

# CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

## BIENNIAL REPORT

(Excluding birds data to be submitted by the European Union)  
2003 -2004

(Article 9.2)

Report presented by the delegation of the

United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland

Compiled by Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs December 2005

## **CONTENTS**

### 1. Summary Tables

- 1.1. Exceptions concerning strictly protected species of flora (Appendix I)
- 1.2. Exceptions concerning strictly protected species of fauna (Appendix II)
- 1.3. Exceptions concerning protected species of fauna (Appendix III)
- 1.4. Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV

### ENGLAND

#### 2. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 2.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix II
- 2.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix III
- 2.3. Exceptions concerning Appendix IV

#### 3. English Nature

- 3.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix I
- 3.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix II

### SCOTLAND

#### 4. Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department – Countryside and Natural Heritage Unit

- 4.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix II
- 4.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix III

#### 5. Scottish Natural Heritage

- 5.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix I
- 5.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix II
- 5.3. Exceptions concerning Appendix III

## WALES

- 6. National Assembly for Wales
  - 6.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix IV
- 7. Countryside Council for Wales/Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru
  - 7.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix I
  - 7.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix II
  - 7.3. Exceptions concerning Appendix III

## NORTHERN IRELAND

- 8. Environment and Heritage Service (Northern Ireland)
  - 8.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix II

## ISLE OF MAN

- 9. Isle of Man Government
  - 9.1. Exceptions concerning Appendix II
  - 9.2. Exceptions concerning Appendix III
  - 9.3. Exceptions concerning Appendix IV

## 1. Summary Table

### 1.1 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)

Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)				
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of Specimens (when practical)	Reason for issuing licenses	Impact on population
Early gentian dune ( <i>Gentanella uliginosa</i> )	1	15 plants/seed capsules	A	Nil
Early Gentian ( <i>Gentianella anglica</i> )	4		A	Nil
Fen Orchid ( <i>Liparis loeselii</i> )	1	3/Seed Pods	A	Nil
Floating Water Plantain ( <i>Luronium natans</i> )	30	16	A	Nil
Killarney Fern ( <i>Trichomoanes sepciosum</i> )	2	No restrictions	A	Nil
Lady's-slipper ( <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> )	1		A	Nil
Marsh Saxifrage ( <i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> )	1		A	Nil
Orchid Fern ( <i>Liparis loeselii</i> )	1	10 leaves and seed capsules	A	Nil
Rigid Apple Moss ( <i>Bartrania stricta</i> )	1	60 stems	A	Nil
Shore dock ( <i>Rumex rupestris</i> )	1	50 seeds & 5 leaves	A	Nil
Slender Green Feather Moss ( <i>Hamatocaulis vernicosus</i> )	4	No restrictions	A	Nil

Slender Naiad ( <i>Najas flexilis</i> )	9		A	Nil
---	---	--	---	-----

- A - for research, education, repopulation or reintroduction
- B - for exploitation
- C - for other overriding public interest (specify)

1.2 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Barbastelle Bat (Barbastella barbastellus)	21	34	c	IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets; Cone trap; As appropriate	Nil
Bats (All Species) (Chiroptera)	1345	1080	c & d	I & IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap; As appropriate; Observation; By hand from bat boxes; Camera with flash; Artificial light	Nil
Bats (Microchiroptera)	8		c, d, f	III & IV	take by hand or static net, immediate release	Nil
Bats (Myotis)	117	-	c & d	I & IV	hand, static hand-held net	Nil
Bechstein's Bat (Myotis Bechsteini)	6	380	b, c & d	III & IV	Hand and static hand-held net	Nil
Birds (Aves)	2		c & d	IV	nets, light, tape recording	Nil
Bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus)	2	-	d	I	-	Nil
Brandt's Bat (Myotis brandti)	27	2,950	b, c & d	III & IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap	Nil

