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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

> Ukraine

Entity

> The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

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 > ANURA

Hylidae

Hyla arborea

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) > 100

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.)

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

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Kyiv oblast, the exclusion zone and the zone of unconditional (mandatory) resettlement, except protected areas.

Time: 01.05.2016 - 30.09.2016.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the license was not used and the individuals were not captured

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing $\ \square \ 11.$ Traps

BIRDS > PODICIPEDIFORMES

Podicipedidae

Podiceps caspicus (Podiceps nigricollis)

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country <a>I The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 1

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

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

No. of licences

> 1

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection of Ukraine

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the license was not used and the individuals were not captured

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition.

BIRDS > CICONIIFORMES

Ardeidae

Ixobrychus minutus

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

> 3

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

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

Impact on population

> no impact

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

> Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory: Turiiskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory: Gorodnianskyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition

Casmerodius albus; Egretta alba (Ardea alba)

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

> 3

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

 $\ensuremath{\square}$ iv.: for research / education / repopulation / reintroduction / necessary breeding

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory:Turiiskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory: Gorodnianskyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the licenses were used only for two individuals. In fact, 2 individuals were captured.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition

BIRDS > GRUIFORMES

Rallidae

Crex crex

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

> 3

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

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

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory: Ripkynskyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

Territory: Gorodnianskyi district, Cherniqiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the licenses were not used and the individuals were not captured

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition

BIRDS > CHARADRIIFORMES

Scolopacidae

Tringa hypoleucos (Actitis hypoleucos)

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)

> 3

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

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

No. of licences

> 3

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

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

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory:Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

Territory: Ripkynskyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

Territory: Gorodnianskyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the license was not used and the individuals were not captured

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition

Sternidae

Sterna hirundo

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country

 $\ensuremath{\square}$ 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

> 4

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

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

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Ripkynskyi district, Cherniqiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.06.2016 - 30.11.2016.

Territory: Gorodnianckyi district, Chernigiv oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2016 - 30.11.2016.

Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the licenses were used only for two individuals. In fact, 2 individuals were captured.

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition

Chlidonias niger

Confirmation of species occurrence

Please confirm the occurrence of the species in the country <a>I The species occurs in the country

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 2

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.)

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

Impact on population

> no impact

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Territory: Manevetskyi district, Volyn oblast, except protected areas.

Time: 01.08.2015 - 30.11.2015.

The capture should be carried out in compliance with environmental legislation.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Additional details

Where appropriate, please add a text providing information on:

Comments/notes

> the license was not used and the individuals were not captured

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition.

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

No. of specimens involved (when practical)

> 2065

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

> No risk to population

Conditions of risk and the circumstances and the time and place under which exceptions where granted > Ukraine joined to Bern Convention with amendments concerning selective regulation of number of Canis lupus.

The capture carried out in compliance with national environmental legislation.

The total population in 2015 estimated 2051 individuals, in 2016 - 2 212 individuals. Removed specimens in 2015 were 982, in 2016 - 1083, or 49.5% of estimated population as per of begining 2015-2016.

The authority empowered to declare that the conditions have been fulfilled

> State Ecological Inspection

The controls involved

> Regular inspection and reporting

Where appropriate: indiscriminate means of capture and killing

☑ 14. Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more that two rounds of ammunition