

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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REPORT NO.

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION

ON

**“THE PAKISTAN TRADE CONTROL OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2024”**

PRESENTED BY

Senator Sherry Rehman

Chairman

Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: - REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION ON THE PAKISTAN TRADE CONTROL OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

I, Senator Sherry Rehman, Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, have the honour to present a report of the Committee on a Bill "The Pakistan Trade Control of wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024", Introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan, in the Senate's sitting held on 2nd September, 2024.

2. The composition of the Committee is given as under:-

1.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Chairperson
2.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz leader of the opposition	Member
3.	Senator Anwar ul Haq	Member
4.	Senator Zarqa Suharwardhy Taimur	Member
5.	Senator Qurat-ul-ain Marri	Member
6.	Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Member
7.	Senator Shahzaib Durrani	Member
8.	Senator Naseema Ahsan	Member
9.	Senator Manzoor Ahmad	Member
10.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
11.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member
12.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover
13.	Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill and held discussion on it in its meeting held on 23rd July, 2025, under the chairpersonship of Senator Sherry Rehman, with the following in attendance:-

1.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Chairperson
2.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member
3.	Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Member
4.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
5.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover

4. The Bill (Annexure-A) was presented before the Committee. Brief background of the Bill is that "The Pakistan Trade Control of wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024" primarily aims for an inclusion of the definition and combat export of Invasive Alien Species (IAS), which are spread outside their natural Habitats. These species have affected native bio-diversity in almost every ecosystem type on earth and are one of the greatest threats to bio-diversity. Invasive Alien Species exacerbate poverty and threatens development through their impact on agriculture, forestry, fisheries and natural systems which is among the important basis of people's livelihood in the country.

5. After detailed discussion on the Bill in various Committee meetings, the mover conceded to withdraw the bill under rule 115, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, therefore the Committee unanimously decided not to pass the said bill. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "The Pakistan Trade Control of wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024", as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the House, (Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is Annexed as "A").



(MUHAMMAD SHAFIQ)
Acting Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN)
Chairperson Committee

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Invasive alien species (IAS), introduced and/or spread outside their natural habitats, have affected native biodiversity in almost every ecosystem type on earth and are one of the greatest threats to biodiversity. The problem continues to grow at great socio-economic, health and ecological cost around Pakistan. Invasive alien species exacerbate poverty and threaten development through their impact on agriculture, forestry, fisheries and natural systems, which are an important basis of peoples' livelihoods in the country. This damage is aggravated by climate change, pollution, habitat loss and human-induced disturbance. This Amendment in the Act, aims at provision of definition and inclusion of IAS, as the subject of consideration by the Scientific Authority while issuing the permits for import or export.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

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Proposed Bill

Annex-A

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BILL

further to amend the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012

WHEREAS It is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012 (XIV of 2012), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act XIV of 2012.** - In Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012 (XIV of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (e), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ea) **"Invasive Alien Species"** means the plants, animals, pathogens and other organisms that are non-native to an ecosystem, and which may cause economic or environmental harm or adversely affect human health;"

3. **Amendment of section 5, Act XIV of 2012.** - In the said Act, in section 5, in the rider clause, for paragraph (a), the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely: -

"(a) **the Scientific Authority has advised that such export shall not include the Invasive Alien Species or detrimental to the survival of the species involved and to other species of fauna and flora;**"

4. **Amendment of section 6, Act XIV of 2012.** - In the said Act, in section 6, in sub-section (2), in paragraph (a), after the words "fauna and flora", the words **"or counted in Invasive Alien Species"**, shall be inserted.