Brown Long eared Bat (Plecotus austriacus)	213	5540	b, c & d	III & IV	Camera; Hand & static hand-held net; As appropriate	Nil
Chough (Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax)	1		d	IV	N/A	Nil
Common Otter (Lutra lutra)	15		d	IV	Observation; Camera	Nil
Common porpoise (Phocoena phocoena)	2	-	d	I	-	Nil
Daubenton's Bat (Myotis daubentoni)	41	3,640	b, c & d	III & IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap	Nil
Dolphin (Catacea)	6	-----	d	I & IV	-----	Nil
Dormouse (Muscardinus avellanarius)	537	350	c & d	III & IV	Hand; Observation	Nil
Fauna	2		c, d, f	I & IV	-	Nil
Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus)	2018	8/500 larvae, 70,786	b, c & d	I, III & IV	Fencing & pitfall traps; Hand, net & bottle traps; Torch; Observation; Pond net; Artificial egg laying substrate; By artificial refuge; Hand held tools & machinery; Artificial light; As appropriate	Nil
Greater Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus Ferrumequinum)	27	1135	b, c & d	I, III & IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets; As appropriate	Nil
Grey long eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	27	1,605	b, c & d	III & IV	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Killer Whale (Orcinus Orca)	2	-	c & d	i, iv		Nil
Large Blue Butterfly	1		c	IV	Hand & net	Nil

(Maculinea arion)						
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus hipposideros)	46	13+2535	b, c & d	III & IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap	Nil
Marsh fritillary butterfly (Eurodrya aurinia)	1	-----	c & d	I & IV	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Mountain hare (Lepus timidus)	2	-	c & d	i	free-running snare	Nil
Nathusius pipistrelle bat (Pipistrellus nathusii)	7	340	b, c & d	iii	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Natterer's Bat (Myotis nattereri)	20	2570	b, c & d	III & IV	Capture. Hand and static hand-held net	Nil
Natterjack Toad (Bufo calamita)	61	468	b, c & d	I, III & IV	Camera with flash; Hand & net; Observation; Hand; Torch	Nil
Noctule Bat (Nyctalus noctula)	7	810	b, c & d	III & IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp, funnel, cone traps and mist nets.	Nil
Otter (Lutra lutra)	4	14	b & d	I, II, III & IV	trap & relocate	Nil
Pine Marten (Martes martes)	2	-	d	I	-	Nil
Pipistrelle Bat (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	21	1280	c	IV	By hand from bat boxes; Artificial light; Funnel or cone trap; Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets	Nil
Pollan (Coregonus albula)	1	-	c & d	i	gill-netting	Nil
Risso's Dolphin (Grampus griseus)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil

Sand Lizard ( <i>Lacerta agilis</i> )	41	174	b, c & d	I, III & IV	Observation; As appropriate; Hand	Nil
Serotine Bat ( <i>Eptesicus serotinus</i> )	2	380	b, c & d	iii	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Smooth Snake ( <i>Coronella austriaca</i> )	16	142	c & d	III & IV	Appropriate net or trap; Observation; Hand	Nil
Soprano pipistrelle ( <i>Pipistrelle pygmaeus</i> )	114	4,260	b, c & d	iii	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Southern Damselfly ( <i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i> )	2	-----	d	iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Whales (all species)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Whiskered Bat ( <i>Myotis mystacinus</i> )	25	680	b, c & d	iii	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Wild cat ( <i>Felis sylvestris</i> )	3	-	d	i	-	Nil

- a deliberate killing
- b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
- c deliberate capture and keeping
- d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
- e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
- f possession and internal trade

- i the protection of flora and fauna
- ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
- iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (please specify)
- iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding.
- v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers
- vi falconry (dealt with separately)

