GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

EICAT profile: ***Coturnix japonica***

MN (Minor)Coturnix japonica

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Eicat category	MN (Minor)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Japanese Quail hybridizes with the Common Quail (Coturnix coturnix) in the wild. There is no evidence that this has caused a decline of Common Quails (Barilani et al. 2005, Kestenholz et al. 2005, Amaral et al. 2007, Puigcerver et al. 2007).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Hybridisation
Countries of most severe impact	Spain; Italy; Republic of Senegal; Mongolia; Portugal; France
Description of impact	The Japanese quail hybridizes in the wild and captivity with the native Common Quail.
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