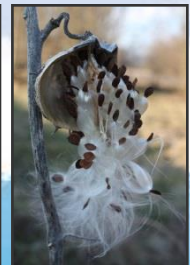


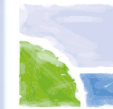
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# Legal framework for invasive alien species in Croatia

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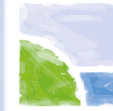
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## Croatia

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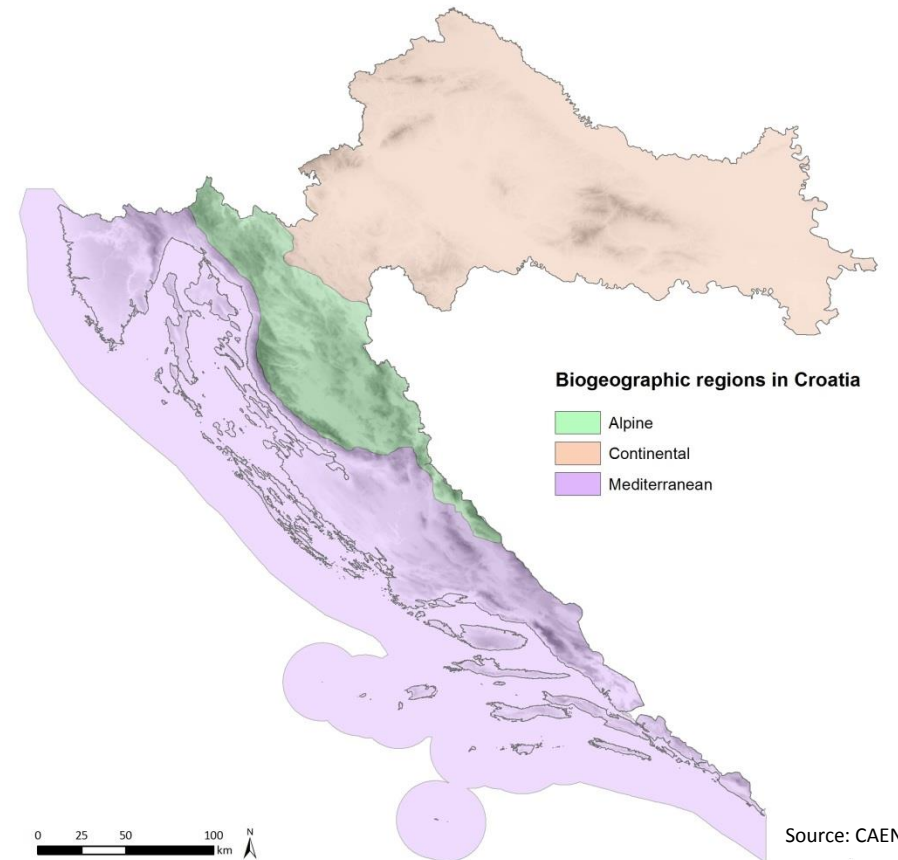
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## Croatian biodiversity

3 biogeographical regions (elements of 4th)

40 000 known species, estimated number is far higher  
50 000 to over 100 000 species

large number of endemics (2.7%) – flora + karstic  
subterranean fauna + freshwater fish



