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**WORKSHOP ON EXPERIENCES ON CONTROL AND ERADICATION
OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ON ISLANDS
AND
12TH MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES
(1-3 June 2017)**

University of Madeira, Funchal, Madeira (Portugal)

31ST MAY 2017

Arrival of participants

1ST JUNE 2017

MORNING

09.00am Registration

09.30am Welcome

- by Ms Susana Prada, *Secretária Regional do Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais*
- by Mr José Carmo, Dean of the University of Madeira (Madeira)
- by the Portuguese authorities

Meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on IAS (for government delegates and NGOs, but open to observers) – 1ST PART

AFTERNOON

Workshop on experiences on control and eradication of Invasive Alien Species on islands

The workshop is intended to bring conservation practitioners, scientists and governments who would like to share their experience in successful/failed operations in the control and eradication of IAS on islands in Europe and the Mediterranean as well as on the positive conservation gains and the restoration of ecosystem after eradication.

Presentation on islands and protected areas are particularly welcome. Proposals for contributions are welcome. Around 16 participants will be selected for oral presentations – see draft programme of the workshop in page 3.

2ND JUNE 2017

09.30am Meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts on IAS (for government delegates and NGOs, but open to observers) – 2ND PART

3RD JUNE 2017

Full day guided excursion to Desertas Islands

4TH JUNE 2017

Departure of participants

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OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ON ISLANDS**

(Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, 1st June 2017)

Chaired by Mr Øystein Størkersen, Chair of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention

- DRAFT PROGRAMME -

2.30PM – START OF THE WORKSHOP

Keynote speaker:

- **Eradication on islands. Is it effective? Does it deliver conservation gains? Is it worth the cost?**
by Mr Piero Genovesi
- **Eradication and control of vertebrate invasive species in Madeira Archipelago: a short review**
presented by Mr Paulo Oliveira (Madeira, Portugal)
- **Some examples of eradications and control in the Canary Islands**
by Mr Juan-Luis Rodriguez-Luengo (Canary islands, Spain)
- **Regional Plan for Eradication and Control of Invasive Plant Species in Sensitive Areas. Some examples**
by Mr João Melo (Azores, Portugal)
- **Island Eradication work in Scotland**
by Mr Paul Walton (Scotland, United Kingdom)

4.00 – 4.20 PM : COFFEE BREAK

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06.00 PM : CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP



Bern Convention Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species

12th meeting
University of Madeira, Funchal (Portugal), 1-3 June 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR AND WELCOME BY MADEIRAN AUTHORITIES

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

Relevant documents :

*T-PVS (2015) 10 Report of the 11th meeting of the Group
T-PVS (2016) 12 – Report of the Select Group on IAS*

3. INTRODUCTION BY THE SECRETARIAT: PROGRESS ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES UNDER THE CONVENTION WITH OTHER BERN CONVENTION INITIATIVES.

Relevant Recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee since 2013

Relevant documents :

*T-PVS/Inf 2016) 13 – Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and IAS
T-PVS/Inf (2017) 3 – Report of the expert group on eradication of ruddy duck
T-PVS/Inf (2016)10 – Guidance for governments concerning IAS Pathways Action plans*

- Recommendation No. 185 (2016) on the eradication of the ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) in the Western Palearctic by 2020
- Recommendation No. 188 (2016) on the European Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and Invasive Alien Species
- Recommendation No. 189 (2016) on the control of the American mink (*Neovison vison*) in Europe.

4. IMPLEMENTATION BY STATES OF THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY ON IAS - National reports

Relevant document :

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5. REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER

5.1 Status of global work on IAS by the Chair of ISSG (IUCN) Classifying IAS by their environmental impact IUCN policy on biodiversity conservation and synthetic biology

5.2 European Commission work on Invasive Alien Species: progress in the implementation of the EU Regulation on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species

5.3 Progress on the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO)

5.4 Progress on NOBANIS portal

5.5 Convention on Biological Diversity The Honolulu Challenge

6. USE OF OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS (POST AND SANITARY REGULATIONS, WILDLIFE TRADE REGULATIONS) TO PREVENT ENTRY AND SPREAD OF IAS

Regulating threats posed by Invasive Alien Species: Potential of ‘other legal instruments’

Relevant document :

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7. CODES OF CONDUCT

7.1 European Code of conduct on Plantation Forestry and IA Trees

Relevant document :

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European Code of conduct on International Travel and IAS

Relevant document :

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7.2 Implementation of the European Code of conduct on Hunting and IAS

Relevant document :

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7.3 Communicating Codes of Conduct: the case of the European Code of conduct on Boating and IAS

Relevant document :

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8. PROPOSALS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE BERN CONVENTION: WORK AHEAD

9. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AND OTHER BUSINESS

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There were a number of proposals for further work.

The Group agreed that it would be appropriate to continue Codes of Conduct.

The follows were possible issues:

- Aquaculture and IAS;
- Canals and IAS;
- Biofuels and IAS;
- Infrastructure construction and IAS;
- Commercial ports and IAS;
- Tourism and IAS;
- Composting and IAS;
- Internet trade/e-commerce of IAS (with a view to improve enforcement and fight this type of wildlife crime).