### 1.3 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Adder ( <i>Vipera berus</i> )	3 licences for sale of 13 specimens
Allis shad ( <i>Alosa alosa</i> )	1 licences to take and temporary posses for scientific research, all released at site of capture.
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	Taking and killing 4,443 individuals to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis in the interests of public health and safety, to prevent serious damage to livestock and research. 83 licences to damage or destroy setts or disturb badgers occupying setts during development. 5 licences issued to undertake investigation. 1 licence to interfere with a sett for agricultural operations.45 licenses issued to disturb and interfere with setts for conservation and development
Birds ( <i>Aves</i> ) (Isle of Man)	2 licences to disturb, take by humane methods including netting
Common frog ( <i>Rana temporaria</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Common Shrew ( <i>Sorex araneus</i> )	16 - take by longworth trap, trip trap, snap trap and live cage trap
Common Toad ( <i>Bufo bufo</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Crayfish ( <i>Potamobius pallipes</i> )	6 licences to disturb and take by hand for scientific research, some held in temporary captivity but released at site of capture.
Dormouse ( <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i> )	81 licences to take dormice by hand or trap for scientific research and recording. Immediate release.
Fauna	2 licence for possession for scientific/educational purposes
Feral greylag/domestic geese ( <i>Anser anser</i> ), feral Canada geese ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )	1 licence to adle or pin eggs to control ferals. 7 licences to shoot ferals. General licence to kill/take between 1 Sep and 28 Feb to prevent serious damage to crops
Feral pigeons ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	General licence to kill/take and destroy nests/eggs to preserve public health or public safety. Exclusion from kennels during nesting to prevent spread of disease
Freshwater Pearl Mussel ( <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> )	7 licences to take and posses whole or parts of derivatives for scientific research. 47 licenses issue to disturb and take by hand

Gwyniad ( <i>Coregonus laveratus</i> )	1 - take by gill-netting
Hedgehog ( <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> )	4 - take by spotlight and baited traps
Lesser white-toothed shrew ( <i>Crocidura suaveolens</i> )	7 - take by longworth live trap
Medicinal Leech ( <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> )	3 licences for identification
Mountain Hare ( <i>Lepus timidus</i> )	2 - take by free-running snare
Palmate Newt ( <i>Triturus helveticus</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Pine Marten ( <i>Martes martes</i> )	8 licences for trapping and marking/recording
Pine marten ( <i>Martes martes</i> )	3 licences for sale of 3 specimens
Pipistrelle ( <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> )	1 licences for sale of 2 dead specimens. 101 licences for deliberate disturbance. 2 licenses issued to disturb and take by hand or static hand-held net
Polecat ( <i>Mustela putorius</i> )	3 licences for trapping and marking/recording
Pygmy Shrew ( <i>Sorex minutus</i> )	14 - take by longworth live trap and trip trap
Red Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> )	32 licences for sale of 52 specimens. 11 licences for trapping and marking/recording
Shrews ( <i>Soricidae</i> )	10 licences to take by hand or trap for scientific research and recording. Immediate release
Smooth Newt ( <i>Triturus vulgaris</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Twaite shad ( <i>Alosa fallax</i> )	2 licences to take and temporary posses for scientific research. All released at site of capture
Viviparous lizard ( <i>Lacerta vivipara</i> )	1 licence to disturb, take, or to possess prior to translocation
Water Shrew ( <i>Neomys fodiens</i> )	11 - take by longworth live trap
Whitefish ( <i>Coregonus laveratus</i> )	3 licences to take and posses whole or parts of derivatives for scientific research

1.4 Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV

<b>Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV</b>					
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of species	Reason	Method used	Impact on population
Dormouse (Muscardinus Avellanarius)	8	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	disturb habitat	Nil
Badger (Meles meles)	9	91	Serious damage and prevention of spread of disease	Trap, release and sometimes kill	Nil
Bats (Unknown species)	0	228	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Brown Long-Eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	12	2	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Damage roost and Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Common Otter (Lutra lutra)	16	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	disturb habitat	Nil
Edible Dormouse (Glis glis)	15	1074	Public health and safety	Live trap and humane killing	Nil
Evening and Vesper Bats (Vespertilionidae)	6	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	destroy roost	Nil
Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus)	47	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Trapping, translocation & exclusion fencing	Nil
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinoceros hipposideros)	2	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	destroy roost	Nil

