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## **Resolution on invasive alien animal species**

(Formally adopted by the Intergroup on 15.02.06)

Following their meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, MEPs, Members of the *Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity & Countryside Activities* Intergroup:

- Note that invasive alien animal species represent one of the major threats to biodiversity, second only to habitat destruction, and also cause severe damages to forestry and agriculture;
- Underline that the further spread of invasive alien species will lead to the decline and even the extinction of many native European species;
- Call on the EU institutions, in particular the European Commission, to follow the example of the Council of Europe and adopt an integrated policy on invasive alien species, aiming first at preventing their introduction, secondly at eradicating them when prevention fails and thirdly at restricting their spread when eradication is not feasible;
- Encourage further scientific research to assess the ecological and socio-economic impact of invasive alien species;
- Highlight the threat posed by the American Grey squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* for the survival of the European Red squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* in Ireland, Italy and UK, request a ban on the keeping of, trade in, translocation of, release into the wild of and importation of Grey squirrels, ask for funding to develop a humane and effective method of eradication and demand the eradication of this species from Northern Italy, in particular from the Ticino Valley, according to the Recommendations of the Council of Europe.