

EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation

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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien
species**

{SWD(2013) 321 final}
{SWD(2013) 322 final}
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**Came into
Force Jan
2015**

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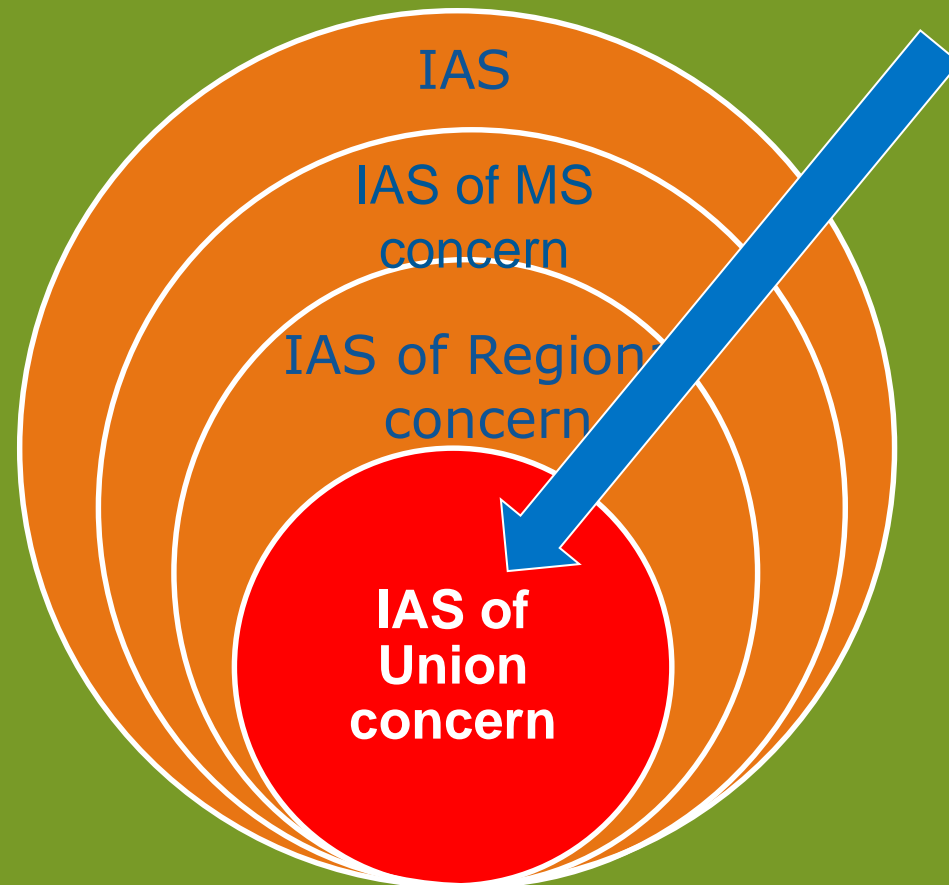
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- Focus on biodiversity impacts (does not overlap with animal / plant health)
 - Gap: wildlife disease

