

# Biennial Report

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  
> Belgium

Entity  
> Wallonia

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

## ANGIOSPERMAE

### ALISMATACEAE

#### **Alisma wahlenbergii**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

#### **Luronium natans**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No of licences

> 1

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

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i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogation aims to hold and to multiply some individuals and to reintroduce them in a new site. This will allow to create a new population without affecting the initial population.

The impact will be positif.

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> The derogation is valid from 1/09/2013 to 31/08/2016.

The individuals are held and multiplied in Marche-les-Dames and will be released in Luchy (Libramont).

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department

The controls involved

> Report

## POACEAE

### **Bromus grossus**

##### **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)

> 10000

No of licences

> 1

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

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i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogation aims to create new populations of this species.

Seeds were collected in one population without affecting it and they were transported and sowed on several fields.

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> Seeds were collected in one field in Musson in summer 2014 and 2015.

The seeds were sowed on 9 fields in Musson, Torgny, Villers-la-Loue, Gomery and Ychippe.

The derogation is still valid until 31 december 2020.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department of the Public Service of Wallonia

The controls involved

> A report was received.

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Critically threatened in Wallonia

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Red List status](#) - fiche de la liste rouge wallone

Justification for derogation for a species in an unfavourable conservation status

> The aim is to improve the status

# 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

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

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

No. of licences

> 9

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

- i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogations aimed to capture amphibiens for inventory purpose and to release them after their identification.

The individuals are safe and there is no impact on populations.

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

> In 2013 the derogations concerned several places in the entity of Gesves, Beauraing, Doische, Froidchapelle, Houyet, Marche en famenne, Nassogne, Philippeville, Rochefort, Tellin, Viroinval et Wellin,

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The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Departement

The controls involved

> Reports

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

### AMPHIBIANS > ANURA

#### Bombinatoridae

##### Alytes obstetricans

#### Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

- The species occurs in the country

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

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

No. of licences

> 1

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

iii.: in the interests of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (which?)

Please specify

> One site where the species is present was affected by the settlement of a new harbour with industrial area

Impact on population

> Thanks to the mitigations and compensation measures the impact is supposed to be nul.

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

> The derogation is one that also concern *Bufo calamita*.

The derogation was delivered in 2014 for the settlement of a harbour near Namur (Moignelée).

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department

The controls involved

> Reports. Visits of employees or delegates of the Nature and Forest Department.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **Bombina variegata**

### **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)

> 20

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

> The aim of the operation was to capture some individuals in the wild, to breed them and to release the larvae in a new site to create a new population.

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

> The capture was permit in one of the three populations to preserve her genetic specificity.

This population is a very small one (almost extinct) near Oignies en Thierarche (in the basin of river Viroin).

The authorisation is valid from 01-05-2015 to 30-04 2017.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department

The controls involved

> Report

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Results of derogations (e.g. Cumulative effects and compensation measures where relevant)

> Until now only one male was capture and it was not possible to start a reproduction programma

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **Bufo calama**

### **Bufo calamita (Epidalea calamita)**

#### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

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.)

iii.: in the interests of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (which?)

Please specify

> Several projects :

the building of two hospitals,

the arrangement of a harbour,

the arrangement of a bussiness park.

Impact on population

> For each project mitigation measures and compensation measures were imposed, for exemple the capture and moving of individuals in safe places,

the settlement of barriers to prevent the individuals to get the working zone,

the creation of new habitats with ponds and refuges.

With the implementation of these measures the impact one populations is suppose to be nul.

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

> In 2013 two sites were affected by the builing of an hospital and the creation of a bussiness park in Liège.

In 2014, two sites were affected by the building of an hospital in Charleroi and the arrangement of an harbour near Namur.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department.

The controls involved

> Reports. Visits of employees or delegates of the Nature and Forest Department.

#### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Endangered species

Alternative solutions considered and scientific data to compare them

> For each project alternative solutions had to be examined.

Results of derogations (e.g. Cumulative effects and compensation measures where relevant)

> The project are not ended. Most derogations are valid during several years.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **REPTILES > SAURIA**

### **Lacertidae**

#### **Lacerta viridis**

#### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

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The species occurs in the country

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

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **Podarcis muralis**

### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

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

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

No. of licences

> 3

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

iii.: in the interests of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (which?)

Please specify

> One derogation concerned the building of a municipal warehouse, one derogation aimed to permit the exploitation of a quarry.

The third one aimed to capture temporary some individuals for a genetic study.

Impact on population

> Some mitigation and compensation measures were imposed as the improvement of habitat (settlement of refuges ...) and their protection.

Thanks to these measures the impact is suppose to be nul.

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

> The bulding of the municipal warehouse was in Lamorteau (Rouvroy) - dérogation deliverd in 2013 and valid until 2015.

The exploitation of the quarry was in Yvoir and was delivered in 2013.

The derogation for the genetic study was delivered for the entity of Floreffe, Yvoir, Modave, Engis, Flémalle, Sprimont and was valid from september 2014 to september 2015

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department.

