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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:**  
**Date:** July 2019

Dear Consultee

**Consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in England and Wales**

1. I am writing to invite views on management measures being considered by Defra and the Welsh Government for 14 widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) found within England and Wales. The EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation came into force in 2015. For widely spread species of Union concern, the Regulation requires effective management measures to be put in place, so that their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and, where applicable, on human health or the economy are minimised. Management measures consist of lethal or non-lethal, physical, chemical or biological actions aimed at eradication, population control and containment of a population of species of Union concern.
2. Please be aware that to allow for a longer consultation, and consultation analysis period, the coming into force date for the Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019, will be amended from 1 October 2019 to 1 December 2019. We will be laying a correcting statutory instrument to ensure that this change comes into force before the previous date of 1 October 2019.
3. The following documents may be found on Defra's Citizen Space page:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-management/invasive-alien-species-management-measures/>

**Consultation document**

4. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of this consultation, please contact [invasivealienspecies@defra.gov.uk](mailto:invasivealienspecies@defra.gov.uk)

**Responses**

5. The consultation is open from 18 July 2019. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (an on-



line consultation tool) or alternatively please email or post your response at the address above.

6. Responses should be received by 12 September 2019
7. This is an eight week consultation.

### **Consultation criteria**

8. This consultation is in line with Consultation Principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

### **Confidentiality and data protection**

9. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the government website at: [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra). The summary will include a list of organisations who responded **but not** personal names, addresses or other contact details.
10. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). Defra may also publish the responses to the FOIA/EIR requests on [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra).
11. If you want information, including personal information such as your name, that you provide to be treated as confidential, please explain clearly in writing when you provide your response to the consultation why you need to keep these details confidential. If we receive a request for the information under the FOIA or the EIRs we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as a confidentiality request.
12. Defra will share the information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data, with a third party of contracted external analysts for the purposes of response analysis and provision of a report. Defra will share information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data, with the Welsh Government for the purposes of response analysis and provision of a report.
13. Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide, and Defra's Personal Information Charter, which gives details of your rights in respect of the handling of your personal data, can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-ruralaffairs/about/personal-information-charter>
14. This consultation is being conducted in line with the "Consultation Principles" as set out in the Better Regulation Executive guidance which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

15. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

Consultation Co-ordinator  
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8th Floor, Nobel House  
17 Smith Square  
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Or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk)

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully  
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