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INTRODUCTION

The arrival into European countries of ‘alien’ species of animals (including invertebrates), diseases and plants is a regular occurrence, but what criteria make these alien species become an invasive species?

The answer to this question provides a challenge for the risk assessment, detection and subsequent management of alien species, and whether they can be classified as invasives, and the policy issues associated with invasive species.

This conference aims to provide an overview of invasive species policy in the UK and Europe, and discuss the approaches adopted to assess the risk of invasive species entering the UK and Europe.

The conference will provide up to date knowledge regarding the issues, legislation, and management options for dealing with invasive species threats to the UK and Europe.
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