MN (Minor)Acridotheres cristatellus

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Eicat category	MN (Minor)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Crested Myna does not seriously affect other birds, except in the case of the species it wishes to dispossess of nesting sites. They have been reported to evict birds from their nests and destroying or tossing out young and eggs af American robins (Turdus migratorius), Yellow-shafted Flicker (Colaptes auratus) and other native species. There is no evidence that this has caused a decline of these species (Cottam and Scheffer, 1935).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Competition; Predation
Countries of most severe impact	Canada; U.S.A.
Description of impact	The Crested Myna competes with native bird species in North America and Portugal. It has also been observed destroying young and eggs of native bird species.
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