Noctule Bat (Nyctalus Noctula)	0	2	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	35	14	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Damage roost and Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil

## **ENGLAND**

### **2. Licences issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

#### 2.1 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Bechsteins Bat (Myotis bechsteinii)	4	180	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Brandt's Bat (Myotis brandti)	20	2,150	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Brown Long-eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	207	5,435	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Daubenton's Bat (Myotis daubentoni)	30	2,440	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Dormouse (Muscardinus avellanarius)	6	330	d	III	N/A	Nil
Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus)	297	70,400	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand, refugia, netting, bottle trap and pitfall trap	Nil
Greater Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus ferrumequinum)	18	1,115	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Grey long eared Bat (Plecotus	26	1,600	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil

auritus)						
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus hipposiderus)	39	2,535	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Nathusius pipistrelle bat (Pipistrellus nathusii)	7	340	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Natterers Bat (Myotis nattereri)	18	2,570	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Natterjack Toad (Bufo calamita)	5	450	b, c & d	III	Capture. Artificial egg laying substrate, hand, net, torch,	Nil
Noctule Bat (Nyctalus noctula)	4	810	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Otter (Lutra lutra)	4	14	d	III	N/A	
Sand Lizard (Lacerta agilis)	4	174	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and noose	Nil
Serotine Bat (Eptesicus serotinus)	2	380	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Smooth Snake (Coronella austriaca)	2	140	d	III	N/A	Nil
Soprano pipistrelle (Pipistrelle pygmaeus)	114	4,260	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil
Whiskered Bat (Myotis mystacinus)	25	680	b, c & d	III	Capture. Hand and static hand held net	Nil

- a deliberate killing
- b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
- c deliberate capture and keeping
- d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
- e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
- f possession and internal trade

- i the protection of flora and fauna
- ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
- iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (please specify)
- iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding
- v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, the keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers
- vi falconry (dealt with separately)

## 2.2 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Adder ( <i>Vipera berus</i> )	3 licences for sale of 13 specimens
Common frog ( <i>Rana temporaria</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Common Toad ( <i>Bufo bufo</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Palmate Newt ( <i>Triturus helveticus</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Smooth Newt ( <i>Triturus vulgaris</i> )	1 general licence for sale
Pipistrelle ( <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> )	1 licences for sale of 2 dead specimens
Pipistrelle ( <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> )	101 licences for deliberate disturbance
Pine marten ( <i>Martes martes</i> )	3 licences for sale of 3 specimens
Red Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> )	32 licences for sale of 52 specimens
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	Taking and killing 4,443 individuals to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis in the interests of public health and safety, to prevent serious damage to livestock and research

2.3 Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified (Appendix IV).

<b>Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV</b>					
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of species	Reason	Method used	Impact on population
Badger (Meles meles)	2	10	Serious damage	Trap and release	Nil
Badger (Meles meles)	7	81	Prevent spread of disease	Kill	Nil
Bats (Unknown species)	0	228	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Brown Long-Eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	0	2	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Edible Dormouse (Glis glis)	15	1074	Public health and safety	Live trap and humane killing	Control numbers of non-native species
Noctule Bat (Nyctalus Noctula)	0	2	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil
Pipistrell (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	0	14	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Euthanased under Animal Health Act	Nil

### 3. Licences issued by English Nature

#### 3.1 Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)

Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of Specimens (when practical)	Reason for issuing licenses	Impact on population
Early Gentian ( <i>Gentianella anglica</i> )	4		A	Nil
Fen Orchid ( <i>Liparis loeselii</i> )	1	3/Seed Pods	A	Nil
Floating Water Plantain ( <i>Luronium natans</i> )	17	6	A	Nil
Lady's slipper ( <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> )	1		A	Nil

- A - for research, education, repopulation or reintroduction
- B - for exploitation
- C - for other overriding public interest (specify)