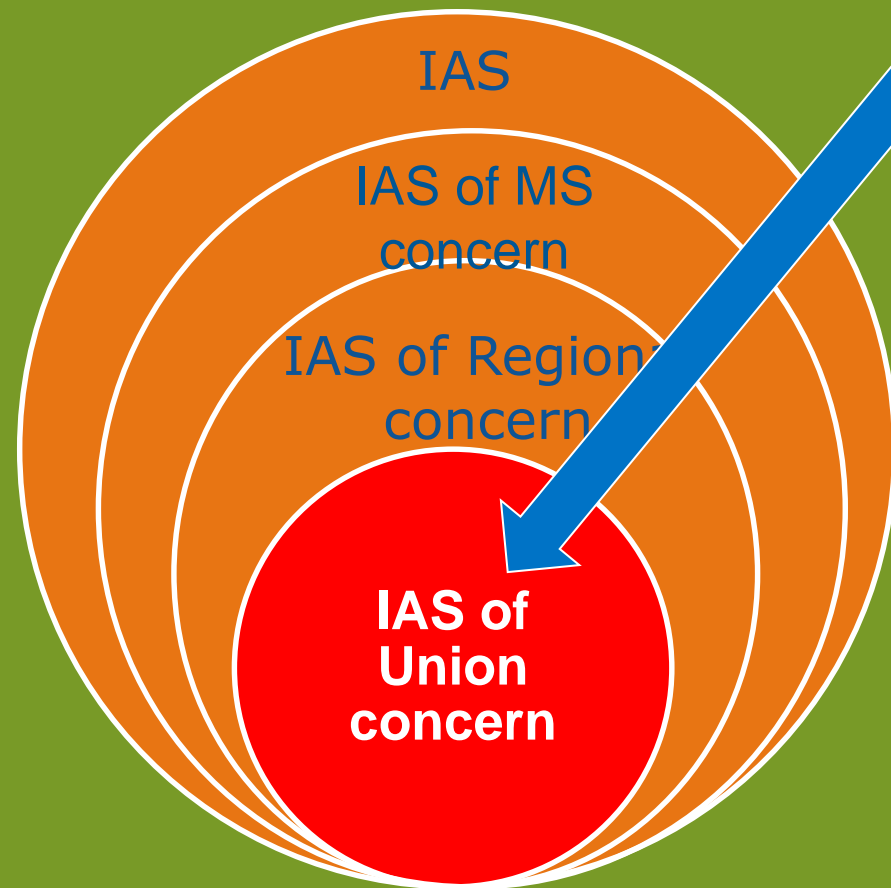
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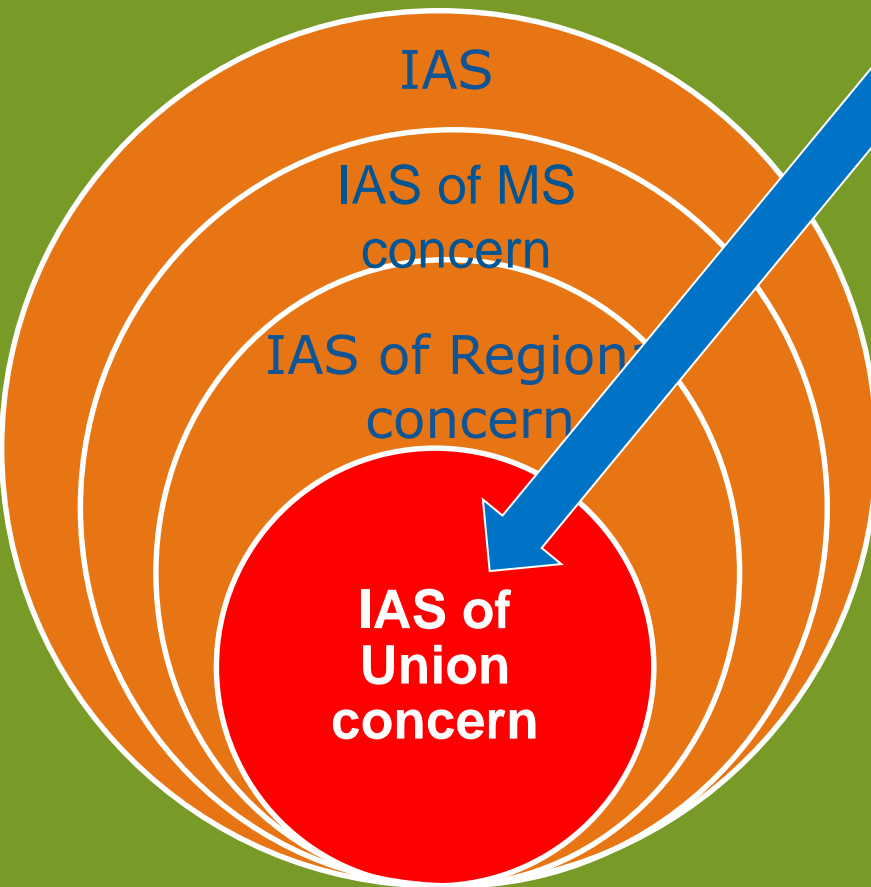
