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Article 9 to the Bern Convention permits exceptions from the obligations accepted by Contracting Parties in pursuance of Articles 4 to 8. The possibility of derogating from the mentioned articles of the Convention is subject to two very clearly defined general conditions, and some non cumulative specific reasons, listed exhaustively in Article 9.

The two general conditions that must be met are:

- a. that there is no other satisfactory solution; and
- b. that the exception will not be detrimental to the survival of the population concerned.

These two conditions are mandatory and cumulative.

The specific reasons for which the exceptions may be granted are the following:

- i. for 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 interests of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (please, specify);
- iv. for the purposes 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 (falconry is dealt with separately)

These specific reasons are mandatory and non cumulative.

According to Article 9§2, Contracting Parties shall report every two years to the Standing Committee on the exceptions made. The reports must specify:

- a. the populations which are or have been subject to the exceptions and, when practical, the number of specimens involved;
- b. the means authorised for the killing or capture;
- c. the conditions of risk and the circumstances of time and place under which such exceptions were granted;
- d. the authority empowered to declare that these conditions have been fulfilled, and to take decisions in respect of the means that may be used, their limits and the persons instructed to carry them out;
- e. the controls involved.

Respondent details

Country
> LATVIA

Entity
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EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING STRICTLY PROTECTED FLORA SPECIES (ART. 5 - APPENDIX I)

PTERIDOPHYTA

MARSILIEACEAE

Marsilea batardae

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING STRICTLY PROTECTED FAUNA SPECIES (ART. 6 - APPENDIX II)

Article 6 of the Convention prohibits the following:

- a) all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;
- b) the deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites;
- c) the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;
- d) the deliberate destruction or taking of eggs from the wild or keeping these eggs even if empty;
- e) the possession of and internal trade in these animals, alive or dead, including stuffed animals and any readily recognisable part or derivative thereof, (where this would contribute to the effectiveness of the provisions of this article).

Vertebrates

AMPHIBIANS > CAUDATA

Salamandridae

Triturus cristatus

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

- The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 4

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

- all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

- iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-04-08

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> Control by Nature Conservation Agency

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

- other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> taking by hands

AMPHIBIANS > ANURA

Bombinatoridae

Bombina bombina

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 10

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> No negative impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> Daugavpils District

2014-04-28

2014-10-11

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> Control by Nature Conservation Agency

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> Taking by hands

Hylidae

Hyla arborea

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 2

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No negative impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-04-08

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> Control by Nature Conservation Agency

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> Taking by hands

REPTILES > OPHIDIA (SERPENTES)

Colubridae

Coronella austriaca

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 10

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> No negative impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> Kemer National Park

2014-04-28

2014-10-10

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> Control by Nature Conservation Agency

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> Taking by hands

BIRDS > CICONIIFORMES

Ciconiidae

All species of Ciconiidae (Ciconia ciconia)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 25

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites;

No. of licences

> 4

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> Removal of nests from living house chimney, removal of nests from damaged trees, removal of nests from power lines

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> Permit and control by Nature Protection Agency

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> Assessment before issue of permit

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Population is 105000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> removal of nest from chimney, damaged trees and power lines

BIRDS > FALCONIFORMES

Accipitridae

All species of Falconiformes (Haliaeetus albicilla)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 2

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No impact, capture to equipped with telemetry transmitter

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 13-02-06

13-06-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> Control during taking and release

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Breeding pairs 40

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

BIRDS > PASSERIFORMES

Muscicapidae

All species of old subfamily Muscicapinae (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 200

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No impact. Capture to take blood samples and release

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> Taking by nets and release after taking of samples

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> control

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Population 40000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

Paridae

All species of Paridae (*Parus palustris*)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 40

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No impact. Capture and release of birds after taking of blood samples

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted

> 2013-05-30

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> control

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> 200000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

All species of Paridae (Parus montanus)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 40

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> no negative impact. Capture and release after taking of blood samples

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted

> 2013-05-30

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> control by Nature Protection Agency

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species
> 180000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

All species of Paridae (Parus cristatus)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 40

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> no negative impact. Capture and release of birds after taking of blood samples

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-05-30

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> control

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> 300000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

All species of Paridae (Parus major)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 40

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> no negative impact. Capture and release after taking of blood samples

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-05-11

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> control

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> 400000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

Fringillidae

Carduelis chloris

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 40

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No impact. Taking by net and release after taking of blood samples

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-05-30

2013-11-30

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Protection Agency

The controls involved

> control

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> 300000 breeding pairs

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

Invertebrates

ARTHROPODA > INSECTA

Coleoptera

Cucujus cinnaberinus

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 4

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 1

Reasons for issuing of licences (art. 9, i. to v.)

iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> No negative impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted

> 2013-06-28

2013-12-01

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature Conservation Agency

The controls involved

> Control by Nature Conservation Agency

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

other means capable of causing local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of a species

Please specify

> Taking by hands

