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24 - 25 February 2015: Wild-bird crimes under the spotlight of Bern Convention's Experts

One year after the adoption by the 51 Parties to the Bern Convention of a dedicated Action Plan against Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild Birds, the Network of Special Focal Points for bird-crimes set-up under the Convention meets in Madrid to check progress towards the enforcement of the Zero Tolerance approach.

Strasbourg, 16 February 2015 – Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds in Europe is a serious conservation threat to some already endangered species. Illegal mist-netting, lime-sticking, tape-luring and automatic illegal shotgun hunting are used to maximise the numbers of birds killed resulting in an industry worth over 10 million Euros per year¹.

At the invitation of SEO BirdLife, the recently established Network of Special Focal Points (SFP) for Illegal killing of birds will hold its second meeting on 24-25 February 2015 in Madrid, Spain. The Special Focal Points will review the implementation of the [Tunis Action Plan 2020](#) by parties to the Bern Convention, and prepare work for 2015. Through dedicated working groups, participants will address issues such as the setting-up of mechanisms for recording wildlife crime cases and statistical evidence, tools for estimating mortality due to illegal activities, and the standardisation of gravity factors for the elaboration of sentencing guidelines. Representatives of Parties (including the EU), NGOs, and prosecutors will attend the meeting which will also count with the participation of the INTERPOL, the CMS, and the CITES Convention.

More information:

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http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/Nature/Bern/Meeting_072011_en.asp

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<http://www.seo.org/2015/02/10/madrid-capital-internacional-contra-la-caza-ilegal-y-captura-de-aves/>

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