

INDICATOR IN ACTION: SOUTH AFRICA

INVASION STATUS

Description: This indicator represents the number of invasive alien species per country (e.g. South Africa) and provides a measure of threat status.

Directly indicates: Potential threat to biodiversity from IAS, and the identity of problem species.

Indirectly indicates: Size of the IAS problem and the lack of control of introduction pathways. This indicator assumes that the larger the number of IAS in a country the greater the actual or potential threat to biodiversity posed by IAS in that country.

Relationship to goals and sub-targets: Fundamental to **Goal 6** of the *CBD 2010 Biodiversity Target* (Control threats from invasive alien species). Without this status indicator as a baseline it is not possible to measure progress towards achieving the goal.

Rationale for inclusion: Provides an information rich, sustainable baseline for future reporting.

The number of IAS for 5 taxa in South Africa

