



CBD SBSTTA25 side event

Light refreshments
will be served!

October
15th
13:15–14:45

“Enhancing international cooperation towards minimizing the negative impacts caused by invasive alien species”



Venue CR-11 – JUSCANZ, 2nd floor, UNON

Organizers Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ), Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, UK (DEFRA), The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Description



Invasive alien species (IAS) are identified as one of the main direct drivers of global biodiversity loss in the IPBES Global Assessment Report, and their negative impact has been intensifying globally, requiring strengthened collaboration across sectors and government agencies at all levels and areas to effectively manage increasing intentional and unintentional transport of IAS across borders.

Reflecting the need of enhanced actions, Target 6 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was set which aims to reduce rates of introduction and establishment of invasive alien species by 50 per cent by 2030.

Furthermore, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) recently launched a report on the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control, providing useful scientific information to act upon.

At the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment held in Japan in April 2023, Ministers highlighted the need to address IAS and decided to develop a set of recommendations on strengthening international cooperation in this regard. Several occasions, including this side event, are scheduled to exchange views with other governments, relevant international organizations, and stakeholders.

The side event aims to introduce recent global developments around IAS issues including the adoption of Target 6 of the GBF and the finalization of the IPBES assessment report on IAS. The speakers will also share their experiences at national level toward the achievement of the global target and will further discuss necessary actions to enhance international cooperation and promote the participation of various stakeholders.

In addition to the organizers (MOEJ, DEFRA, IUCN), expected speakers include CBD Secretariat, IPBES assessment co-chair, Government of New Zealand and Government of South Africa.

Draft programme

13:15–13:21	Introduction and opening	Introduction and opening remarks: Ms. NAKAO Fumiko, Senior Analyst for Biodiversity information, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) Opening remarks: Dr. Jane STRATFORD, Head International Biodiversity Team, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), UK
13:21–13:36	Recent progress on IAS	Key messages of IPBES IAS assessment Prof. Helen ROY, Co-chair, IPBES Assessment of Invasive Alien Species and their Control The importance of international cooperation for the achievement of target 6 and relevant work under the Convention Ms. Marianela ARAYA-QUESADA, Invasive Alien Species/Biodiversity and Health Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) IUCN's work on IAS Mr. Kevin SMITH, Invasive Species Programme Officer, The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
13:36–14:00	Countries' experiences	UK: Target 6 – Can we deliver it: Lessons from the UK and its overseas territories Dr. Niall MOORE, Head, GB Non-native Species Secretariat New Zealand: 6 rising to the challenge: Aotearoa New Zealand's experiences and aspirations Ms. Danica STENT, International Policy Manager, Department of Conservation South Africa: Using the science-policy-implementation to manage and control biological invasions in South Africa Mr. Barney KGOPE, Director: Biodiversity Risk Management, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
14:00–14:40	Q and A	[Facilitator] NAKAO Fumiko, MOEJ with Dr. Piero GENOVESI, Head, Wildlife Service, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)
14:40–14:45	Closing	NAKAO Fumiko, MOEJ

Note To gain access to the side event venue, you must register for the 25th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
An event summary will be posted on the MOE Japan Invasive Alien Species Office webpage at a later date.
www.env.go.jp/nature/intro/4document/data/inter-conf.html

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