



Wildlife Crime Newsletter

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BirdLife's bi-monthly newsletter: keeping you up-to-date with what's happening in the fight against the illegal killing of wild birds and other forms of bird persecutions in the African-Eurasian Flyway. Please, send us your feedback to wildlifecrime@birdlife.org.

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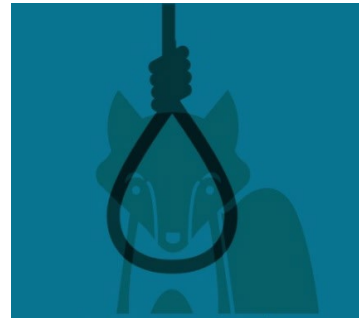
Happy 100th birthday, BirdLife!

The International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) – now BirdLife International – was founded on 20 June 1922. The initial concerns of the founders emerged from the unregulated and unsustainable killing of migratory birds, which have remained central to the work of the BirdLife partnership till today. Read the story of BirdLife's first 100 years [here](#). The full year celebration of this historic milestone will culminate in the BirdLife100 World Congress between 11-16 September 2022. For more information visit the event's [homepage](#).

Events and campaigns

Reinforcement of capacities for Law Enforcement Bodies

In the framework of the [LIFE Nature Guardians](#) project, SEO/BirdLife organized an [international webinar training](#) on the impact and investigation of wildlife crimes in June 21 -23, 2022. The recordings are available in Spanish (with options for translated subtitles) [here](#).



European Wildlife Crime Workshop

The SWiPE (=Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe) project organized a wildlife crime workshop for experts to review the latest findings and strengthen transnational working relations on this important field. The event was held on 28-30 June, 2022. More than 120 wildlife crime experts and law enforcement representatives from 20 countries met at the conference in Madrid to exchange knowledge and improve cross-border collaboration. For more information click [here](#).

Wildlife crime investigation seminar in Cyprus

On 22 and 23 June, experts from the Regional Government of Andalusia shared their best-practice experience during a wildlife crime seminar in Cyprus. The aim of the seminar was to promote substantial and continuous involvement of the competent Cypriot authorities and to strengthen their capacity, to improve the handling of crimes against wildlife, to identify and punish the perpetrators as the law foresees. Read [more](#).



Rome Strategic Plan updates

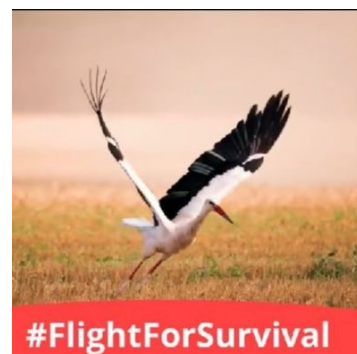
The [4th Joint Meeting](#) of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (IKB) and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on IKB in the Mediterranean (MIKT) took place in Valencia and online from 7 to 9 June 2022. The presentations – including the [report from Birdlife International](#) – is available on the meeting's website. The full meeting report will be published on the website soon.

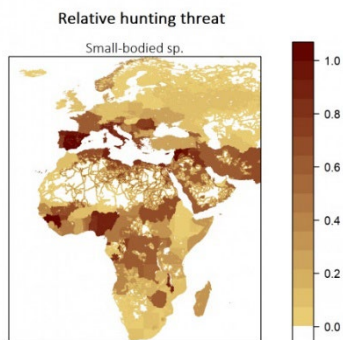
Research & Publications

New publications on the Flight for Survival website

An extended and updated version of BirdLife International's compilation for IKB monitoring methods, titled "[A best practice guide for monitoring illegal killing and taking of birds](#)" is available online.

In the frame of the LIFE Against Bird Crime project, BirdLife Europe produced a [recommendation report for the development of an EU-level bird crime database](#), which has been also uploaded to the website.





Why do migratory birds decline?

Migratory birds are declining globally because of the way that humans have modified the landscape over recent decades – according to new research, which was based also on the PECBMS data. It reveals important connections between human infrastructure, population densities, hunting levels and bird population declines. The team also created the first-ever large-scale map of hunting pressure across the region. Read more [here](#).

More news

Romanian Parliament approves controversial changes to the hunting law

On 25 May 2022, the Romanian Parliament adopted new amendments to the hunting law that allow the hunting of larks, quails, turtle doves and other migratory birds without any scientific foundation. The bill abandons the previous system of annual national quotas for the quarry species and replaces it with a maximum number of allowed bag per day for each hunter and further relaxes the acquisition of a hunting permit. Read more [here](#). (in Romanian)



BirdLife Malta's IKB news

Several interesting news have been reported from BirdLife Malta. For details, please read their latest [newsletter](#). The information relevant for IKB include a poacher who was found guilty of illegally trapping finches on an unregistered trapping site and was fined €1,200+suspension of trapping license. A hunter was pleaded guilty to shooting and killing Turtle-doves during spring of 2021

when the season was opened only for quail hunting. He was also fined for €1,200 and received a hunting licence suspension for two years. A €6,000 fine and a two-year taxidermy suspension were sentenced to a taxidermist and hunting tour-organiser after over 700 protected bird carcasses were intercepted at the person's premises.

IKB in Slovenia: what is going on?

Slovenia is not exactly notorious as a hotspot for bird poaching, yet countless birds are illegally hunted, kept and smuggled here, too. Tjaša Zagoršek from the Slovenian partner organization DOPPS reports in the EuroNatur magazine about her experiences in the fight against IKB (in German) [in this article](#).



Six people arrested in Castilla-La Mancha for poisoning raptors

The successful police investigation running since late February resulted in the arrest of five hunters and a warden for poisoning 3 imperial eagles and 2 red kites in Villalgordo del Marquesado with a substance that's been prohibited for 15 years. Read [more](#) (in Spanish).

White-tailed Eagle shot dead in Denmark

In early May, a local farmer found a dead White-tailed Eagle on his property. He informed the Danish Nature Agency via the Danish Ornithological Society, which reported the death to the police. The autopsy showed that the bird was killed by a shotgun. The shot was retrieved from the carcass to aid further police investigation. Read [here](#) (in Danish).



Calls & activities



Raptor Camp & Training Day in Malta

Join BirdLife Malta at Salina Nature Reserve on 3rd September at 9:00–13:30 to learn more about the birds that migrate through Malta, and how you can help prevent these beautiful birds from meeting a premature end to their journey. By joining for this training and volunteering in [BL Malta's Raptor Camp](#), you can actively make a difference for these birds. Registration is open [here](#).

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