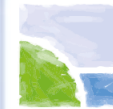
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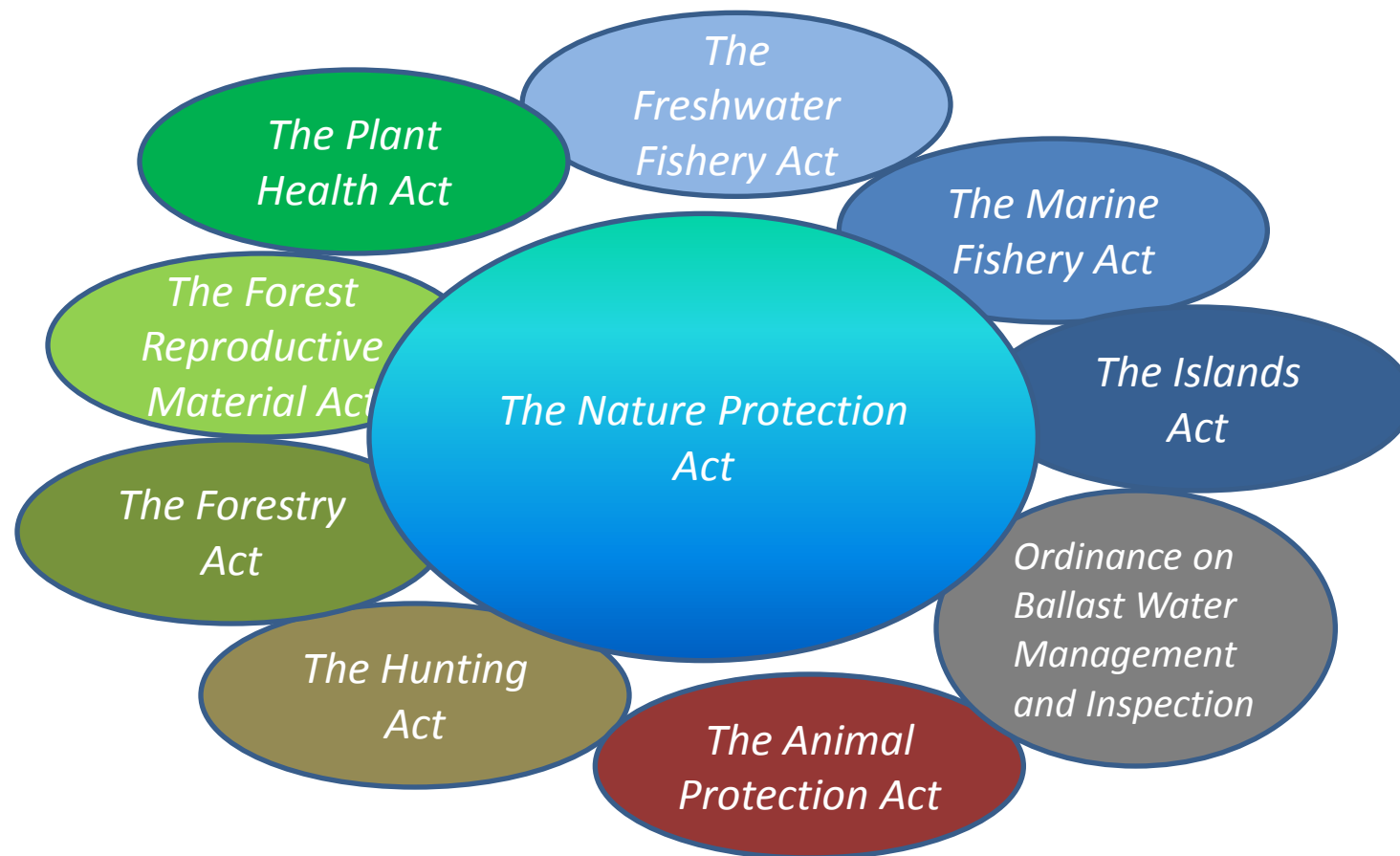
*Degenia velebitica*, photo: Igor Boršić



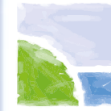
*Ophrys medea*, photo: Igor Boršić



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## Nature protection in Croatia

### The Nature Protection Act (OG No. 80/2013)

Development and improvement of national policy framework on nature protection and alien species

**MENP** – Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection is the central state administration body competent for nature protection

**CAEN** – Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature is the central institute dealing with expert tasks of nature conservation in Croatia

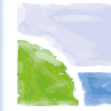


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## The Nature Protection Act

**Article 68. - Ban of import, placing on the market and/or introduction into the nature on the territory of the Republic of Croatia of alien taxa**

### **Requirement for permission for:**

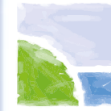
**Article 69. - Import, placing on the market of the Republic of Croatia and/or introduction into the nature of Croatia of alien taxa**

**Article 78. - Breeding/cultivation of alien taxa**

Ordinance on the method of preparing and implementing risk assessment studies with respect to introduction, reintroduction and breeding of wild taxa (OG 35/08)



*Paulownia* sp.; Photo: Martina Cigrovski-Mustafić



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## The Nature Protection Act

**Article 86.** – Escape to nature (the owner is obliged to prevent escape and is responsible for the damage)

**Article 73.** – In case of accidental introduction of alien species into the nature, the competent authority can issue an Order on removing or preventing the further spread of introduced alien species



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## New bill on prevention of the introduction and spread of alien and invasive alien species and their management

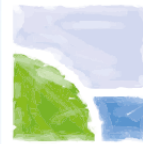
- Inter-Ministerial Task Force, 2014
- Transfer of the necessary enforcement and misdemeanour provisions of the new Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014 (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014) into national legislation
- Regulation - Alien Species Management & RA Protocols (in preparation)
- Ordinance - “White list” & “Black list” (in preparation)



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