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The Aquatic Species Invasiveness Screening Kit (AS-ISK) takes its origin from questions (Qs) in the Weed Risk Assessment (WRA) toolkit of P.C. Pheloung, P.A. Williams & S.R. Halloy (1999; www.daff.gov.au/ba/reviews/weeds/system). With their permission, the WRA architecture and Qs were adapted to create the Fish Invasiveness Screening Kit (FISK v1: Copp *et al.* 2009), which was subsequently enhanced to create FISK v2 (Lawson *et al.* 2013). By a backward process, the Qs of FISK v2 were used as a base for the creation of the generic screening module of the European Non-native Species in Aquaculture Risk Analysis Scheme (ENSARS), which was developed for the EU Regulation on the use of alien species in aquaculture (Copp *et al.* 2016a). The Aquatic Species Invasiveness Screening Kit (AS-ISK) was created by combining the generic screening module of ENSARS (Copp *et al.* 2016a, 2016b) and FISK v2. The Qs of AS-ISK were revised or replaced by G.H. Copp (Cefas–Lowestoft, U.K.), L. Vilizzi (University of Łódź, Poland), L. Miossec and P. Goulletquer (IFREMER, Nantes, France), A.S. Tarkan (Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Turkey), and P.D. Stebbing and H. Tidbury (Cefas–Weymouth, U.K.). The VBA for Excel and computational programming of AS-ISK v1, v2 was undertaken by L. Vilizzi, elaborated and expanded from the Excel spreadsheet in the original Weed Risk Assessment (WRA) toolkit of Pheloung *et al.* (1999) and from FISK v1 VisualBasic for Excel code. We are grateful to Pheloung *et al.* (1999) for providing an open version of the original WRA spreadsheet. Historical information on the development of FISK and related screening tools from the WRA template can be found in the ‘background and guidance’ document at www.cefas.co.uk/nns/tools/.

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