

Towards the development of an indicator for invasive alien species

Invasive alien species (IAS) are *alien species whose introduction and/or spread threatens biological diversity* (UNEP 2002).

Twenty-two headline indicators were adopted to measure progress towards the goals and sub-targets of the *2010 biodiversity target* (UNEP 2005).

One of these is:

Trends in invasive alien species

The invasive alien species indicator (IASI) being developed includes three measures:

I. Number (and identity) of invasive alien species per country.

II. Number of species with (operational) management plans.

III. Number of countries party to IAS-relevant international agreements.

For further details about the development of the IAS indicator:

Collect an **IASI** USB Memory Stick at the GISP Exhibition Stand No. E-019 (P0-A3)

and go to: **www.sun.ac.za/cib/IASI**

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