### 3.2 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Barbastelle Bat ( <i>Barbastella barbastellus</i> )	21	34	c	IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets; As appropriate;	Nil
Bats (All Species) (Chiroptera)	1,103	1,080	c & d	I & IV	By hand from bat boxes; Observation; Camera with flash; Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap; Artificial light	Nil
Bechstein's Bat ( <i>Myotis Bechsteini</i> )	2	200	c	IV	Hand and static hand-held net	Nil
Brandt's Bat ( <i>Myotis brandti</i> )	7	800	c	IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap	Nil
Brown Long eared Bat ( <i>Plecotus austriacus</i> )	6	105	c & d	IV	Camera; Hand & static hand-held net; As appropriate	Nil
Common Otter ( <i>Lutra lutra</i> )	15		d	IV	Observation; Camera	Nil
Daubenton's Bat ( <i>Myotis daubentoni</i> )	11	1,200	c & d	IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap	Nil
Dormouse ( <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i> )	531	20	c & d	IV	Hand; Observation	Nil
Great Crested Newt ( <i>Triturus cristatus</i> )	1,349	386 & 8/500 larvae	c & d	I & IV	Fencing & pitfall traps; Hand, net & bottle traps; Torch; Observation; Pond net;	Nil

					Artificial egg laying substrate; By artificial refuge; Hand held tools & machinery; Artificial light; As appropriate	
Greater Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus Ferrumequinum)	9	20	c & d	IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets	Nil
Grey Long-Eared Bat (Plecotus austriacus)	1	5	c	IV	Hand	Nil
Large Blue Butterfly (Maculinea arion)	1		c	IV	Hand & net	Nil
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus hipposideros)	7	13	c	IV	Hand, static hand/mist net, harp/cone/funnel trap; Observation	Nil
Natterer's Bat (Myotis nattereri)	2		c	IV	Hand and static hand-held net	Nil
Natterjack Toad (Bufo calamita)	22	18	c & d	I & IV	Camera with flash; Hand & net; Observation; Hand; Torch	Nil
Noctule Bat (Nyctalus noctula)	3		c	IV	Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets; Funnel or cone trap	Nil
Pipistrelle Bat (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	21	1,280	c	IV	By hand from bat boxes; Artificial light; Funnel or cone trap; Hand, static hand-held net, harp traps and mist nets	Nil
Sand Lizard (Lacerta agilis)	32		c & d	IV	Observation; As appropriate; Hand; Hand and nylon noose	Nil

Smooth Snake ( <i>Coronella austriaca</i> )	14	2	c & d	IV	Appropriate net or trap; Observation; Hand; Camera	Nil
--	----	---	-------	----	---	-----

- a deliberate killing
- b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
- c deliberate capture and keeping
- d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
- e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
- f possession and internal trade

- i the protection of flora and fauna
- ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
- iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)
- iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding
- v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers
- vi falconry (dealt with separately)

## **SCOTLAND**

### **4. Licences issued by the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs**

#### 4.1 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Otter ( <i>Lutra lutra</i> )	1	1	d	ii	trap & relocate	Nil

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| a deliberate killing   | i the protection of flora and fauna  |
| b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites | ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property  |
| c deliberate capture and keeping                                   | iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)   |
| d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna                             | iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding  |
| e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs                         | v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers |
| f possession and internal trade                                    | vi falconry (dealt with separately)  |

4.2 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Badger (Meles meles)	1 licence to interfere with a sett for agricultural operations.

