**EICAT profile: Sturnus vulgaris**

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**Eicat category:** MO (Moderate)

The common starling competes with native native bird species, leading to a decline in the populations of some of those species (Robbins et al. 1986; Kerpez and Smith 1990; Baker et al. 2014; Koenig 2003; Ingold 1989; Ingold 1998).

**Confidence rating:** High  
**Mechanism(s) of maximum impact:** Competition

**Countries of most severe impact:** Canada; U.S.A.; North America

**Description of impact:** The common starling competes with native native bird species, leading to a decline in the populations of some of those species. It feeds on native vertebrates and occasionally preys on native birds.

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**Impact categories**

- **Adequate data**
  - Alien taxa
    - Evaluated
      - All species

- **'Harmful'**
  - Massive (MV)
  - Major (MR)
  - Moderate (MO)
  - Minor (MN)
  - Minimal Concern (MC)

- **Data Deficient (DD)**
- **No Alien Populations (NA)**
- **Not Evaluated (NE)**

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