas signālvēzis
Perccottus glenii	Amur sleeper	rotans
Procyon lotor	Raccoon	jenots
Trachemys scripta	Red-eared, yellow-bellied and Cumberland sliders	sarkanausu bruņurupucis



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Hunting Law

Hunting regulations No.421, includes
unrestricted wild game on non-native or
invasive species.

All year round - American mink (*Mustela vison*), raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), mouflon (*Ovis orientalis*), Sika deer (*Cervus nippon*), racoon (*Procyon lotor*), Coypu/nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), bobak marmot (*Marmota bobak*)



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Fishery Law

Angling, crayfish catching and underwater hunting regulations (No.800), includes *Orconectes limosus* spiny-cheek crayfish and *Pacifastacus leniusculus* Signal crayfish catching.



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Amendments in **Law on the Conservation of Species and Biotopes**. Adopted: 03.10.2024.

- institutions and functions in charge of IAS: Nature Conservation Agency, State Plant Protection Service, Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology, Food and Veterinary Service (Custom), State Forest Service, Latvian Environment Geology and Meteorology Center
- defines restrictions EU list, National list, general principles of IAS management
- **defines administrative offences and penalties, administrative offence proceedings – involves State police, Municipal police, Municipal environmental control**



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- Landowner is responsible for all invasive species management measures to prevent its further spread. Previously – only plant species, specifically Hogweed.
- Municipalities have **the option** to issue binding regulations on the National list.



Invasive Alien Species. Competent authorities:

Amendments in **Law on the Conservation of Species and Biotopes**. Adopted: 03.10.2024.

- 1) Nature Conservation Agency** - coordinating authority
- 2) State Plant Protection Service** – invasive plant species of Union concern. Monitoring
- 3) Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology** – all marine and coastal species. Monitoring
- 4) Food and Veterinary Service (Custom)** – all species on border (border crossing points with veterinary or phytosanitary control)
- 5) State Forest Service** – game animals. Management
- 6) Latvian Environment Geology and Meteorology Center** – freshwater plant species. Monitoring



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Draft Cabinet Regulation for the «Prevention and Management of the introduction and spread of invasive species». The regulation is currently in the process of inter-ministerial coordination. Ends 29.04.2025.

- Permits;
- Risk assessment;
- Monitoring and control;
- Management measures



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2. Draft Cabinet Regulation – National list - in elaboration process. Soon to be announced in public consultation. At the moment will include *Arion vulgaris*. Discussions.



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Fact Sheets - Invasive PLANT Species ↗

-  Echinocystis *lobata* (2016) (2016) 
-  *Sericea sericea* (2016) 
-  Eastern Thunderbird (*Bunias orientalis*) (2016) 
-  White sedge (*Swida alba*) (2016) 
-  Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) (2016) 
-  *Petasites hybridus* (*Petasites hybridus*) (2016) 
-  Dense Sorrel (*Rumex confertus*) (2016) 
-  Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*) (2016) 
-  Multi-leaved lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus*) (2016) 
-  *Epilobium adenocaulon* (2016) 
-  *Spiraea chamaedryfolia* (*Spiraea chamaedryfolia*) (2016) 
-  Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) (2016) 
-  Mountain maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) (2016) 
-  Canadian Flodea (*Flodea canadensis*) (2016) 



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Invasive Alien Species. Involved

- Public awareness. Citizen Science online platform «Ziņo invazīvs»
- Municipalities
- Science
- Projects. E.g. LIFE-IP LatViaNature



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