

### **Draft amendments to the Alien and Invasive Species lists**

The draft amendments to the Alien and Invasive Species Lists were published in the Government Gazette on 29 May 2015 for public comment. The deadline for comments is on Friday 26 June at 16h00.

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A few important highlights include the:

#### **INVASIVE ANIMALS**

Removal of corn snakes (*Pantherophis guttatus guttatus*) from the invasive species lists.

Listing of Burmese python (*Python bivittatus*) as a Category 2 invader.

Listing of ALL American red slider turtles (*Trachemys* species) as Category 3 invaders.

Listing of the European shore crab/green crab (*Carcinus maenas*) as a Category 1b invader.

Removal of the common boa and green iguana from being listed as Category 2 invaders in Gauteng Province. Restrictions in other provinces remain.

Dispensation for the official parakeet and pigeon racing associations to issue Category 2 permits to their members.

Detailed confirmation of the status of carp.

#### **INVASIVE PLANTS**

Confirmation of sword fern (*Nephrolepis*) as a Category 1b invader in KwaZulu-Natal.

Detailed confirmation of the status of *Pinus pinaster* and *Pinus radiata*.

To view and download the draft amendments to the Alien and Invasive Species Lists, [click here](#).