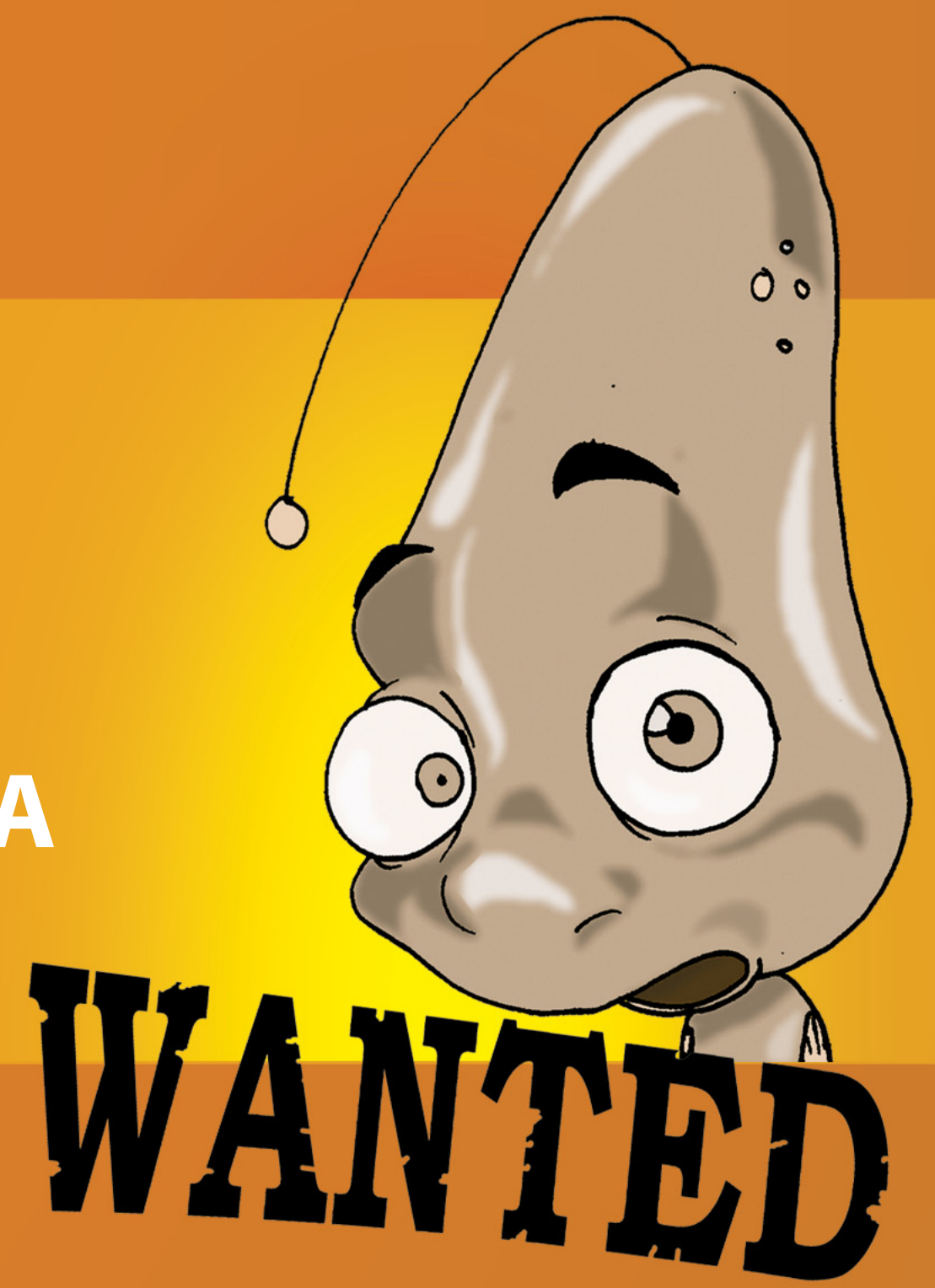




ACTION PLAN CONCERNING SPECIES INTRODUCTIONS AND INVASIVE SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening the capacity of the countries to deal with the issue of non-indigenous species introduction particularly by reinforcing the institutional and legislative frameworks.
- Elaborating guidelines and any other technical documentation and Collecting reliable and pertinent scientific data.
- Setting up mechanisms for cooperation and the exchange of information between the states of the region.

PRIORITIES

At national level

- Encouraging all necessary actions (e.g. research work, data collection, monitoring, etc.) aimed at improving the available knowledge
- Coordinating the actions that are necessary for the regular provision of supplementary information for the national and Mediterranean-wide reference lists of non-indigenous species
- Supporting information exchanges and concerted actions at regional level
- Encouraging the implementation of scientifically-backed regionally-harmonised measures of prevention and control.

At regional level

- Coordinating and supporting the compiling and updating of Mediterranean-wide lists of non-indigenous species
- Elaborating and adopting guidelines intended to assist the relevant national authorities
- Coordinating the actions taken by neighbouring states to prevent and control the introduction of non-indigenous species
- Establishment of monitoring and early warning networks
- Supporting cooperation at international level.

ACTIONS TO ATTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES

