**Table S1.** The different categories applied to classify the legislation regarding their main aim toward invasive species.

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| **Category** | **Description** |
| Authorization | Authorizes somehow the use of an alien species in the national territory, for example for reforestation. |
| Control | Sets some type of management/control of alien species aiming to reduce its impacts or regulates tools to be used in alien species eradication (herbicides, hunting, etc). |
| Farming and commercial regulation | Sets rules for farming and trade of alien species in the country. |
| Import regulation | Regulates the import of plant or animal alien species or regulation of alien species introduction in the country. |
| Checklist | Lists invasive alien species present in the national territory. |
| Prevention | Aims to avoid alien species introductions or their impacts. |
| Prohibition | Prohibits the introduction or release of alien species also sets sanctions for its non-compliance, such as fines. |
| Regulation | General regulation regarding alien species, such as the National Strategy. |
| Research | Recognizes needed research on alien species to subside prevention and control of alien species introductions. |
| Sanitary regulation | Aims to prevent the introduction of harmful alien pathogens into the national territory. |