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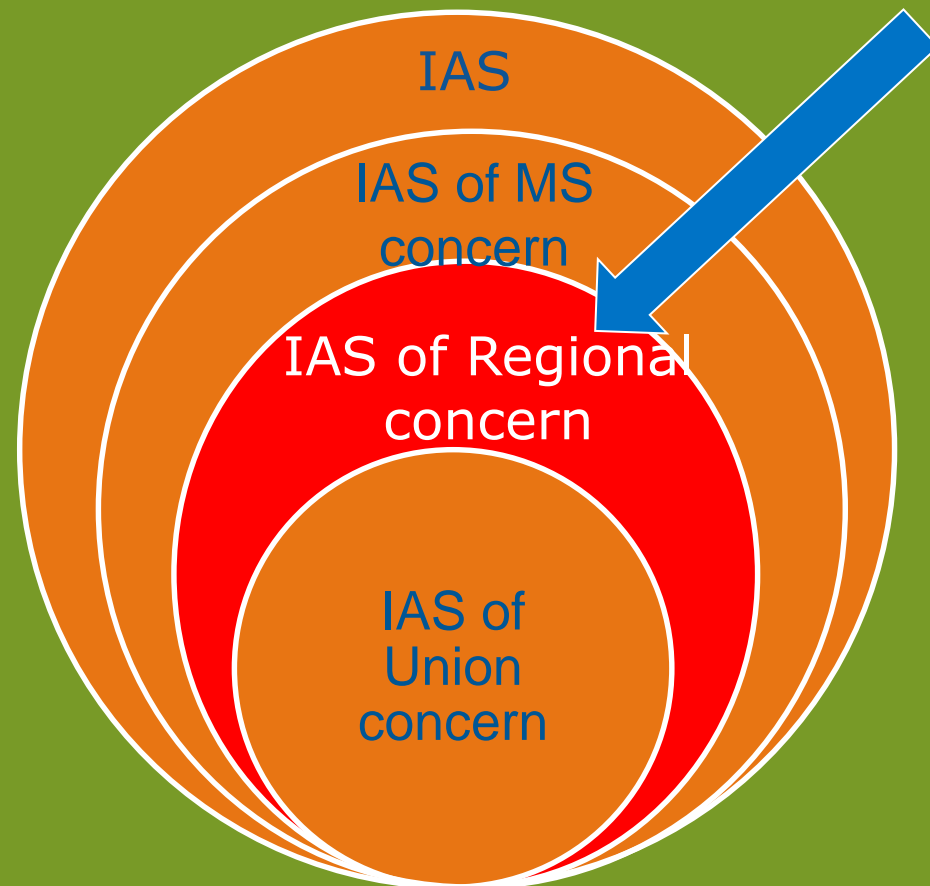


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- No EU natives

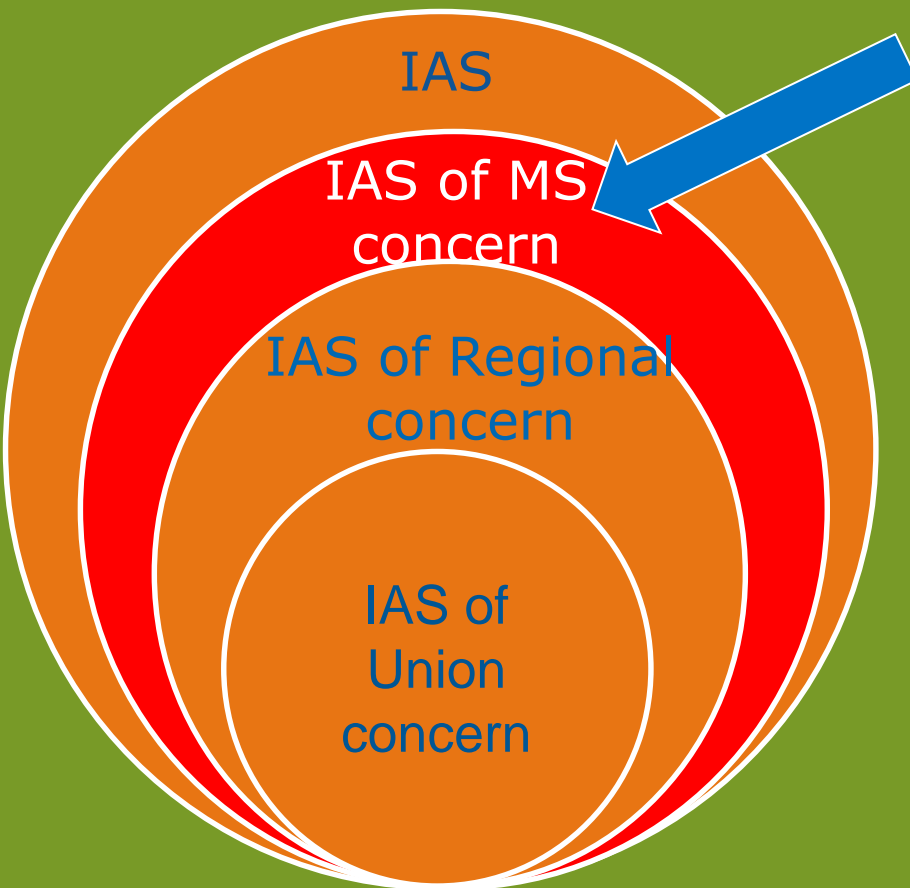


IAS of Regional Concern



- Commission aids cooperation
- Can include EU natives

IAS of Member State Concern



- MS can impose stricter measures
 - Trade, sale etc.

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Prevention



**Early detection and
Rapid response**



Long-term Control

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Permits for:

- **Research**
- **Ex situ conservation**

Unintentional pathways

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By August 2019

Surveillance and Border Control

Surveillance

- MS to set up surveillance systems to detect listed species in the environment

By Feb 2018

Border control

- MS to put in place border control structures – prevent intentional introductions of listed species

By end 2015

Early Detection and Rapid Response

Early detection

- MS to immediately notify Commission and other MS of detection of IAS of Union concern

Rapid eradication

- MS to proceed with rapid eradication
- Derogation is possible on application to Commission

**UK First MS – with
Asian hornet**

Within 3 months

Not feasible

Costs too high

Management and Restoration

Management

- Obligation to manage widely spread species if listed (eradication, control or containment).

By Feb 2018

Restoration

- Must implement proportionate measures to restore habitat following control of listed species.

