

Regulation relevant to alien species - Lithuania (LT)

In Lithuania, the main piece of legislation regarding invasive species is the order on “the introduction, reintroduction and enforcement regime, invasive species control and eradication procedures, Invasive Species Control Board rules, Introduction, reintroduction and transfer program”.

This comprehensive order is dedicated to invasive species, but also the more general Law on fisheries, the Law on natural vegetation and the Law on wildlife deal with alien or “new” species.

Furthermore, there is a legally binding list of invasive species in Lithuania with 35 species listed. Species are listed here based on a proposal from the Invasive Species Control Board (experts). Species were selected for causing serious damage to biodiversity, human health or causing economic loss.

Plant diseases, weeds and other invasive species control and destruction are organised, coordinated and controlled by the Lithuanian State Plant Protection Service.

Invasive species, non-human, animal or agricultural and forestry plants, or transmitting disease agents, but also affecting biodiversity, are regulated by the Invasive Species Control Board, which is dedicated to invasive species and approved by the Minister for the Environment.

The Invasive Species Control Board is the continuous functioning advisory body that provides suggestions for the Ministry of Environment on invasive species prevention and management. The Board consists of the Ministry of Environment, the State Plant Protection Service, the State Food and Veterinary Service, the National Public Health Service and education and training institutions. Board members may also be other ministries, local authorities and public and non-governmental organizations, thus tying together and strengthening the national coordination in the work on IAS.

Name of Act (area)	Law on fisheries
Number of act	13 March 2014, No VIII-1756
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Ch. 3, art. 17.9 - Introduction of new species of fish, reintroduction of extinct species, transfer and breeding of rare and endangered fish species shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Ministry of the Environment and shall be subject to an authorisation from the Veterinary Service. Ch. 3, art. 17.9 – If new species of fish are to be introduced for pond fisheries and pisciculture, it shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Ministry of Environment.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=467631

If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	Law on natural vegetation
Number of act	17 February 2004, No. VIII-1226
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>Ch. 2, art. 6 - The introduction of the new plants and fungi species to Lithuania can only be authorized by the Government or its authority. It giving the authorization, it must be ensured that the introduction will not adversely affect natural plant communities and the environment.</p> <p>Ch. 3, art. 15.2 – States that individual species of wild plants and their abundance must be regulated so that it does not harm the environment and other species of wild plants and animals. It is further described in On the introduction, reintroduction and enforcement regime, invasive species control and eradication procedures, Invasive Species Control Board rules, Introduction, reintroduction and transfer program (see below).</p> <p>Ch. 3, art. 15.3 - Regulation of wild plant abundancy. Certain species of wild plants and fungi, which are harmful to humans, domestic animals or cultivated plants, can be recognised as noxious organisms and can be eradicated. The list of such plants and fungi and the order of their eradication is approved by the Government or other obligated institution.</p>
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	Laukinės augalijos ĮSTATYMAS; http://www3.lrs.lt/c-bin/spec/full/preps2?Condition1=227810&Condition2=
If available in English – link to UK version:	No
Name of Act (area)	Law on wildlife
Number of act	10 July, 2010, VIII-498

Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Ch. 2, art. 10 – Transfer and transportation of wild animals is allowed only with a permit from the Minister of Environment. Introductions (and re-introductions) are allowed only with permit from the Minister of Environment.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=378188
If available in English – link to UK version:	No
Name of Act (area)	Law on the Protected Fauna, Flora and Fungi Species
Number of act	17 December, 2009, No. VIII-499
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Ch. 3, art. 14.1 & 14.3 - Introduction of new species is permitted only if it does not endanger the stability of ecosystems and species or community safety. Also, it states that the introduction of new species, including transfer from one place to another in Lithuania, is controlled by the Environment Ministry.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	http://www3.lrs.lt/c-bin/spec/full/preps2?Condition1=363649&Condition2=
If available in English – link to UK version:	Law on the Protected Fauna, Flora and Fungi Species and Communities (older version)
Name of Act (area)	On the introduction, reintroduction and enforcement regime, invasive species control and eradication procedures, Invasive Species Control Board rules, Introduction,

	reintroduction and transfer program
Number of act	08.22.2002, No. 81-3505, no. 352; changes adopted: 28 April November 2012, No. D1-381
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	Whole document
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>This Regulation is dedicated to IAS and describes thoroughly the areas of introduction and reintroduction of IAS, control and eradication procedures, and rules for responsibilities in relation to IAS. The policy also includes an action plan for 2002-2007 (Annex 1).</p> <p>Ch. 1.2 – The Invasive Species Control Board writes a proposal for a list of invasive species, causing serious damage to biodiversity, human health or causing economic loss, to be approved by the Minister for the Environment (implemented in Order in invasive species list in Lithuania and approval of certain changes- see below)</p>
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	<p>Dėl 2002 m. liepos 1 d. Lietuvos Respublikos aplinkos ministro įsakymo Nr. 352 "Dėl Introdukcijos, reintrodukcijos ir perkėlimo tvarkos, Invazinių rūšių organizmų kontrolės ir naikinimo tvarkos, Invazinių rūšių kontrolės tarybos sudėties ir nuostatų, Introdukcijos, reintrodukcijos ir perkėlimo programos patvirtinimo" pakeitimo;</p> <p>https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/3ede5240cf6911e3a8ded1a0f5aff0a9</p>
If available in English – link to UK version:	No
Name of Act (area)	Order on fish release

Number of act	D1-303, 24 May, 2013
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Ch. 2.11 - It is not recommended to release fish of the species carp, rainbow trout, goldfish, and white amur where they previously did not breed and where there is no scientific advice on the appropriateness of their establishment.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	Dėl Žuvivaisos valstybiniuose žuvininkystės vandens telkiniuose taisyklių bei minimalių žuvų ir vėžių įveisimo normų sąrašo patvirtinimo http://www3.lrs.lt/c-bin/spec/full/preps2?Condition1=450322&Condition2=
If available in English – link to UK version:	No
Name of Act (area)	Wildlife trade rules
Number of act	2004, No. 85-3097
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Ch. 2.6 - It is prohibited to trade in live animals, their parts and derivatives thereof if it is a species likely to have adverse ecological, economic impact, or can cause or transmit diseases.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.27075C09CAB9
If available in English – link to UK version:	No
Name of Act (area)	Order on the list of invasive species in Lithuania

	and approval of certain changes
Number of act	28 April November 2012, No. D1-381
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	All document
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	List of invasive species in Lithuania with 35 species listed.
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/3ede5240cf6911e3a8ded1a0f5aff0a9
If available in English – link to UK version:	No