Ecological Impact Assessments of Alien Species in Norway

This pdf file accompanies the data file assess.txt and explains it contents.

In addition, a spreadsheet workbook (microsoft excel format) is available that contains the same information as the data file and this pdf file.

Together, this pdf file, the data file and the workbook constitute a dataset available at the Dryad Digital Repository:

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This dataset contains the data underlying the following article:

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Information included

The assessments summarised in this dataset incorporated information that was available by April 2018 and corrections that have been made by October 2019. The full assessment details (and potential future corrections) are available – in Norwegian only – in an online database: https://artsdatabanken.no/fremmedartslista2018.

Format

The data file (assess.txt) is a table formatted in **plain text**. It has **58 columns** that are **semicolon**-separated (;), and **1532 rows** *plus* a **header**. The header contains the <u>variable names</u> <u>explained below</u>. Each row corresponds to *one assessment* (which means that some *species/taxa* are represented by *two rows*, viz. if they have been assessed for both mainland Norway and Svalbard).

Missing values

Missing values are represented as "**NA**" (without the quotation marks). The number of missing values for a given variable is provided in the column "Missing values" <u>below</u>, together with the reason for values missing. Please note that some non-missing values *contain* the same letters, such as "**NA**m" (North America) in the "Origin" column (or "**Na**sua **na**sua" in the "Name" column).

Special characters

Further remarks on characters that potentially cause trouble when importing the data:

- Space spaces () occur in the columns "Name", "Author", "Family", "Order" and "Class".
- *Quotation mark* single quotation marks ('...') and apostrophes (') occur in the columns "Name" and "Author", respectively.
- *Comma* commata (,) occur in the columns "Author", "Origin", "CurDis", "Pathw1", "Pathw2" and "LifeSt".
- Decimal point the file uses no decimal points (.), as all numerical variables are integers.
- Semicolon semicola (;) are exclusively used as row delimiters, never in table cells.
- Other punctuation the columns "Name" and "Author" contain hyphens (-), periods (.), colons (:), brackets ((), ampersands (&) and/or crosses (×).
- Diacritics the columns "Name" and "Author" contain certain diacritics (viz. Á, á, ä, å, ç, é, è, ë, í, ñ, ö, Ø, ø, ü).

All remaining characters are alphanumeric (A–Z, a–z, 0–9).

Importing the data in R

The **R** function **read.csv2** (using its default parameterisation) should do the job of importing the data and creating a data frame from them. (You might need to add **as.is=TRUE** if you do not wish character variables to be converted to factors.)

Columns

The following table lists all column headings (variable names) of the data file (assess.txt), and explains their meaning, variable type, value range etc.

Column	Explanation	Type	Value range	Missing values	Notes
Name	Scientific name of the species (taxon)	character	[text string]	none	
Author	Authority of the species (taxon) name	character	[text string]	56 (No Author specified)	
Rank	Taxonomic rank	character	form, klepton, section, species, subspecies, variety	none	
Genus	Scientific name of the "genus"	character	[text string]	none	
Family	Scientific name of the "family"	character	[text string]	none	including 6 occurrences of "incertae sedis"
Order	Scientific name of the "order"	character	[text string]	none	including 5 occurrences of "incertae sedis"
Class	Scientific name of the "class"	character	[text string]	none	including 1 occurrence of "incertae sedis"
Phylum	Scientific name of the "phylum" or "division"	character	[text string]	none	
Kingd	Scientific name of the "kingdom"	character	[text string]	none	
Status	Establishment/assessment status of the species	character	reproducing, DoorKnocker, RegionallyAlien, DistanceEffect	none	see Box 1 of the original paper for defini- tions
Mainl	The assessment applies to mainland Norway (otherwise to Svalbard)	logical	TRUE, FALSE	none	
Origin	Areas (continents and/or oceans) included in the natural range	character	[text string] (continents: Afr [ica], As [ia], Eur [ope], NAm [North or Central America], Oc [eania], SAm [South America]; oceans: Arct [ic], Atl [antic], Balt [ic], Black , Casp [ian], Ind [ian], Med [iterranean], Pac [ific], South [ern] Ocean/Sea)	5 (No Area specified)	comma-delimited list
CurDis	Areas (continents and/or oceans) included in the current distribution	character	[text string] (values as for the "Origin" column)	6 (No Area specified)	comma-delimited list
Pathw1	Introductory pathway category	character	[text string]	88 (information Not Available)	comma-delimited list of abbreviations that are <u>explained here</u>
Pathw2	Introductory pathway subcategory	character	[text string]	88 (information Not Available)	comma-delimited list of abbreviations that are <u>explained here</u>