## 5. Licences issued by Scottish Natural Heritage

### 5.1 Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)

<b>Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)</b>				
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of Specimens (when practical)	Reason for issuing licenses	Impact on population
Marsh Saxifrage ( <i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> )	1		A	Nil
Slender Naiad ( <i>Najas flexilis</i> )	9		A	Nil
Floating Water Plantain ( <i>Luronium natans</i> )	1	10	A	Nil

- A - for research, education, repopulation or reintroduction
- B - for exploitation
- C - for other overriding public interest (specify)

## 5.2 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Bats (Myotis)	117	-	c & d	i & iv	hand, static hand-held net	Nil
Natterjack Toad (Bufo calamita)	16	-	c & d	i & iv	hand, static hand-held net, funnel trap	Nil
Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus)	55	-	c & d	i & iv	bottle trap, hand, static hand-held net, spotlight, funnel trap	Nil
Killer Whale (Orcinus Orca)	2	-	c & d	i & iv	-	Nil
Otter (Lutra lutra)	4	-	d	i	-	Nil
Risso's Dolphin (Grampus griseus)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Pine Marten (Martes Martes)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Wild cat (Felis sylvestris)	3	-	d	i	-	Nil
Common porpoise (Phocoena phocoena)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Dolphins (all species)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Whales (all species)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus)	2	-	d	i	-	Nil
Pollan (Coregonus albula)	1	-	c & d	i	gill-netting	Nil
Mountain hare	2	-	c & d	I	Free-running snare	Nil

(Lepus timidus)						
-----------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

- a deliberate killing
  - b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
  - c deliberate capture and keeping
  - d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
  - e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
  - f possession and internal trade
- i the protection of flora and fauna
  - ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
  - iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)
  - iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding
  - v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers
  - vi falconry (dealt with separately)

### 5.3 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Pipistrelle ( <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> )	2 - disturb and take by hand or static hand-held net
Hedgehog ( <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> )	4 - take by spotlight and baited traps
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	45 - Disturb and interfere with setts for conservation and development
Common Shrew ( <i>Sorex araneus</i> )	16 - take by longworth trap, trip trap, snap trap and live cage trap
Lesser white-toothed shrew ( <i>Crocidura suaveolens</i> )	7 - take by longworth live trap
Pygmy Shrew ( <i>Sorex minutus</i> )	14 - take by longworth live trap and trip trap
Water Shrew ( <i>Neomys fodiens</i> )	11 - take by longworth live trap
Gwyniad ( <i>Coregonus laveratus</i> )	1 - take by gill-netting
Mountain Hare ( <i>Lepus timidus</i> )	2 - take by free-running snare
Freshwater Pearl Mussel ( <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> )	47 - to disturb and take by hand

## WALES

### 6. Licences issued by the National Assembly for Wales

#### 6.1 Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified (Appendix IV)

<b>Exceptions concerning the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV</b>					
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of species	Reason	Method used	Impact on population
Great Crested Newt (Triturus cristatus)	47	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Trapping, translocation & exclusion fencing	Nil
Evening and Vesper Bats (Vespertilionidae)	6	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	destroy roost	Nil
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinoceros hipposideros)	2	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	destroy roost	Nil
Brown Long-Eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	12	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	Damage roost	Nil
Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	35	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	damage roost	Nil
Common Otter (Lutra lutra)	16	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	disturb habitat	Nil

Dormouse (Muscardinus Avellanarius)	8	0	Public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interest	disturb habitat	Nil
---	---	---	--	-----------------	-----

## 7. Licences issued by Countryside for Wales/ Cyngor Gwlad Cymru

### 7.1 Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)

<b>Exception concerning Strictly Protected Flora Species (Appendix I)</b>				
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of Specimens (when practical)	Reason for issuing licenses	Impact on population
Killarney Fern ( <i>Trichomoanes sepciosum</i> )	2	No restrictions	A	Nil
Floating Water Plantain ( <i>Luronium Natans</i> )	12	No restrictions	A	Nil
Rigid Apple Moss ( <i>Bartrania stricta</i> )	1	60 stems	A	Nil
Slender Green Feather Moss ( <i>Hamatocaulis vernicosus</i> )	4	No restrictions	A	Nil
Early gential dune ( <i>Gentanella uliginosa</i> )	1	15 plants/seed capsules	A	Nil
Orchid Fern ( <i>Liparis loeselii</i> )	1	10 leaves and seed capsules	A	Nil
Shore dock ( <i>Rumex rupestris</i> )	1	50 seeds & 5 leaves	A	Nil

