MC (Minimal Concern)Lonchura punctulata

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Eicat category	MC (Minimal Concern)
Justification for EICAT assessment	Scaly-breasted Munias are completely nonaggressive towards other species, and were observed foraging at feeders with 15 other native bird species in the USA. All native species were mutually passive towards munias. However, they are believed to be a competitor with native bird species in Australia, having the attributes of the exploitation of a wider range of habitats that include both urban and rural localities, a more catholic diet [broad opportunistic diet] and a year-round breeding season that with multiple broods and larger clutches of eggs (Lever 2005; Conn et al. 2017; Gleditsch and Brooks 2020).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Competition
Countries of most severe impact	U.S.A.; Australia
Description of impact	The Scaly-breasted Munia is believed to be a competitor with native bird species or has a negligible competition impact.
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