Column	Explanation	Type	Value range	Missing values	Notes
LifeSt	The lifestyle or habitat type of the species	character	[text string] (alp [ine or tundra], for [ests], lim [nic/ freshwater], low [lands], mar [ine and coastal], par [arasitic], urb [an], wet [lands])	42 (information Not Available)	comma-delimited list
Ecosys	Ecosystems undergoing substantial changes due to the species	character	[text string]	1261 (information Not Available or Not Applicable)	comma-delimited list of abbreviations that are <u>explained here</u>
Observ	Year of first documented observation	integer	1750–2017	199 (year Not Available or Not Applicable)	note that the historical delimitation excludes alien species that "had been <i>established with</i> <i>a stably reproducing population</i> in Norway by the year 1800", but not species that have merely been <i>observed</i> prior to 1800
A00	Total area of occupancy	integer	0–243200	none	see Box 1 of the original paper for definition
Imp12	Impact category obtained in the previous assessment (2012)	character	NR, NK, LO, PH, HI, SE	none	for details on and results of the 2012 assessments, see <u>Gederaas et al. (2013)</u>
Impact	Impact category obtained in the present assessment	character	NK, LO, PH, HI, SE	none	see Table 1 of the original paper
minImp	Minimum impact category incorporating uncertainty	character	NK, LO, PH, HI, SE	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxImp	Maximum impact category incorporating uncertainty	character	NK, LO, PH, HI, SE	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
InvPot	Score for invasion potential	integer	1–4	none	i.e. score on the <i>x</i> -axis of Fig. 1 in the original paper
minInv	Minimum score for invasion potential incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxInv	Maximum score for invasion potential incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
clmInv	Is the score for invasion potential affected by climate change	logical	TRUE, FALSE	245 (information Not Available)	i.e., would the score have been lower if the projected climate change in the 50-year period from 2017 to 2066 had been disregarded?
EcoEff	Score for ecological effect	integer	1-4	none	i.e. score on the <i>y</i> -axis of Fig. 1 in the original paper

Column	Explanation	Type	Value range	Missing values	Notes
minEff	Minimum score for ecological effect incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxEff	Maximum score for ecological effect incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
clmEff	Is the score for ecological effect affected by climate change	logical	TRUE, FALSE	404 (information Not Available)	i.e., would the score have been lower if the projected climate change in the 50-year period from 2017 to 2066 had been disregarded?
A	Score for criterion A (population lifetime)	integer	1–4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minA	Minimum score for criterion A incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxA	Maximum score for criterion A incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
В	Score for criterion B (expansion speed)	integer	1–4	none	for details on expansion speed, see <u>Sandvik (2020)</u>
minB	Minimum score for criterion B incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxB	Maximum score for criterion B incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
С	Score for criterion C (colonisation of ecosystems)	integer	1–4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minC	Minimum score for criterion C incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxC	Maximum score for criterion C incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
D	Score for criterion D (effects on threatened or keystone species)	integer	1-4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see Sandvik et al. (2019)
minD	Minimum score for criterion D incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxD	Maximum score for criterion D incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>

Column	Explanation	Type	Value range	Missing values	Notes
Е	Score for criterion E (effects on other native species)	integer	1-4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minE	Minimum score for criterion E incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxE	Maximum score for criterion E incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
F	Score for criterion F (effects on threatened or rare ecosystems)	integer	1–4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minF	Minimum score for criterion F incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxF	Maximum score for criterion F incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
G	Score for criterion G (effects on other ecosystems)	integer	1–4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minG	Minimum score for criterion G incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxG	Maximum score for criterion G incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
Н	Score for criterion H (genetic contamination)	integer	1–4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minH	Minimum score for criterion H incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxH	Maximum score for criterion H incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
I	Score for criterion I (transmission of parasites)	integer	1-4	none	for details on the assessment criteria, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
minI	Minimum score for criterion I incorporating uncertainty	integer	1–4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>
maxI	Maximum score for criterion I incorporating uncertainty	integer	1-4	none	for details on the treatment of uncertainty, see <u>Sandvik et al. (2019)</u>

Pathways

The following table lists the categories and subcategories of introduction pathways, as reported in the columns "Pathw1" and "Pathw2" of the data file (assess.txt).

Categorisation of pathways follows CBD (2014), which is based on Hulme et al. (2008).

Introduction is in this context defined as "any human activity that has the intended or unintended consequence that individual(s) of an alien species occur(s) in Norwegian nature" (where "Norwegian nature" excludes indoors environments; for production species, "Norwegian nature" also excludes the confined and species-specific production area of these species).

Category (Pathw1)	Abbrev.	Subcategory (Pathw2)	Abbrev.
Release in nature	rel	for use [commercial]	use
		for biological control	ctrl
		for hunting	hunt
		for fishery in the wild	fish
		for landscape/flora/fauna 'improvement' in the wild	impr
		for erosion control / dune stabilisation	eros
		for conservation purposes or wildlife management	mngm
		other intentional release	relx
Escape from confinement	esc	from agriculture	agr
		from forestry (including afforestation or reforestation)	for
		from horticulture	hort
		from ornamental purpose other than horticulture	orn
		of farmed animals	farm
		from fur farms	fur
		from aquaculture/mariculture	aquc
		of live food or live bait	live
		of pet/aquarium/terrarium species [private]	pet
		from botanical gardens / zoos / aquaria [public]	bza
		from research and ex-situ breeding (in facilities)	res
		other escape from confinement	escx
Contaminant	cnt	as parasites on animals (hosts/vectors)	para
		as contaminants on animals (except parasites)	cnta
		as parasites on plants (hosts/vectors)	parp
		as contaminants on plants (except parasites)	cntp
		of seed	seed
		of food (including live food)	food
		of bait	bait
		of timber	timb
		of habitat material (soil, vegetation,)	habm
		of nursery material	nurs
		other contaminant	cntx

Category (Pathw1)	Abbrev.	Subcategory (Pathw2)	Abbrev.
Stowaway	stw	with people and their luggage/equipment	peop
		in or on vehicles (car, train,)	veh
		in or on airplanes	air
		in or on ships/boats	ship
		with ballast water or ballast sand	ball
		as hull fouling	hull
		with machinery/equipment	mach
		with containers/bulk	bulk
		with organic packing material, in particular wood	pack
		with angling/fishing equipment	angl
		with other means of transport	stwx
Corridor	cor	interconnected waterways/basins/seas	watr
		tunnels and land bridges	land
Unaided spread	spr	natural dispersal across borders of alien species that have been introduced through any of the above pathways	nat

Ecosystems

The following table explains the abbreviations used in the "Ecosys" column of the data file (assess.txt).

The table is divided into two sections:

- Relevant <u>Red-listed ecological systems</u> (according to the Norwegian Red List of 2011)
- All major types of <u>ecological systems</u> (according to *Nature in Norway*)

The three columns of the table provide the abbreviation used in the data file, the full name, and the lifestyle to which the nature type belongs (column "LifeSt").

The reference of *Nature in Norway* is (for the time being only available in Norwegian):

Halvorsen, R., et al. (2015) *Natur i Norge* (version 2.0). https://artsdatabanken.no/NiN

The reference of the Norwegian Red List of ecosystems is:

Lindgaard, A., & Henriksen, S. (2011). *Norwegian Red List for Ecosystems and Habitat Types 2011*. Trondheim: Norwegian Biodiversity Information Centre.

Abbrev.	Name	Lifestyle
	Red-listed ecological systems	
NT	Noor threatened	
NT-01	Active marine delta	mar
VII	Vulnerable	mai
VU-01	North Sea sugar kelp forest	mar
VU-02	Sand-dune system	low
VU-03	Low-turbidity intermediate lake	lim
VU-04	Low-turbidity lime-poor lake	lim
VU-05	Coastal bog	wet
VU-06	Lowland open spring fen	wet
VU-07	Open lime-rich shallow-soil lowland system in the boreonemoral zone	low
VU-08	Semi-natural grassland	low
VU-09	Lime-rich beech woodland	for
VU-10	Lime-rich low-herb Norway spruce forest	for
VU-11	Lime-rich small-leaved lime woodland	for
VU-12	Norway spruce spring woodland	for
VU-13	Thermophilous spring woodland	for
EN	Endangered	
EN-01	Skagerrak sugar kelp forest	mar
EN-02	Southern fixed dunes	low
EN-03	Southern tidal meadow	low
EN-04	Lime-rich lake	lim
EN-05	Lime-rich pond and small lake	lim
EN-06	Oxbow lake, meander and flood channel	lim
EN-07	Hay fen expanse	wet
EN-08	Lime-rich lowland mire expanse	wet
EN-09	Lime-rich lowland mire margin	wet
EN-10	Coastal heath	low
EN-11	Hay meadow	low
EN-12	Coastal Norway spruce forest	for
EN-13	Coastal thermophilous Scots pine woodland	for
CR	Critically endangered	
CR-01	Hay fen margin	wet
	Ecological systems	
F	Open freshwater	
F01	River water	lim
F02	Circulating lake water	lim
F03	Non-circulating lake water	lim
F04	Highly modified river water	lim
F05	Highly modified lake water	lim