- A - for research, education, repopulation or reintroduction
- B - for exploitation
- C - for other overriding public interest (specify)

## 7.2 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Otter ( <i>Lutra lutra</i> )	54	-	b & d	iv	-	Nil
Bats All Species (chiroptera)	242	-	c & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Natterjack Toads ( <i>Bufo calamita</i> )	18	-	b & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Sand Lizard ( <i>Lacerta agilis</i> )	5	-	c & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Sand Lizard ( <i>Lacerta agilis</i> )	1	-	b & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Great crested newts ( <i>Tristatus cristatus</i> )	248	-	c & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Great crested newts ( <i>Tristatus cristatus</i> )	69	-	b, c & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Dolphin (Cetacea)	4	-	d	iv	-	Nil
Marsh fritillary butterfly ( <i>Eurodrya aurinia</i> )	6	-	d	iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil
Marsh fritillary butterfly ( <i>eurodrya</i> )	1	-	c & d	i & iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil

aurinia)						
Southern Damselfly (Coenagrion mercuriale)	2	-	d	iv	Hand, net or approved trap	Nil

- a deliberate killing
- b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
- c deliberate capture and keeping
- d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
- e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
- f possession and internal trade

- i the protection of flora and fauna
- ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
- iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)
- iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding
- v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers
- vi falconry (dealt with separately)

### 7.3 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Medicinal Leech ( <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> )	3 licences for identification
Red Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> )	11 licences for trapping and marking/recording
Pine Marten ( <i>Martes martes</i> )	8 licences for trapping and marking/recording
Dormouse ( <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i> )	81 licences to take dormice by hand or trap for scientific research and recording. Immediate release.
Crayfish ( <i>Potamobius pallipes</i> )	6 licences to disturb and take by hand for scientific research. Some held in temporary captivity but released at site of capture.
Freshwater Pearl Mussel ( <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> )	5 licences to take and temporarily possess for scientific research. All released at site of capture.
Freshwater Pearl Mussel ( <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> )	2 licences to take and possess whole or parts of derivatives for scientific research
Whitefish ( <i>Coregonus laveratus</i> )	3 licences to take and possess whole or parts of derivatives for scientific research
Allis shad ( <i>Alosa alosa</i> )	1 licence to take and temporarily possess for scientific research. All released at site of capture
Twaite shad ( <i>Alosa fallax</i> )	2 licences to take and temporarily possess for scientific research. All released at site of capture
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	83 licences to damage or destroy setts or disturb badgers occupying setts during development
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	5 licences issued to undertake investigation
Shrews ( <i>Soricidae</i> )	8 licences to take by hand or trap for scientific research and recording. Immediate release
Shrews ( <i>Soricidae</i> )	2 licences to take and kill for scientific research
Polecat ( <i>Mustela putorius</i> )	3 licences for trapping and marking/recording

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### 8. Licences issued by the Environment and Heritage Services

#### 8.1 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Method of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Pipistrelle Bat (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)	2		b	iii	N/A	Nil
Pipistrelle Bat (P. pipistrellus P. nathusii P. pymaeus)	4		c	iv	Mist Nets Harp traps	Nil
Leislars Bat (Nyactalus leisleri)	2		c	iv	Mist Nets Harp traps Hand	Nil
Bats (All Species)	24		c & d	iv	Hand, Hand Nets	Nil
Eurasian Otter (Lutra lutra)	1		b	iii	N/A	Nil

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| a deliberate killing   | i the protection of flora and fauna  |
| b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites | ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property  |
| c deliberate capture and keeping                                   | iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)   |
| d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna                             | iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding  |
| e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs                         | v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers |
| f possession and internal trade                                    | vi falconry (dealt with separately)  |

## **ISLE OF MAN**

The Isle of Man is covered by the United Kingdom's ratification of the Vern Convention but is not part of the European Union. The tables below therefore includes data supplied by the Isle of Man for derogations and licences concerning avian species

