

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
> Georgia

Entity
> Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Georgia

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

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 karelinii

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;

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

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

Impact on population

> maximum 4 specimens

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection of Georgia

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

Vespertilionidae

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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 6 individuals for 2014 year

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Myotis blythii)

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;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 4 individuals in 2014 year

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 6 individuals in 2014 year

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 10

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 10 individuals in 2013-2014 years

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Inspection under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 6 individuals in 2014 year

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 10

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 10 individuals for two research trips for both 2013-2014 years

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> maximum 6 individuals in 2014 year

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

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled
> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved
> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 10

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 10 individuals in 2013-2014 years

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

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled
> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved
> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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)

> 6

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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

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

Impact on population

> Maximum 6 individuals for 2014 year

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

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

All species of Microchiroptera except Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Vespertilio murinus)

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;

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

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

Impact on population

> maximum 10 individuals in 2013-2014 years

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

> Scientific research

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

MAMMALS > CARNIVORA

Canidae

Canis lupus

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

The species occurs in the country

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

http://biomonitoring.moe.gov.ge//index.php?lang_id=ENG

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 133

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

all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;

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 population

> Maximum 133 individuals for 2013-2014 years

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

> Exceptions are granted in case of damage/possible damage to human health or livestock. Methods, involving damage to the habitat are prohibited.

The number indicated, is total number granted throughout the country for 2013-2014 years.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

Ursidae

All species of Ursidae (Ursus arctos)

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;

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 population

> 0.2 of the population

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

> Exceptions are granted in case of damage to human health or livestock. Methods, involving damage to the habitat are prohibited.

The number indicated, is total number granted throughout the country for 2013-2014 years.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> The Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection

The controls involved

> Environmental Supervision Department under the Ministry of Environment and natural Resources Protection

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

> Included in the red list of Georgia

Justification for derogation for a species in an unfavourable conservation status

> Facts of derogation are extremely rare, only in case of positive scientific opinion

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