Abbrev.	Name	Lifestyle
Н	Marine water masses	
H01	Ocean water masses	mar
H02	Water masses in fjords, lagoons and rock pools	mar
H03	Deepwater in lagoons and fjords	mar
H04	Highly modified marine water masses	mar
I	Snow and Ice systems	
I01	Snow and Ice-covered ground	alp
I02	Polar sea ice	alp
L	Freswater beds	
L01	Shallow hard freshwater-bed	lim
L02	Shallow sediment freshwater-bed	lim
L03	Deep sediment freshwater-bed	lim
L04	Helophyte freshwater swamp	lim
L05	Freshwater-spring bed	lim
L06	Anoxic sediment freshwater-bed	lim
L07	Modified hard freshwater-bed	lim
L08	Modified sediment freshwater-bed	lim
М	Marine Seabeds	
M01	Shallow stable seabed	mar
M02	Deep stable seabed	mar
M03	Hydrolitoral rocky shore	mar
M04	Shallow sediment bed	mar
M05	Deep sediment bed	mar
M06	Coralline seabed	mar
M07	Sea meadow	mar
M08	Halophytic swamp	mar
M09	Rock-pool bed	mar
M10	Marine cave and overhang	mar
M11	Cold seep	mar
M12	Thermal vent	mar
M13	Anoxic sediment seabed	mar
M14	Modified stable seabed	mar
M15	Modified sediment seabed	mar
Т	Non-wetland terrestrial system	
T01	Bare rock	low
T02	Open shallow-soil system	low
Т03	Alpine heath, lee-side and tundra	alp
Т04	Forest	for
Т05	Cave and overhang	low
T06	Geo- to supralittoral rocky shore	mar
T07	Snow-bed	alp
T08	Bird-cliff meadow and bird-manured mound	mar
Т09	Moss tundra	alp
T10	Arctic steppe	alp
T11	Saline foreshore/pan	mar
T12	Tidal meadow	low

Abbrev.	Name	Lifestyle
T13	Avalanche system	low
T14	Ridge	alp
T15	Waterfall-sprayed meadow	low
T16	Avalanche heath and meadow	low
T17	Active landslide system	low
T18	Open alluvial system	low
T19	Frost-churned ground	alp
T20	Kettle-hole heath	alp
T21	Sand-dune system	low
T22	Alpine grass meadow and grass tundra	alp
T23	Freshwater driftline	low
T24	Driftline	mar
T25	Historical landslide system	low
T26	Glacier foreland	alp
T27	Boulder field	alp
T28	Polar desert	alp
T29	Shingle-dominated shoreline	low
T30	Alluvial forest	for
T31	Boreal heath	low
T32	Semi-natural grassland	low
Т33	Semi-natural tidal meadow	low
T34	Coastal heath	low
T35	Modified sediments	urb
T36	Dried-out wetlands and freshwater systems	low
T37	Artificial sediments	urb
T38	Tree plantation	for
T39	Modified hard surfaces	urb
T40	Meadow-like modified systems	low
T41	Meadow-like cultivated systems	low
T42	Flower beds and the like	low
T43	Lawns, parks and the like	low
T44	Arable land	low
T45	Cultivated permanent meadow	low
V	Wetland systems	
V01	Minerotrophic mire expanse	wet
V02	Mire- and swamp forest	wet
V03	Ombrotrophic mire	wet
V04	Spring	wet
V05	Thermal spring	wet
V06	Wet Snow-bed and snow-bed spring	wet
V07	Arctic permafrost wetland	wet
V08	Seashore swamp forest	wet
V09	Semi-natural fen	wet
V10	Semi-natural wet meadow	wet
V11	Peat quarry	wet
V12	Drained peatland	wet
V13	Artificial wetland system	wet