### **9. Licences issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Isle of Man Government**

#### 9.1 Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)

<b>Exceptions concerning Strictly Protected Fauna Species (Appendix II)</b>						
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Number of licenses	Number of individuals (when practical)	Action Permitted (a to f)	Reason (I to V)	Measure of Killing or Capture	Impact on population
Bats (Microchiroptera)	5		c, d, f	iv	take by hand or static net, immediate release	None
Bats (Microchiroptera)	3		d	iii	N/A	None
Birds (Aves)	2		c, d	iv	nets, light, tape recording	None
Fauna	2		c, d, f	i, iv	-	None
Chough (Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax)	1		d	iv	N/A	None

- a deliberate killing
- b deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites
- c deliberate capture and keeping
- d deliberate disturbance of wild fauna
- e deliberate destruction or taking of eggs
- f possession and internal trade

- i the protection of flora and fauna
- ii to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property
- iii In the interest of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding interests (please specify)
- iv for the purpose of research and education, of repopulation, of reintroduction and for the necessary breeding
- v to permit, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers

vi falconry (dealt with separately)

## 9.2 Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)

<b>Exception concerning Protected Fauna Species (Appendix III)</b>	
Name of the Species (Common/Latin)	Exceptions made
Viviparous lizard ( <i>Lacerta vivipara</i> )	1 licence to disturb, take, or to possess prior to translocation
Birds (Aves)	2 licences to disturb, take by humane methods including netting
Fauna	1 licence for possession for scientific/educational purposes
Feral greylag/domestic geese ( <i>Anser anser</i> ), feral Canada geese ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )	1 licence to adle or pin eggs to control ferals
Feral greylag/domestic geese ( <i>Anser anser</i> ), feral Canada geese ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )	7 licences to shoot ferals
Feral pigeons ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	Exclusion from kennels during nesting to prevent spread of disease
Fauna	Disturbance for scientific/conservation reasons
Feral pigeons ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	General licence to kill/take and destroy nests/eggs to preserve public health or public safety.
Feral pigeons ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	General licence to take by cage trap or net to preserve public health
Feral greylag/domestic geese ( <i>Anser anser</i> ), feral Canada geese ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )	General licence to kill/take between 1 Sep and 28 Feb to prevent serious damage to crops

### 9.3 Exception concerning falconry

Name of Species	Number of Birds in captivity after entry into force of the convention	Estimated population in the wild in IOM	Number of birds captured from the wild each year	Number of birds imported (specify the country of origin)	Means authorised for capture	Controls involved
Barn owl ( <i>Tyto alba</i> )	14	-	2	-	-	-
Buzzard ( <i>Buteo buteo</i> )	1	-	0	-	-	-
Lanner falcon ( <i>Falco biarmicus</i> )	1	-	0	-	-	-
Goshawk ( <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> )	2	-	0	1 UK	-	-
Peregrine ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	6	-	5	-	-	-
Eagle Owl ( <i>Bubo bubo</i> )	6	-	0	-	-	-
Kestrel ( <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> )	3	-	2	-	-	-
Hen harrier ( <i>Circus cyaneus</i> )	2	-	2	-	-	-
Harris hawk ( <i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i> )	2	-	0	-	-	-
Bengal eagle owl ( <i>Bubo bengalensis</i> )	1	-	0	-	-	-
Gyr/sakerxgyr ( <i>Falco rusticolus</i> / <i>F.cherrug</i> )	2	-	0	2 UK	-	-
Merlin ( <i>Falco columbarius</i> )	0	-	0	-	-	-
Great horned owl ( <i>Bubo virginianus</i> )	2	-	0	-	-	-

Little owl ( <i>Athene noctua</i> )	1	-	0	-	-	-
Long-eared owl ( <i>Asio otus</i> )	2	-	0	-	-	-
Spectacled owl ( <i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i> )	2	-	0	-	-	-