

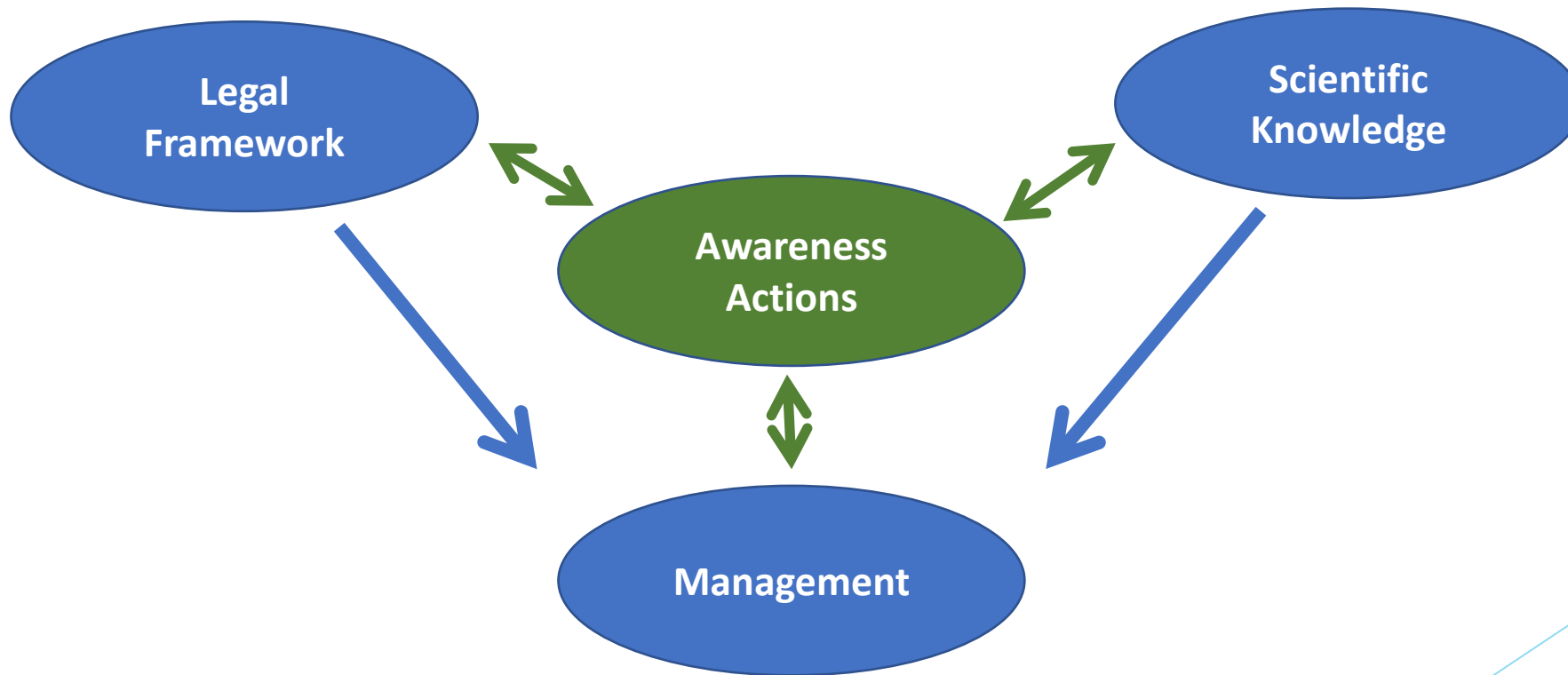
Developments in the implementation of IAS management in Greece

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IAS Management in Greece



Legal Framework

Law 3937/2011 (Conservation of Biodiversity and other provisions)

Article 12

- A list of invasive alien species in the country's ecosystems is drawn up.
- Risk-based categorization (prioritization)
- Drafting management plans (prevention, detection, eradication, monitoring, remediation)
- Issue of layman's identification guides

Legal Framework

Joint Ministerial Decision (7-12-2021)

“Implementation measures of Regulation (EU) no. 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of October 22, 2014 "on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species””.

- Competent authorities
- Permits - Authorisations
- Inspections - Controls
- Penalties
- Collection and return of reimbursable fees
- Public participation

- Scientific Committee

Scientific Knowledge

- ▶ Research on IAS has been carried out on behalf of Universities and Research Centers for decades, but no effort had been made to collect and unify it.
- ▶ Ministry of Environment and Energy just concluded (September 2022) the project titled: “Compilation of a list of invasive (alien) species and organization of a methodology for their risk assessment”
 - ▶ Bibliographical Knowledge
 - ▶ Risk Assessment of species
 - ▶ Mapping of IAS in Greece
 - ▶ Proposal for a national list of IAS
 - ▶ Proposal for a monitoring program
 - ▶ Proposal for a management plan based on priority species

Management

- ▶ Few management actions so far, mainly:
 - ▶ Six projects on the management of marine species (*Pterois miles*, *Lagocephalus sceleratus*, *Callinectes sapidus* and others)
 - ▶ One project for the management of *Neovision vison* in northern Greece (LIFE ATIAS)

Ministry of Environment and Energy must now formulate Management Plans for IAS of union and national concern, based on the deliverable of the scientific project that has been concluded.

Next steps

- ▶ Activate the Scientific Committee
- ▶ Legislate the national IAS list
- ▶ Establish a Surveillance System based on the recommendations of the recently delivered scientific project
- ▶ Establish management plans for priority species
- ▶ Raise awareness of officials and the public

Thank you for your attention!