

Declared Weeds & Invader Plants

These are the plants which have been declared Weeds and Alien Invader Plants in South Africa in terms of the Regulations pertaining to the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 43 of 1983 as amended. For more information, about alien plants please see:

[SANBI's Invasive Species Programme](#). The programme aims to detect invasive species; assess the risk these species pose to South Africa and attempt eradication of high risk species with limited distribution. This is based on the guidelines provided by the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEM: BA), in particular, Category 1a listed species. Members of the public can report sightings of these plants to the [Invasive Species Programme team](#).

Declared Weeds & Alien Invader Plants are divided into three categories:

Category 1 Plants. This is the strictest category. These plants may not occur on any land or inland water surface other than in a biological control reserve. Except for the purposes of establishing a biological control reserve, one may not plant, maintain, multiply or propagate such plants, import or sell or acquire propagating material of such plants except with the written exception of the executive officer.

Category 2 Plants. These are plants with a commercial application and may only be grown in demarcated areas (or biological control reserves). See the Government Gazette listed below for details relating to demarcated areas. Other provisions of category 1 apply.

Category 3 Plants. The regulations regarding these plants are the same as for category 1, except that plants already in existence at the time of the commencement of these regulations are exempt, unless they occur within 30 metres of a 1:50 year flood line of river, stream etc.

[Click here](#) to download (pdf) *The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (10/2004): Draft Alien and Invasive Species Lists, 2014*. Included in these lists is the national list of invasive plant species and their categories.

Also see:

<http://www.agis.agric.za/wip/>
<http://www.arc.agric.za/>