

# Prioritising Invasive Non-Native Species: from horizon scanning to Risk Assessments

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# Anticipating IPBES IAS global assessment



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## DRIVERS

### INDIRECT DRIVERS

Values and behaviors

Demographic  
and  
sociocultural

Economic  
and  
technological

Institutions  
and  
governance

Conflicts  
and  
epidemics

### DIRECT DRIVERS



Land/sea use change  
Direct exploitation  
Climate change  
Pollution  
Invasive alien species  
Others

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

## EXAMPLES OF DECLINES IN NATURE

### ECOSYSTEM EXTENT AND CONDITION

47%

Natural ecosystems have **declined by 47 per cent** on average, relative to their earliest estimated states.

### SPECIES EXTINCTION RISK

25%

Approximately **25 per cent of species are already threatened with extinction** in most animal and plant groups studied.

### ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

23%

Biotic integrity—the abundance of naturally-present species—has **declined by 23 per cent** on average in terrestrial communities.\*

### BIOMASS AND SPECIES ABUNDANCE

82%

The global biomass of wild mammals has **fallen by 82 per cent**.\* Indicators of vertebrate abundance have declined rapidly since 1970

### NATURE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

72%

72 per cent of indicators developed by indigenous peoples and local communities show **ongoing deterioration** of elements of nature important to them

\* Since prehistory



Systematic examination of potential threats and opportunities within a given context



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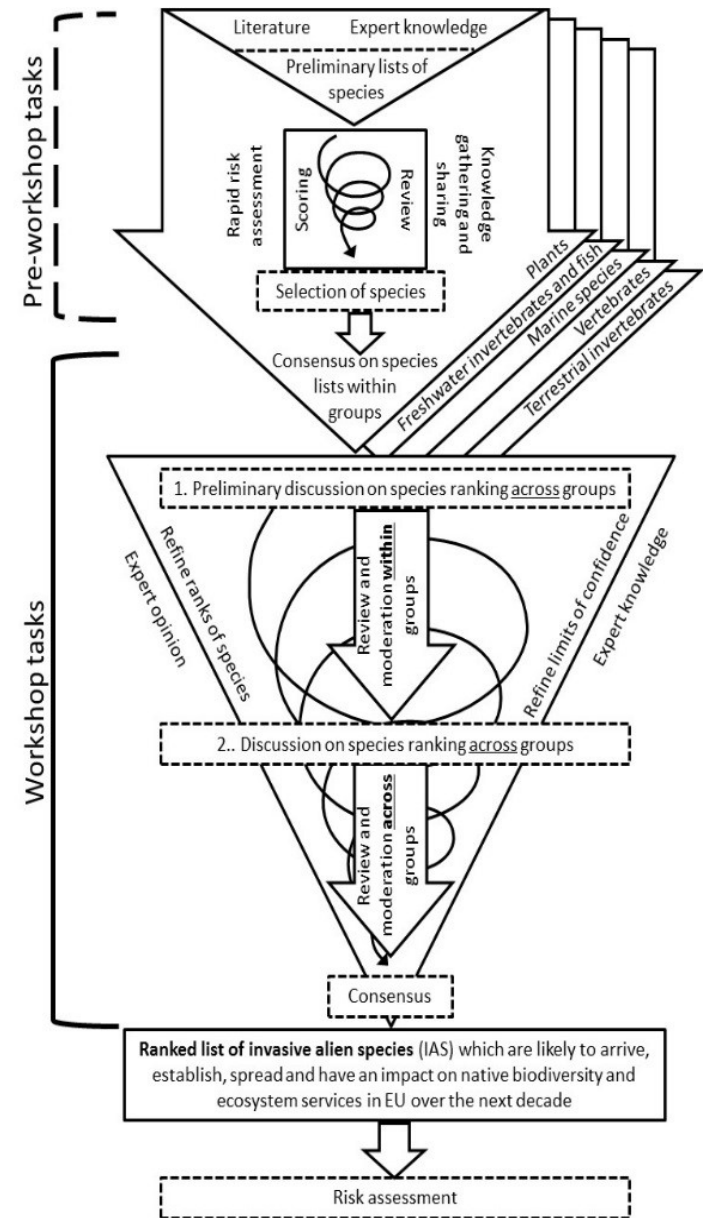
# Approaches to horizon scanning

