



Convention on the Conservation
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 134 (2008) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 27 November 2008, on the European Code of Conduct on Horticulture and Invasive Alien Plants

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aim of the Convention which is notably to ensure the conservation of wild flora and fauna, by giving particular attention to species, including migratory species, which are threatened with extinction and vulnerable;

Recalling that under Article 11, paragraph 2.b of the Convention, each Contracting Party undertakes to strictly control the introduction of non-native species;

Recalling Decision VI/23 of the 6th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species, and the definitions used in that text, as well as the conservation guidelines of the Africa-Eurasian Migratory Waterfowl Agreement;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 99 (2003) on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species,

Noting the need to co-operate with all the actors involved in horticulture (both public and private sectors) in the prevention on new invasive alien plants into the territory of the Convention,

Referring to the European Code of Conduct on Horticulture and Invasive Alien Plants [document T-PVS/Inf (2008) 2];

Recommends that Contracting Parties:

1. draw up national codes of conduct on horticulture and invasive alien plants taking into account the European Code of Conduct mentioned above;
2. collaborate as appropriate with the horticultural industry and in particular with managers of public spaces (such as municipalities) in implementing and helping disseminate good practices and codes of conducts aimed at preventing release and proliferation of invasive alien plants;
3. keep the Standing Committee informed of measures taken to implement this recommended;

Invites Observer States to take note of this recommendation and implement it as appropriate.