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The Guide aims at providing relevant information about the invasive alien species (IAS) of European Union (EU) concern, in order to increase the awareness and to facilitate the implementation of the *Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species* in Bulgaria.

It contains information and original data from Bulgaria on 37 species included in the first list of IAS of EU concern in regard to the Regulation adopted in 2016. The list includes 14 plants, 7 invertebrates and 16 vertebrate animals (2 fish, 1 amphibian, 1 reptile, 3 bird, and 9 mammal species). Of these, six species (*Eriocheir sinensis*, *Orconectes limosus*, *Perccottus glenii*, *Pseudorasbora parva*, *Trachemys scripta*, *Myocastor coypus*) have already been recorded in Bulgaria and in the ESENIAS region. Information on each species is presented in six sections: 1) General characteristics and biology (with data on taxonomy, morphology, diagnostic features and biological traits); 2) Origin and general distribution; 3) Distribution in Bulgaria; 4) Habitats; 5) Pathways of introduction and spread; and 6) Impact. The entries are illustrated with photos of each species.

The Guide is designed for a wide range of readers, including scientists, teachers, decision-makers (ministries, agencies, national and nature parks, state forest and hunting farms, etc.), managers, students, and the general public.



