



## Wildlife Crime Newsletter - Special Edition

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# The Killing 3.0

New Report: Only 8 out of 46 countries on track to meet anti-poaching pledge by 2030

## **New IKB report reveals most countries failing to tackle IKB**

Partner organizations of BirdLife International and EuroNatur have just launched ***The Killing 3.0*** report, a major new assessment of progress toward halving illegal bird killing (IKB) by 2030, as pledged by CMS MIKT and Bern Convention country governments under the Rome Strategic Plan. Released during the Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points (SFPs) on IKB, and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) (12–16 May) in Bonn, Germany, the report delivers a stark warning: only 8 out of 46 countries assessed are on track to reach this min. 50% reduction target by 2030, with millions of birds still illegally shot, trapped, or poisoned every year.

Based on input from national experts, the report features overarching findings, country-specific annexes for the Mediterranean, and clear recommendations for urgent action. With just five years left to meet the 2030 target, governments must act now to avoid irreversible damage to bird populations.

 **Read the full article and access the report [here](#)**



## JOINT MEETING

***Bern Convention Network of Special Focal  
Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing,  
Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds  
&  
CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal  
Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds  
in the Mediterranean***



### **International Policy Updates: MIKT6**

#### **Mediterranean and Europe**

The Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points (SFPs) on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping, and Trade in Wild Birds, and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) took place from 13-15 May 2025 at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany. The meeting was held in a hybrid

format and brought together over 30 countries and more than 15 observers to assess progress and strategize on combating the IKB in the region.

Outcomes:

- MIKT agreed to support a new survey on motivations behind illegal killing of birds
- Spain and the UK shared inspiring examples of how dedicated enforcement units are making a real difference in the fight against IKB
- Montenegro has just adopted a National Action Plan on IKB, with progress in Croatia, and Albania has launched its National Action Plan against Poisoning.
- BirdLife International and EuroNatur shared their latest assessment ***The Killing 3.0*** – highlighting both successes and ongoing challenges across the Mediterranean and Europe
- Representatives reaffirmed their commitment to eradicating IKB, stressing the need for even stronger action – especially in monitoring, enforcement, and tackling persecution.

For more information please check the resources below:

- Click [here](#) for the webpage of the event and find the meeting documents at the bottom of the page
- [Fact Sheet](#) on Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds - Challenges and Solutions
- [Fact Sheet](#) on the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

**South-West Asia**

The 1st Meeting of the South-West Asia Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force is being held on 20-21 May 2025 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Task Force facilitates regional cooperation to combat illegal killing and taking of migratory birds. It aims to bring together representatives of all range states (Bahrain, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen) and observers.

