



## **BERN**

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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

>> Iceland

Entity

>> Ministry of the environment, energy and climate.

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

**ALGAE**

**CHLOROPHYTA**

**Caulerpa ollivieri**

## **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

# 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

### BIRDS > ANSERIFORMES

#### Anatidae

#### Cygnus cygnus

#### Confirmation of a derogation of this species

Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

>>> 701

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.)

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

Please specify

>>> Scaring the birds at international and domestic airports.

Impact on population

>>> None

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved

>>> Scaring with cars, lazer, flairs and "noise-guns".

#### Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

>>> Protected.

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

>>> Birds scared with the appropriate tools.

## **BIRDS > CHARADRIIFORMES**

### **Sternidae**

#### **Sterna macrura (Sterna paradisaea)**

##### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

>>> 301

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.)

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

Please specify

>>> Birds nesting near airport scared off - Likely that majority of the birds are the same birds being scared off repeatedly.

Impact on population

>>> None.

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved

>>> Birds nesting close to airport runway scared of repeatedly.

##### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

>>> Protected.

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

>>> Birds only scared of the airport runway.

## **BIRDS > STRIGIFORMES**

### **Strigidae**

#### **All species of Strigiformes (Asio flammeus)**

##### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

## **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**

#### **BIRDS > ANSERIFORMES**

##### **Anatidae**

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (Anas platyrhynchos)**

##### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

**Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country**

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

>>> 126

Exception made

>>> 1 shot, 125 scared off.

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

>>> Scaring the birds at international and domestic airports.

Impact on the population

>>> None

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved

>>> Scaring with cars and, flairs and "noise-guns".

##### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

>>> Protected, except September 1st - March 15th.

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

>>> Birds scared with the appropriate tools

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (Anser anser)**

##### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

**Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country**

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

>>> 69

Exception made

>>> At international and domestic airports in Iceland. For the period January 2021 -December 2021. 69 were shot. 65.689 were scared away.

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

>>> Scaring birds of airport land. Shooting birds at airport land. Nests removed. Eggs removed.

Impact on the population

>>> None.

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved

>>> Scaring birds of airport land. Shooting birds at airport land. Nests removed. Eggs removed.

**Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

>>> Protected in Iceland, except from August 20th - March 15th.

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

>>> Birds shot with shotguns by licensed firearm holder.

**BIRDS > CHARADRIIFORMES**

**Haematopodidae**

**All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (Haematopus ostralegus)**

**Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

**Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country**

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

>>> 1

Exception made

>>> 1 shot.

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

>>> Shooting birds at airport land.

Impact on the population

>>> None



Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted  
>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled  
>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved  
>>> Shooting birds at airport land.

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species  
>>> Protected

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  
>>> Birds shot with shotguns by licensed firearm holder.

### **Charadriidae**

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (*Pluvialis apricaria*)**

#### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

##### **Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country**

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)  
>>> 1102

Exception made  
>>> 1102 scared off.

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  
>>> Scaring the birds at international and domestic airports.

Impact on the population  
>>> None

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted  
>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled  
>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved  
>>> Scaring with cars and, flairs and "noise-guns".

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species  
>>> Protected

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  
>>> Birds scared with the appropriate tools

## Laridae

### All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (*Larus ridibundus*)

#### Confirmation of a derogation of this species

##### Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

>>> 31

Exception made

>>> Scaring birds of airport land. Shooting birds at airport land.  
31 were shot, 3006 where scared off.

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

Impact on the population

>>> None.

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

>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved

>>> Cars, flares, "noise-guns", shotguns.

#### Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species

>>> Protected, except from September 1st-March 15th.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

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

## Stercorariidae

### All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)

#### Confirmation of a derogation of this species

##### Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)

>>> 3

Exception made

>>> 3 shot

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

>>> Shot at airport land

Impact on the population

>>> None

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted  
>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled  
>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved  
>>> Shot at airport land.

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species  
>>> Protected in Iceland, except from April 15th - July 14th.

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  
>>> Birds shot with shotguns by licensed firearm holder.

## **BIRDS > PASSERIFORMES**

### **Corvidae**

#### **All species of Birds not included in Appendix II (Corvus corax)**

#### **Confirmation of a derogation of this species**

##### **Please confirm that a derogation for this species has occurred in the country**

There is a derogation concerning this species

No. of individuals involved (when practical)  
>>> 330

Exception made  
>>> At international and domestic airports in Iceland.

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  
>>> Scaring birds of airport land

Impact on the population  
>>> None

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions were granted  
>>> Risk to airplane safety at international and domestic airports in Iceland all year long.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled  
>>> Isavia ohf. - the national airport and air navigation service provider of Iceland.

The controls involved  
>>> Scaring with cars and, flairs and "noise-guns".

### **Additional details**

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Information on the conservation status of the derogated species  
>>> Not protected

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing  
 16. Motor vehicles in motion