## **INDICATOR IN ACTION: SOUTH AFRICA**

## **INVASION STATUS**

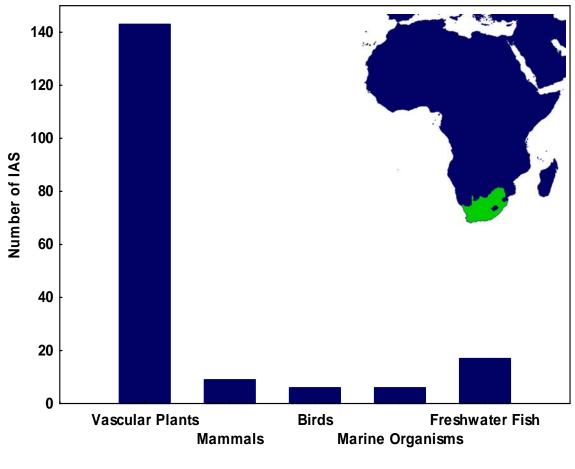
**Description:** This indicator represents the number of invasive alien species per country (e.g. South Africa) and provides a measure of threat status.

**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

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