Species of Union Concern

- Currently 37 species

14 plants



16 verts



7 inverts



Listing Species of Union Concern

Risk assessment ← MS / COM

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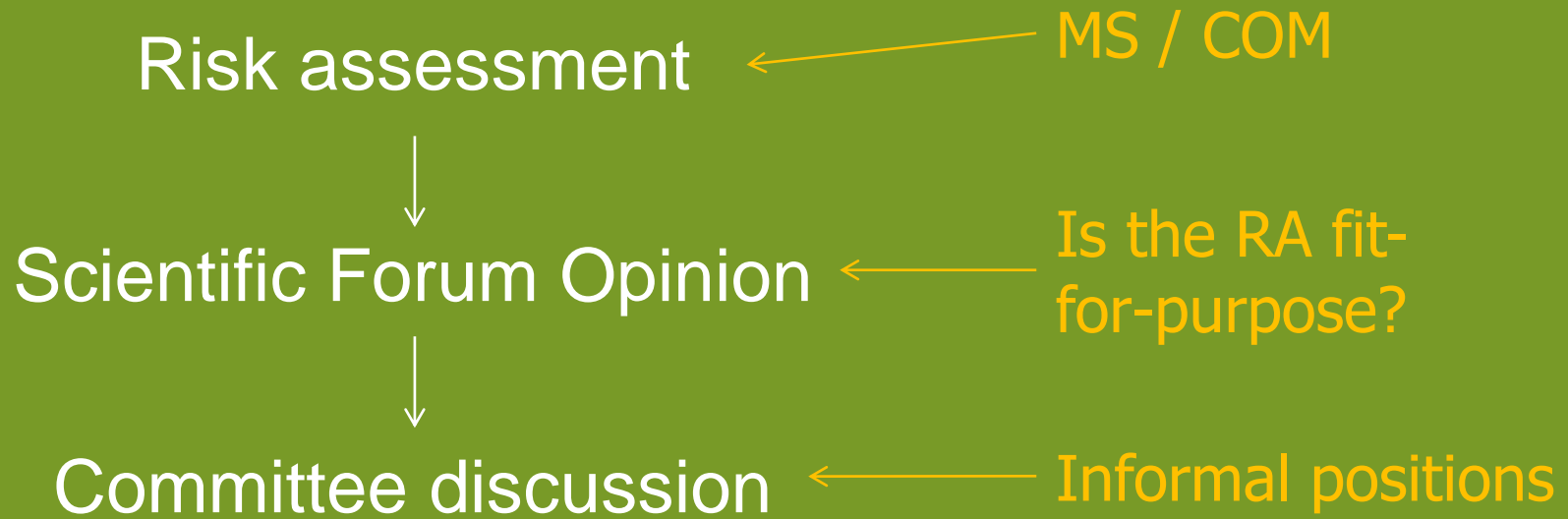
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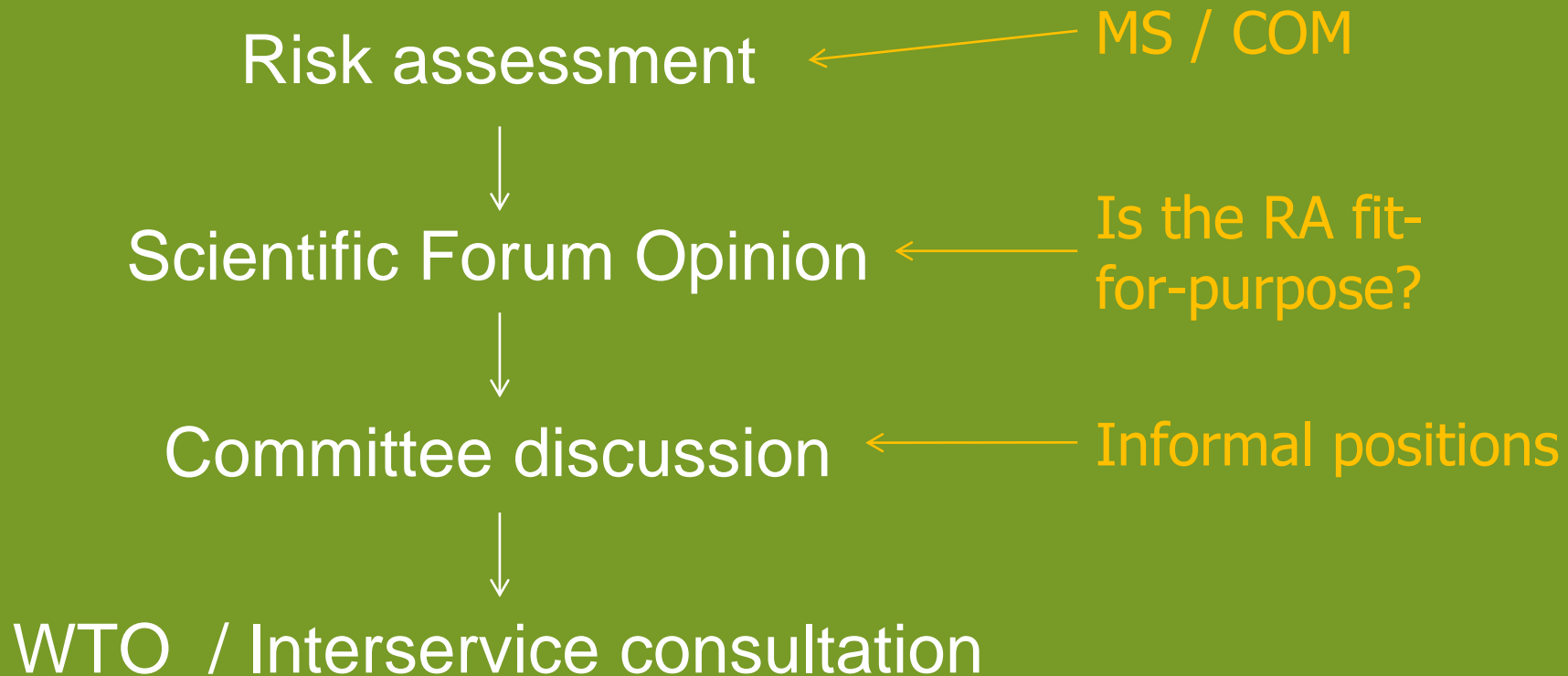
Scientific Forum Opinion

