

## Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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### Resolution 04. Urgent action against the grass *Cortaderia selloana* outside of its natural distribution range



Year	Congress
2020	 IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS Marseille 2020
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	Asociación para la Conservación, Investigación de la Biodiversidad y el Desarrollo Sostenible, Centro de Extensión Universitaria e Divulgación Ambiental de Galicia, Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural, Generalitat de Catalunya, Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico, SEO/BirdLife, Sociedad Española de Ornitología, Sociedad Española de Biología de la Conservación de Plantas, ViceConsejería Sostenibilidad Ambiental, Gobierno Vasco

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### Petition

Urge the Director General to continue to inform IUCN Members about the threat that invasive alien species pose to biodiversity. Urge IUCN Members outside the species' original range in places where it is currently or may potentially be invasive to: take specific measures in the short term to control its populations and proceed to eradicate it in the medium term; include *Cortaderia selloana* in the list of species that could be identified in an early detection plan, so as to simplify and lower the cost of controlling it in high-risk areas; take steps to avoid it being introduced to different countries through the trade in garden plants or via Internet sales; and d. regulate the e-commerce in invasive alien species via the Internet in order to restrict its sale outside its original distribution range. Urge the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) to: support the work carried out by the relevant institutions to deal with the e-commerce in invasive alien species; and define how invasive *Cortaderia selloana* is in comparison with other aggressive invasive alien species in temperate regions; and 4. Calls on governments in the European Union to propose the inclusion of this species in the List of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern.

State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process

### Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain

[Definitive approval of the project "Environmental dredging of the sediments of the O Burgo estuary \(A Coruña\)".](#) (2020). There is a section dedicated to the intention of eradicating *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Urbanization of the Altzate area, documentation for the concession request for occupation of the maritime-terrestrial public domain \(Lezo - Erreenteria\).](#) (2020). It includes the elimination of populations in the incipient settlement phase, such as *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Project "Adaptation of pedestrian itineraries in the Oka estuary. Sections Enderika \(Kortezubi\) and Ozollo \(Gautegiz-Arteaga\)".](#) (2020). Invading exotic flora will be eliminated.

[LIFE STOP Cortaderia. Good practices to fight against invasive plants: the example of \*Cortaderia selloana\* in Cantabria.](#) (2020).

[The Xunta advances in its specific action plan for the control and management in Galicia of the invasive Pampa grass species.](#) (2020).

[The Tenerife town hall works against the rabo de gato and other invasive species.](#) (2020).

[Environmental impact study of the Quebraduras Wind Farm.](#) (2020). It includes the eradication of invasive species, such as *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Conservation actions of the LIFE FLUVIAL project.](#) (2020). It has acted in 2020 on 8.6 hectares by eliminating invasive alien species on its banks. Throughout 2021 the regrowth of these invasive species will be controlled.

[Organizations and autonomous administrations demand an urgent plan to eliminate the feather duster from the Pampa.](#) (2021).

[Environmental impact study of the informative study by the southern variant of Bilbao. Phase 1.](#) (2021).

It includes the eradication of invasive species, such as *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Sustainability Report \(2021\) - Red Eléctrica.](#) (2021). Actions related to the control of invasive species: Pampas feather duster (*Cortaderia selloana*).

[Cantabria leads the fight against the Pampa duster in the Atlantic Arc.](#) (2021).

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[Elimination of the pampa feather duster \(\*Cortaderia selloana\*\) in lands of Santullán.](#) (2021).

[The Castro-Urdiales City Council participates in a technical training session on the Transnational Strategy to Fight Cortaderia.](#) (2021).

[It has been discovered how to stop the invasion of the pampa duster.](#) (2022).

[Feasibility report on the works of the "Project for the environmental recovery of the Saja river between the bridges of Santa Lucía and Virgen de la Peña, in the municipalities of Cabezón de la Sal and Mazcuerras \(Cantabria\)".](#) (2022). Existing problems (indicate those that justify the action): *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Service contract for compliance with the program for environmental surveillance, surveillance control and safety and health of the works of: "Environmental dredging of the sediments of the O Burgo estuary".](#)

[Ope\\_01 – synthesis of the environmental monitoring report.](#) (2022). *Cortaderia selloana* is identified.

[Feasibility report of the "Nalón River Middle Basin Sanitation Completion Project. TT.MM. of Morcín, Oviedo and Ribera de Arriba \(Asturias\)" provided for in article 46.5 of the Water Law.](#) (2022). One of its objectives is to eliminate specimens of both the recognized invasive alien plant species: *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Advances in the knowledge of the biodiversity of the Garajonay National Park.](#) (2022). He says that work is being carried out to control and eradicate invasive species.

[LIFE Stop Cortaderia, which eliminates the invasive feather duster from Cantabria, finalist for the highest European award to the Natura 2000 Network.](#) (2022).

[Ecological Transition and ULPGC work on the elimination of the Pampa duster on the Tafira Campus.](#) (2022).

[FNYH ends its annual campaign to control invasive plants in various areas of the Bay, including Alday.](#) (2022).

[Hydrological Plan for the Spanish part of the Tagus Hydrographic Demarcation \(2022-2027\).](#) (2022).

[2nd Week on Invasive Species: Portugal & Spain / 2nd Week on Invasive Species: Portugal & Spain.](#) (2022).

[Environmental volunteering-Elimination of invaders and planting of native species in Ribera del Río Pas in Prases.](#) (2022).

### Legislation:

[DECREE 24/2020, of January 9, which modifies Decree 274/2001, of September 27,](#) which approves the Natural Resources Management Plan of the Monte Aloia Natural Park and which approves the II Governing Plan for the use and management of the Monte Aloia Natural Park. (2020). They take into account that *Cortaderia selloana* is an invasive species.

[AGREEMENT of December 21, 2020,](#) of the Extremadura Urban Planning and Territorial Planning Commission, on the final approval of the General Municipal Plan of Miajadas. (2021AC0001). (2020). Monitoring and control / eradication of exotic species present in the space, especially in the case of *Cortaderia selloana*.

[DECREE 238/2020, of December 29,](#) which approves the Galician Landscape Guidelines. (2021). It includes the eradication of invasive species, such as *Cortaderia selloana*.

[Resolution of October 26, 2022,](#) of the General Directorate of Quality and Environmental Assessment, formulating the environmental impact report of the project "Paving and urbanization of the area for the storage of rent-a-car vehicles. Seve Ballesteros-Santander Airport". (2022). Controls to prevent the spread of the invasive exotic species *Cortaderia selloana*.

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Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
A map of the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa. A large orange shaded area covers most of Spain and parts of Portugal, Andorra, and the northern part of Morocco. A small orange dot is located near the southern coast of Spain. A north arrow is in the top left corner. A scale bar indicates distances from 0 to 500 km.	A map of the same region. The orange shaded area has expanded significantly, covering almost the entire Iberian Peninsula, most of Portugal, and a larger portion of the northern part of Morocco. A north arrow is in the top left corner. A scale bar indicates distances from 0 to 500 km.

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