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Today the European Commission took an important step towards halting biodiversity loss, adopting a list of invasive alien species that require action across the EU.

What are invasive alien species (IAS)?

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Why are some well-known IAS such as the Japanese knotweed not included in the list?

Some well-known IAS are not listed either because they do not have a risk assessment, the risk assessments did not include some of the information required by the Regulation, or there was insufficient evidence that the species meet the criteria for listing. In the case of giant hogweed and the Egyptian goose, the risk assessment at the time of the preparation of the first list was not complete, but has meanwhile been updated. Those risk assessments are currently examined for the first update of the list. Examples of species with a compliant risk assessment but with insufficient evidence on the compliance of the species with the criteria for listing are Japanese knotweed and the common ragweed. For the latter there was insufficient evidence that inclusion on the Union list would effectively prevent, minimise or mitigate their adverse impact. As a result, the IAS Committee decided that the listing would not be able to make a difference.

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