

IUCN Intervention on Invasives : DR 18

Synergies between conventions

IUCN is fully supportive of the significant efforts of the Ramsar Convention to work more closely with other multilateral environment agreements, including the efforts being made to address the serious environmental threat posed by alien invasive species.

Decision VI 23 from CBD CoP 6

The dispute concerning Decision VI 23 from the CBD CoP cannot be resolved through this conference.

IUCN would like to encourage all parties to focus on the substance of the issue and to leave the resolution of the procedural dispute to due process under the CBD.

IUCN takes this position given the importance of this Ramsar CoP achieving consensus in addressing the critical issue of alien invasive species.

A possible way forward

IUCN encourages the parties to give consideration to the following words being added to Paragraph 12 as a possible way forward:

“.....including any relevant guidelines adopted under other conventions.”

This would ensure that the decision of this CoP includes cross reference to the good work being carried on under other conventions, including the CBD, but avoids specific reference to the contentious procedural issue concerning Decision VI 23.

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