

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to submit the following information in response to the notification by the Secretariat from 31 October 2007 (reference: SCBD/STTM/JM/aw/56333 [2007-134])

**An indicator for trends in invasive alien species: cumulative number of invasive alien species since 1900 for Africa**

Since the end of 2006 UNEP-WCMC has been developing an indicator for trends in invasive alien species (IAS) for continental Africa, looking at the cumulative number of IAS since 1900. The focus has been on all species for terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. This indicator is being developed using an identical process to that of the North European and Baltic Network on Invasive Alien Species (NOBANIS) which has developed the same indicator for the Nordic countries (see page 36 GBO-2). Initial results indicate a steady increase of IAS in continental Africa. It is anticipated that comprehensive results for this indicator will be available early 2008.

This work responds to COP decision VI/23, paragraphs 24 and 26 and Guiding Principle 5 (research and monitoring) of the Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Alien Species that Threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species (Annex to decision VI/23).

This is information in addition to the information submitted in November 2006 in response to Notification 2006-116 from 20 October 2006.

Kind regards

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