**Table 1.1** Overview of broad approaches to horizon scanning including description, strengths and weaknesses. Examples relate to publications from the IAS-research area. Modified from Sutherland & Woodroof (2009).

Method	Detail	Strength	Weakness	IAS relevant examples
Interview	One-to-one questioning; structured without debate or open	Good at getting key individuals perspectives on the future	No interaction between participants; possible bias due to selection of experts	–
Open fora	Online platform (Wiki)	Wisdom of the crowd, broadest possible range of contributors	Unstructured without quality control	–
Questionnaire	Expert consultation through pre-defined questions	Provides an overview of opinion on a specific theme	No interaction; possible bias due to selection of experts and how questions are phrased	–
Literature review	Extensive review of existing literature	Broad approach underpinned by existing knowledge (if peer-reviewed)	Unavailability of published reports or expert opinion; delay between observation and publication	(Parrott et al. 2009; Thomas 2011)
Modelling approach	Quantitative approach to derive predictions	Available data used to construct models to derive predictions	Depends on detailed life-history datasets which for many species are lacking	(Gallardo, Aldridge 2013)
Survey and experiment	Surveys of the environment in some cases coupled with experimentation	Realistic data derived	Labour intensive and expensive	(Richardson, Pyšek 2006)

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# Horizon scanning...



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Developing a list of invasive alien species likely to threaten biodiversity and ecosystems in the European Union



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**Horizon scanning for invasive alien species with the potential to threaten biodiversity in Great Britain**

...prioritising species for risk assessment

...implementing surveillance, monitoring and action

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of 13 July 2016

adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council



ORIGINAL PAPER

# Horizon scanning for invasive alien species with the potential to threaten biodiversity and human health on a Mediterranean island

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# Horizon scanning across UKOTs

