

A large school of striped eel catfish swimming in clear blue water. The fish are densely packed and move in a coordinated pattern, creating a dynamic visual effect. Their bodies are dark with prominent light-colored vertical stripes. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue, suggesting an underwater environment.

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As the global interest in, and concern about, invasive alien species (IAS) continue to rise, the European Union has come up with a new list of EU concern “to which current legislation must apply”. The listed species are deemed to pose varying degrees of threat (from very high, through high, to medium) to EU biodiversity. Further, it is a list that needs to be maintained and updated on a regular basis, owing to the fluid nature of this growing concern and in the light of new knowledge gained over time.