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Introduction

Legislation

Nature and landscape protection in the Czech Republic is ensured by the Act of the Czech National Council No. 114/1992 Coll., on the Nature and Landscape Protection, as amended. The Act is based on the approach that not only specially protected parts of nature should be conserved for the future but that it is also important to maintain basic natural processes in the landscape, stressing both diversity and stability of various biological systems. The species protection is covered by the Section 56 of the Act on the Nature and Landscape Protection. The provisions of the Section specify reasons and conditions for permitting the exemptions from prohibitions for the protected plant and animal species. The Section 5a of the Act is focused on the Protection of Wild Birds and lists activities prohibited in relation to wild birds protection and the Section 5b sets conditions under which the responsible authority can issue a derogation. This applies for all wild birds species in the Czech Republic. The last amendment of the Act was adopted in the year 2009 and therefore the Act has remained in full compliance with the Bern Convention since last reporting period (for more details on the legislation see the previous biennial reports).

The Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic No. 395/1992 Coll., as amended, aims the implementation of the above mentioned Act. The Annex of the Decree lists the specially protected species of wild fauna and flora into three categories: i) critically endangered; ii) severely endangered; iii) endangered species.

Data collection

At the 31st meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention the updated model form for biennial reports was adopted. Pursuant to the conclusions of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention the EU Member states are allowed to use reports elaborated according to the provisions of the Birds and Habitats Directives for the purposes of the biennial report under the Bern Convention in order to decrease reporting burden and streamline the reporting obligations. Therefore the report of the Czech Republic does not contain tables of exemptions concerning fauna and flora species which are reported under the Birds and Habitats Directives.

The data on the exemptions and derogations were gathered by the Ministry of the Environment from the competent nature protection authorities as follows:

- Administrations of the protected areas (Nature Conservation Agency) granting exemptions and derogation pursuant to the provision of the Section 5b within the area of Landscape Protected Areas and National Parks
- Regional nature protection authorities granting exemptions and derogation pursuant to the provision of the Section 5b within their administrative district

- Municipality nature protection authorities granting derogations pursuant to the provision of the Section 5b of the Act in their administrative district

Data concerning birds of prey and owls bred in captivity in period 2011 -2012 (Tab. 3. falconry) were obtained from the CITES Scientific Authority.

Data (Tab. 3) were collected from the Central CITES Register (official national electronic database) and also from Yearbooks of the Czech and Slovak zoological gardens. Data from CITES Register show number of CITES EC certificates issued for commercial purposes for birds bred in captivity according to art. 8 of Council Regulation no. 338/97 and do not reflect total number of specimens kept in captivity of bellow mentioned species. Due to imperfection in central evidence of all exemptions issued for breeding and also for keeping of injured and disabled birds from the wild by regional authorities the report does not contain complete data on total number of all specimens kept in captivity (wild incl. handicaps and captive bred).

Table 3. Exemptions concerning falconry (birds of prey and owls bred for commercial purposes or in zoos, data taken from the CITES Scientific Authority).

NAME OF SPECIES: *Accipiter gentilis*

Number of birds in captivity: 56

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 1800 - 2500 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Accipiter nisus*

Number of birds in captivity: 26

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 3500 – 4500 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Aegolius funereus*

Number of birds in captivity: 33

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 1500 – 2000 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Aquila heliaca*

Number of birds in captivity: 2

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 1-2 breeding pairs **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Aquila nipalensis*

Number of birds in captivity: 6

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Aquila chrysaetos*

Number of birds in captivity: 63

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity
0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair ** (2013 – one breeding pair originated from reintroduction).

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Aquila pomarina*

Number of birds in captivity: 1

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity
0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Asio otus*

6

Number of birds in captivity:

Origin of birds:

0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 4 000 – 8000 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Athene noctua*

Number of birds in captivity:

174

Origin of birds:

0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 250 – 500 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Bubo bubo*

Number of birds in captivity:

64

Origin of birds:

0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 600 – 900 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Buteo buteo*

Number of birds in captivity: 8

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 11 000 – 14 000 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Buteo rufinus*

Number of birds in captivity: 1

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Falco columbarius*

Number of birds in captivity: 6

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity
0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

NAME OF SPECIES: *Falco cherrug*

Number of birds in captivity: 170

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity
0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 8 – 15**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

NAME OF SPECIES: *Falco peregrinus*

Number of birds in captivity: 263

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity
0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 20 – 25**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

NAME OF SPECIES: *Falco tinnunculus*

Number of birds in captivity: 85

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 9 000 – 13 000 **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

NAME OF SPECIES: *Glaucidium passerinum*

Number of birds in captivity: 18

Origin of birds: 0 % captured from the wild in the
State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 1 200 – 2 000 **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Gypaetus barbatus*

Number of birds in captivity: 6

Origin of birds: 0 % captured from the wild in the
State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair **

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Gyps fulvus*

Number of birds in captivity: 5

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Haliaeetus albicilla*

Number of birds in captivity: 3

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 40 – 60 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Milvus migrans*

Number of birds in captivity: 4

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 40 – 60 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Milvus milvus*

Number of birds in captivity: 1

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 70 - 100 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Neophron percnocterus*

Number of birds in captivity: 1

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in
the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Nyctea scandiaca*

Number of birds in captivity: 49

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in the
State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds or imprints)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): no breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: none

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Otus scops*

Number of birds in captivity: 35

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in the
State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 0 – 4 breeding pair**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Strix aluco*

Number of birds in captivity: 27

Origin of birds: 0 %
captured
from the
wild in the
State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 10 000 – 18 000 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Strix uralensis*

Number of birds in captivity: 11

Origin of birds: 0 % captured from the wild in the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 25 – 40 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

NAME OF SPECIES: *Tyto alba*

Number of birds in captivity: 204

Origin of birds: 0 % captured from the wild in the State

100 % reared in captivity

0 % from the wild (injured or disabled birds)

Estimated population in the wild (in the State): 130 – 500 breeding pairs**

Number of birds captured from the wild each year: unknown

Means authorised for capture: The exemptions according to CITES regulation are issued by the regional nature conservation authorities

Controls involved: The controls of keepers are carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

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4. EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF MEANS OF CAPTURE AND KILLING SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX IV

Name of the species	No. of specimens (when practical)	No. of licences	Reasons (art. 8, a. to e.) ¹	Method used ²	Impact on the population

¹ A. Protection of flora and fauna

B. To prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property

C. In the interests of public health and safety / air safety / overriding public interests

D. For research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

E. Taking, keeping or other judicious exploitation of certain wild animals and plants in small numbers and under certain conditions (see art. 8)

² Choose from article 8 : 1 to 18 – See for reference pages 6-7 of this document