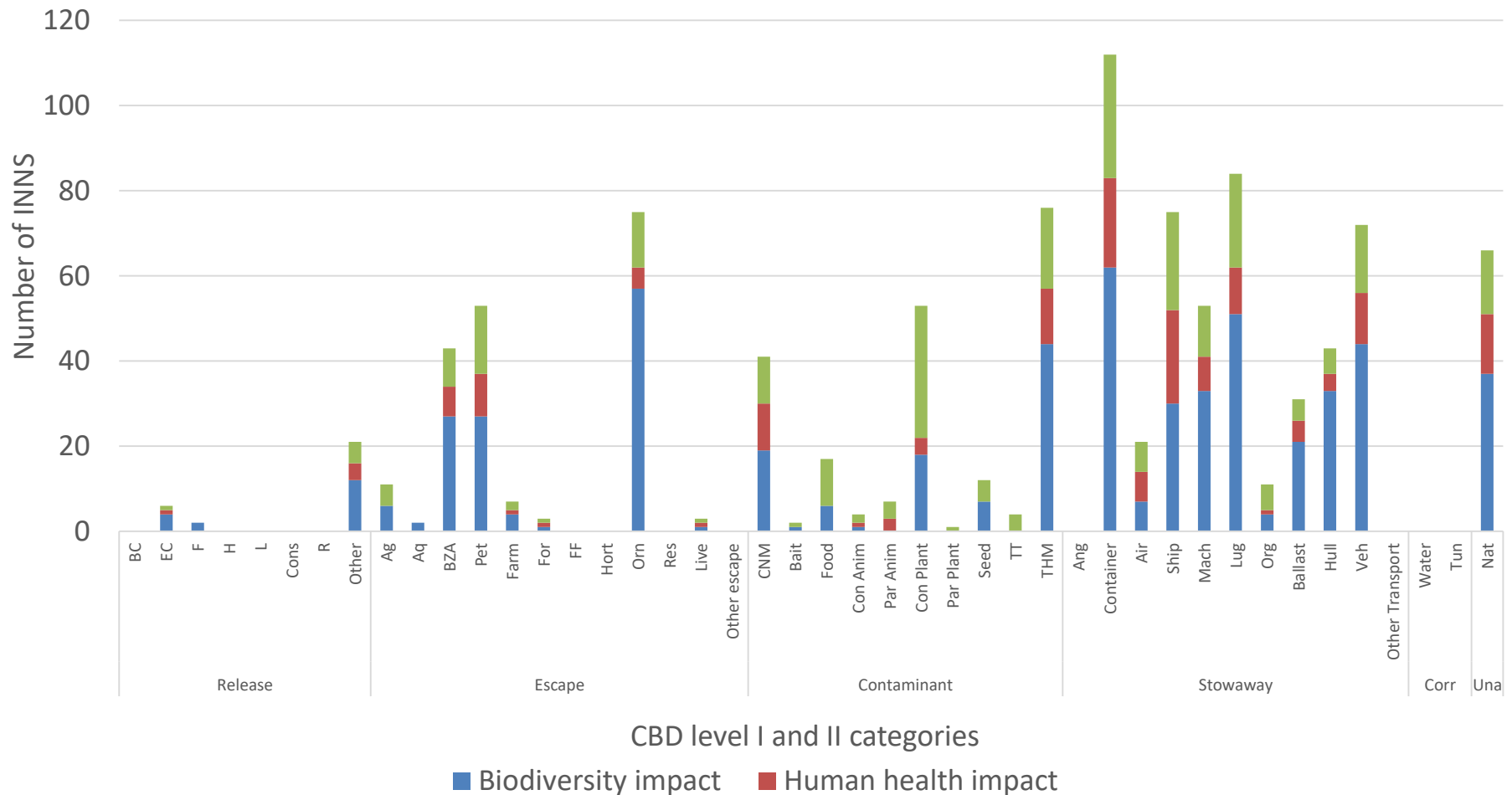


# Top invaders

		Frequency of occurrence
<i>Perna viridis</i>	Asian green mussel	21
<i>Wasmannia auropunctata</i>	little fire ant	18
<i>Lissachatina fulica</i>	giant African land snail	14
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	brown rat	13
<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Asian tiger mosquito	11
<i>Pterois miles</i>	Lionfish	11
<i>Magallana gigas</i>	Pacific oyster	11
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	yellow fever mosquito	10
<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	Mediterranean mussel	10

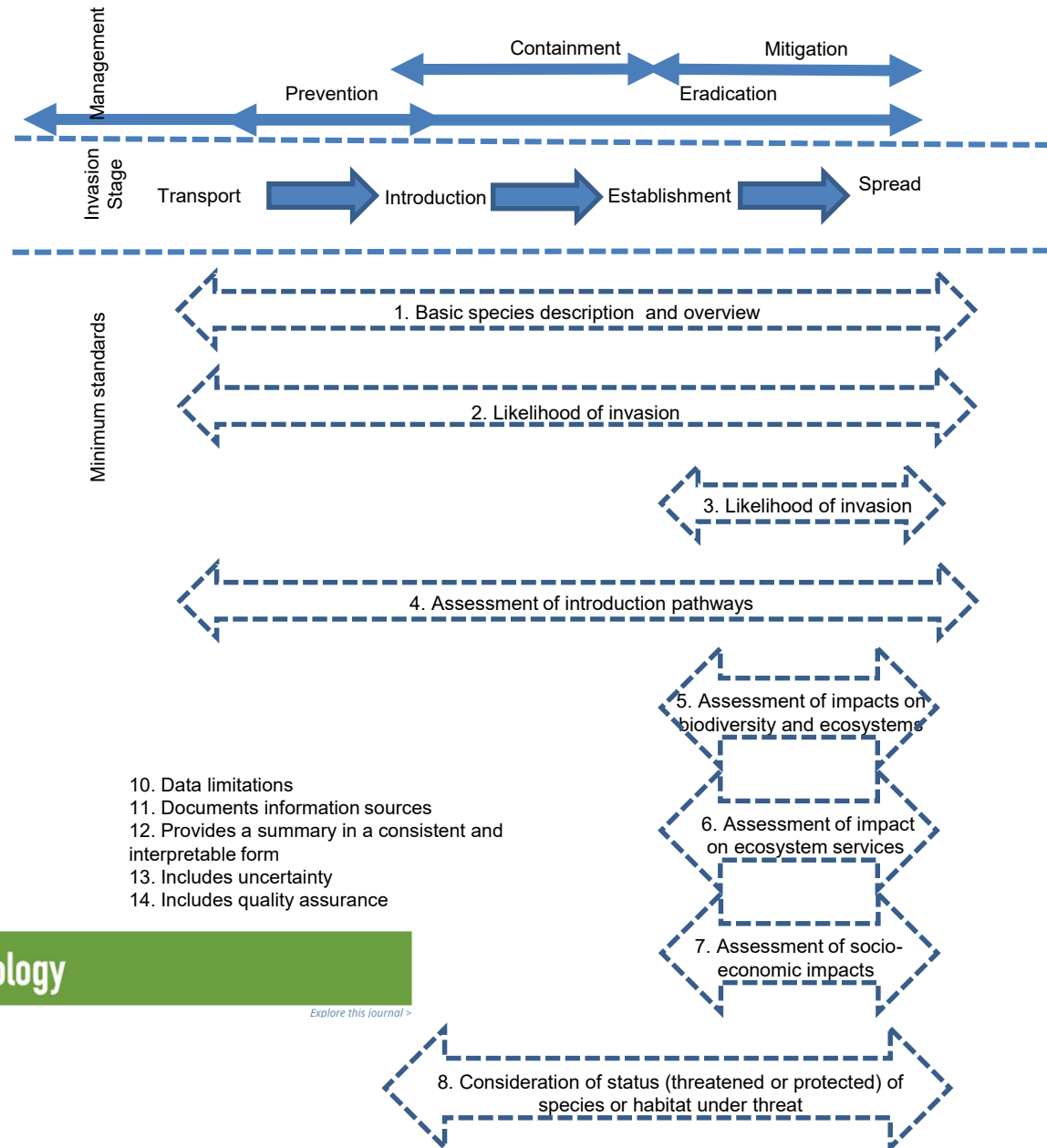


# Pathways across all UKOTs



# Minimum standards for risk assessment

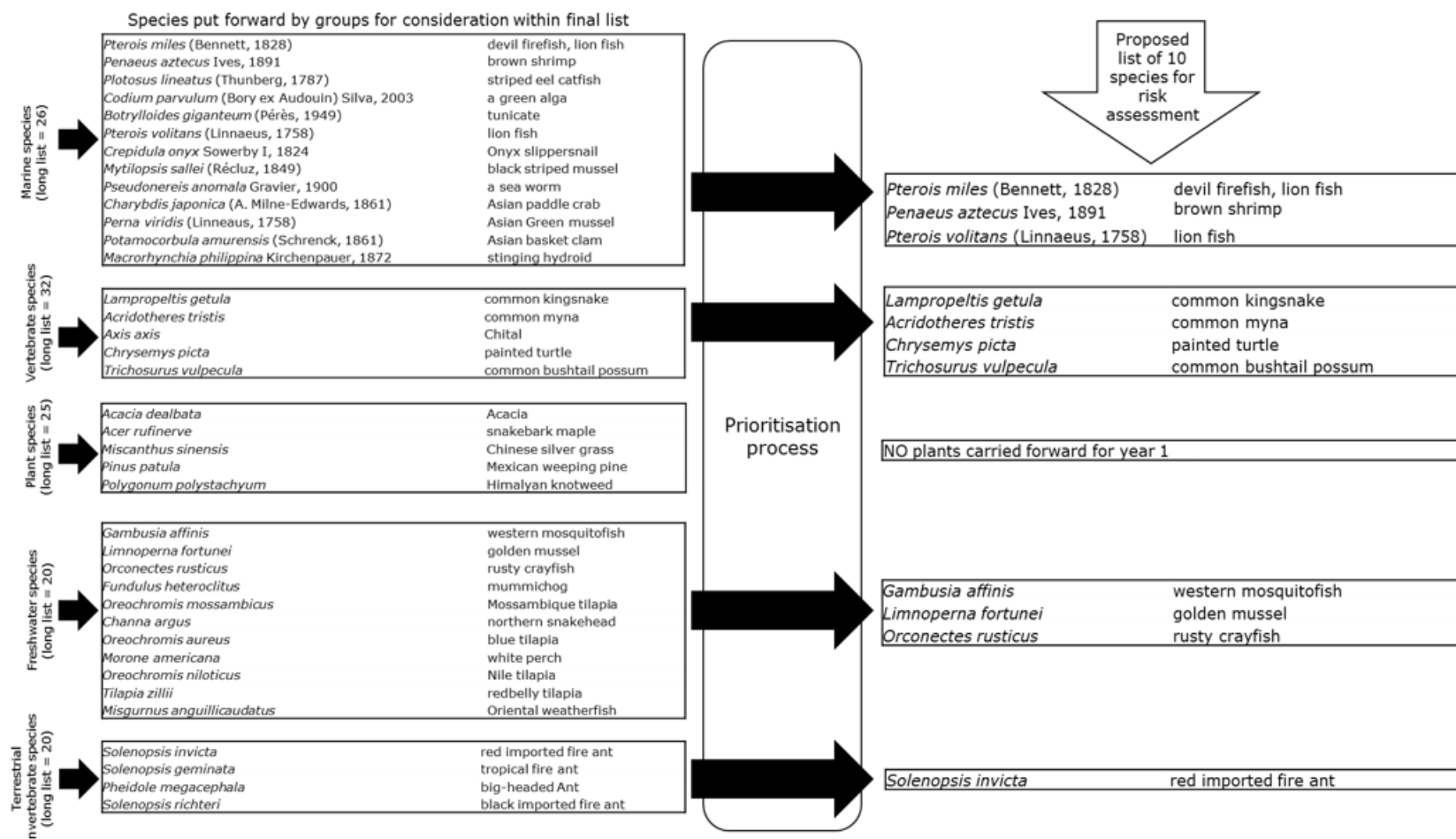
- Evidence for ecosystem service impacts
- Consideration of climate change
- Socio-economic benefits



# Prioritising species for risk assessment

Inception Report ENV.B2.ETU/2016/0013

**Figure 1:** Selection of the proposed list of ten species for risk assessment highlighting the process leading from long lists of species to within expert group prioritisation and finally across group prioritisation. A crude scoring process (documented in final report of ENV.B.2/ETU/2014/0016) was used to rank the species into broad risk categories and then other criteria were used to produce the final proposed list including current distribution, practicalities and effectiveness of management.



# Grappling with socio-economic impacts


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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Socio-economic impact classification of alien taxa (SEICAT)

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John R. U. Wilson<sup>2,24</sup> | Sabrina Kumschick<sup>2,24</sup>

"...a novel standardised method for classifying alien taxa in terms of the magnitude of their impacts on human well-being, based on the capability approach from welfare economics. The core characteristic of this approach is that it uses changes in people's activities as a common metric for evaluating impacts on well-being..."

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