The role for the IUCN in addressing invasive alien species

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The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), is the largest environmental network in the world and is seen as the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. It is a Union organisation made up of government and civil society members, six commissions consisting of thousands of experts, and its secretariat based in Switzerland but with offices around the world. Kevin Smith has led IUCN secretariat involvement on invasive alien species since 2016. At ICAIS he will present the work that IUCN secretariat, and the Species Survival Commission's Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) undertakes on addressing threats posed by IAS. He will cover: IUCN structure and governance; the ISSG and its membership; international policy engagement on IAS, particularly with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); work on data mobilisation on IAS, its online databases and indicators; a new IUCN standard to measures the magnitude of impacts by IAS called the Environmental Impact Classification for Alien Taxa (EIAT); work at supporting national invasive species strategies; and its work on supporting the European Commission in implementation of the EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation, including some of the key scientific and technical documents it has produced for the EC.

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