Is the RA fit-
for-purpose?

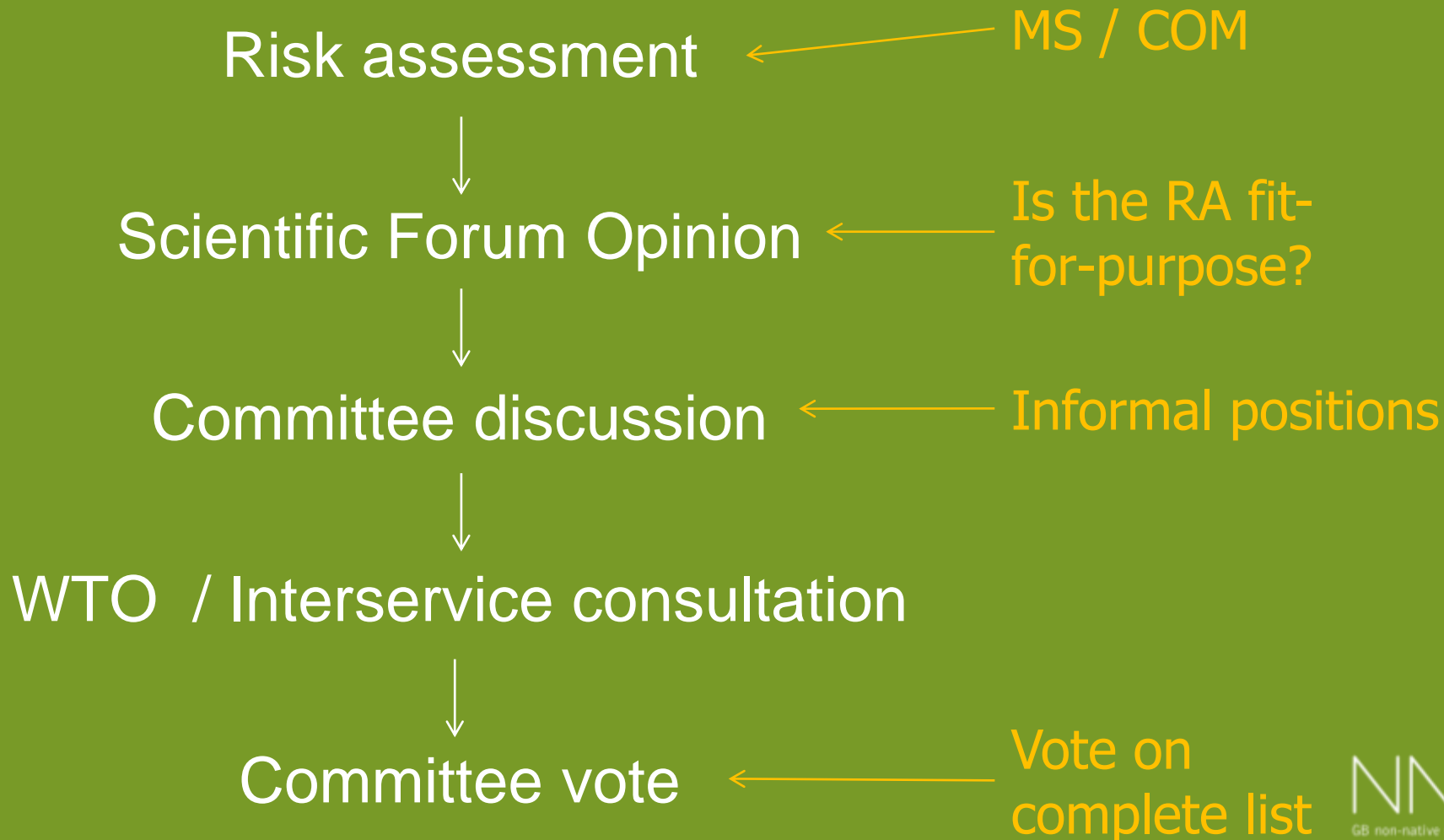
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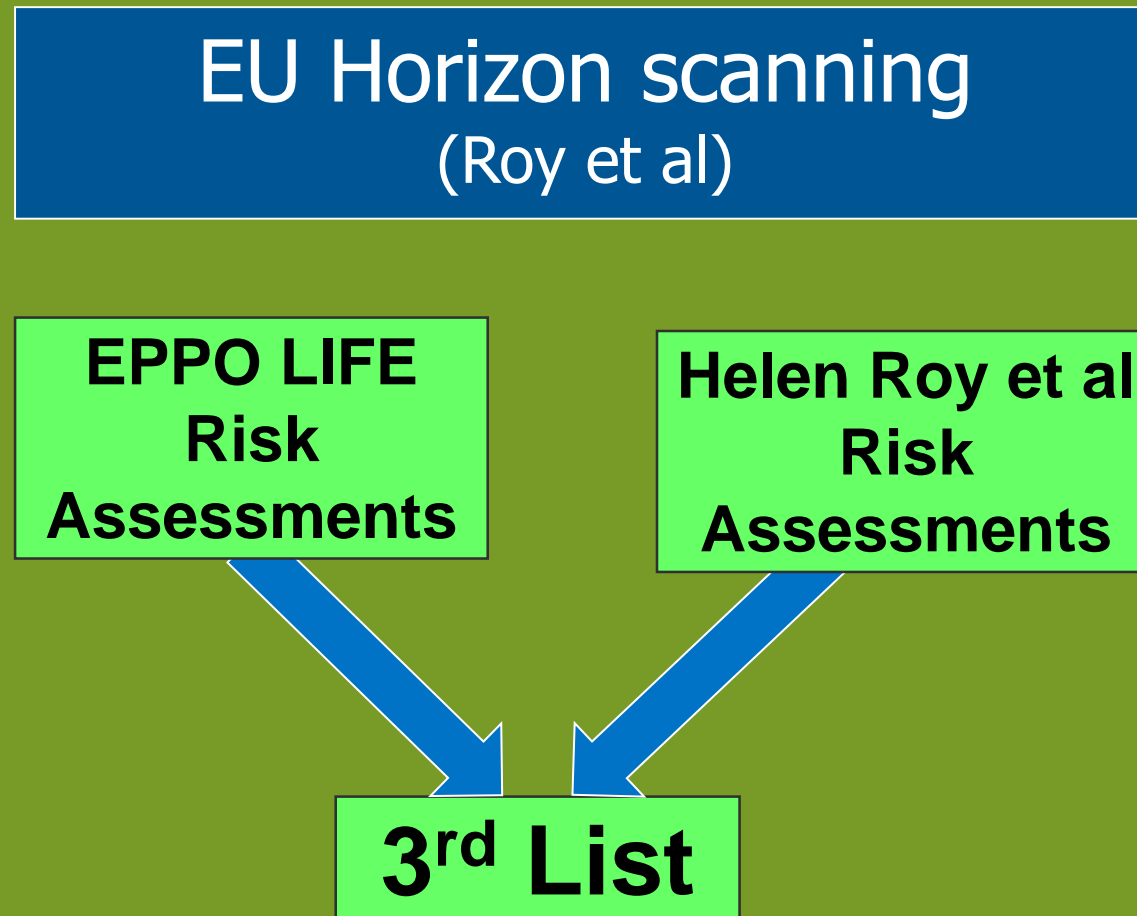
Member States have proposed more Species for Listing



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More strategic development of third list



Thanks

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