The controls involved

> Report. Visits of employees and experts delegated from Nature and Forest Department.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **REPTILES > OPHIDIA (SERPENTES)**

### **Colubridae**

#### **Coronella austriaca**

### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

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The species occurs in the country

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

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

No. of licences

> 1

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

iii.: in the interests of public health and safety, air safety or other overriding public interests (which?)

Please specify

> The derogation aimed to permit the development of a quarry.

Impact on population

> Some mitigation and compensation measures were imposed as the improvement of habitat (settlement of refuges ...) and their protection.

Thanks to these measures the impact is supposed to be nul.

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

> In Chansin (Yvoir). The derogation was delivered in 2013 and was valid from 22/05/2013 to 21/05/2015.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department

The controls involved

> Visit of employees of the Nature and Forest Department

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **MAMMALS > CHIROPTERA**

### **Rhinolophidae**

#### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Rhinolophus blasii)**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

#### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Rhinolophus euryale)**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

#### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Rhinolophus ferrumequinum)**

##### **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)

> 5

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogation aimed the capture of chiroptera to improve the knowledge of their repartition and to take the appropriate measures.

The animals are released after a few minutes. There is no impact on populations.

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

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> Nature and Forest Department of Public Service of Wallonia

The controls involved  
> Reports received

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing  
 10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Rhinolophus hipposideros)**

### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

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 The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)  
> 3

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)  
 all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences  
> 2

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

### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Barbastella barbastellus)**

#### **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

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Eptesicus serotinus)**

### **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)

> 47

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

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Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis bechsteinii)**

### **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)

> 94

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

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Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis brandtii)**

### **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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogation aimed the temporary capture of chiroptera to improve the knowlegde of their repartition and to take the appropriate measures.

The animals are released after a few minutes. There is no impact on populations

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Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis daubentonii)**

### **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)

> 51

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

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Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis emarginatus)**

### **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)

> 16

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

> The derogation aimed the capture of chiroptera to improve the knowlegde of their repartition and to take the

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The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and Forest Department

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis myotis)**

### **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

> 2

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The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> Nature and forest Department

The controls involved

> Reports receveid

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis mystacinus)**

### **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)

> 22

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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i.: protection of flora /fauna

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> Nature and Forest Department

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

10. Nets

## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis nattereri)**

### **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)

> 54

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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

i.: protection of flora /fauna

Impact on population

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis alcaethoe)**

### **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

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No. of licences

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The controls involved

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Nyctalus leisleri)**

### **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)

> 20

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

> 2

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Nyctalus noctula)**

### **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)  
> 28

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)  
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No. of licences  
> 2

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Pipistrellus nathusii)**

### **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)  
> 22

Authorised action (art. 6, a. to f.)  
 all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences  
> 2

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

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### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Pipistrellus pygmaeus)**

#### **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

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all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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> 2

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### **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Plecotus auritus)**

#### **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)

> 19

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

No. of licences

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

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## **All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Plecotus austriacus)**

### **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

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 10. Nets

## **EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING PROTECTED FAUNA SPECIES (ART. 7 APPENDIX III)**

According to article 7 of the Convention, any exploitation of wild fauna specified in Appendix III shall be regulated in order to keep the populations out of danger.

Measures to be taken shall include:

- i. closed seasons and/or other procedures regulating the exploitation;
- ii. the temporary or local prohibition of exploitation, as appropriate, in order to restore satisfactory population levels;
- iii. the regulation as appropriate of sale, keeping for sale, transport for sale or offering for sale of live and dead wild animals.

Exceptions to species listed in Appendix III concern the use of means of capture and killing specified in Appendix IV.

### **Vertebrates**

#### **AMPHIBIANS > CAUDATA**

##### **Salamandridae**

#### **All species of Amphibians not included in Annex II (*Salamandra salamandra*)**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

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

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

#### **BIRDS > PELECANIFORMES**

##### **Phalacrocoracidae**

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

> 1544

Exception made

> The killing of individuals with firearm

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

ii.: prevention of serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property

Impact on the population

> The population is present for wintering. About 3000-4000 individuals are present at the same time during the winter.

The individuals are moving from north to south, there are constantly replaced by new individuals. We consider the impact on the European population is very weak.

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

> The killing is permitted in the fisheries during all the year and in some basin of rivers (Semois, Vire et Ton, Ourthe, Meuse, Amblève, Vesdre, Lesse, Virvin) from 1/10 to 15/4

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The controls involved

> Reports

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

## **BIRDS > CICONIIFORMES**

### **Ardeidae**

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (*Ardea cinerea*)**

##### **Confirmation of species occurrence**

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

> 206

Exception made

> The killing of birds with firearm.

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

ii.: prevention of serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water and other forms of property

Impact on the population

> The total number of grey heron in wallonia is about 700 couple.

The total number concerned by derogation was maximum 125 birds (in 2014).

We consider this impact is acceptable.

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Evaluation population grey heron](#)

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

> In some fisheries. During the whole year.

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The controls involved

> Reports. Some visites of employees of Nature and Forets Department.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing