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**Presumed deliberate killing of birds
&
Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey
in Serbia**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*

The Updated Report on the complaint No. 2014/3 – Assumed deliberate killing of birds in Serbia and Report on a new complaint No. 2016/3 – Presumed deliberate killing of birds in Serbia in 2021

In Reference of the request of the Secretariat of the Bern Convention on Complaints No. 2014/3 and No. 2016/3, we would like to inform you that the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia continuously implement measures duly providing relevant information to the public and involving non-governmental organizations in addressing these issues in cooperation with other relevant authorities and organizations.

Updated Report has been prepared for period from 31th July 2020. to 31st January 2021 based on the Internal reports of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and reports submitted by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia, the Secretariat for Urbanism and Environmental Protection of Vojvodina Province and Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province as following:

1. The Nature Protection Programme of the Republic of Serbia for period 2021. to 2023.

1.1. In accordance with the Law on the Planning System of the Republic of Serbia, Nature Protection Programme of the Republic of Serbia for period 2021. to 2023 has been prepared. The Nature Protection Programme determines strategic goals, measures and activities for the improvement of public policy for nature protection and biodiversity conservation, integration of biodiversity conservation principles into sectoral development policies, financial management processes and planning, sustainable use of components of biological diversity, reduction of the negative impact of development on biodiversity as well as public participation in the decision-making process.

In order to monitor progress in the implementation of the Nature Protection Programme, The action plan of this program defines indicators for quality evaluation that will enable progress in the implementation of general and specific program goals, measures and activities, in cooperation with relevant sectors, be adequately presented and implemented.

The Action plan envisages, among others, the following measures:

Measure 1.1.3: Suppression of illegal killing, capture and trafficking in wild species and Measure 1.3.2: Improving international cooperation at the level of the European Union and the Council of Europe - Harmonization of regulations for nature protection with international treaties and party resolutions and recommendations of the Council of Europe which include the acceptance by the Government of Recommendation 205 (2019) of the Bern Convention/CMS Strategic Plan of Rome for the period 2020-2030.

1.2. The Recommendation 205 (2019) of the Bern Convention/CMS and Strategic Plan of Rome for the period 2020-2030. has been determined by the Government's Work Plan for 2021. - first quarter.

1.3. The Questionnaire of the Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB), contained in Annex 1 to CMS Resolution 11.16 ([UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 \(Rev.COP13\)/Annex 1](#)) has been filled and submitted by the CMS Online Reporting System (ORS).

2. Inspection and expert supervision and control

21. Joint inspection in the area of nature protection is carried out in accordance with the Law on Nature Protection ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 36/09, 88/10 and 91/10 – corr. and 14/16) and the Law on Inspection Control ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 36/2015) in cooperation with relevant sectoral inspections. Cooperation includes mutual notification, information exchange, assistance and common measures and actions relevant for inspection control.

Inspection control in the case of illegal killing of wild bird species is carried out by the environmental inspection at the republic, regional and local levels. At the request of the environmental inspector, field

investigation is carried out by the phytosanitary inspection, veterinary inspection, the police, a public prosecutor and a professional nature protection organization.

In case of illegal killing and capturing of wild bird species, the professional nature protection organizations perform supervision in cooperation with the environmental inspection.

2.2 .Reports by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia and the Institute for Nature conservation of Vojvodina Province

Regarding poisoning of birds, Ministry has been informed by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia and the Institute for Nature conservation of Vojvodina Province that there were no recorded cases of bird poisoning. in the period after July 31, 2020.2.2.Updated Report by the Secretariat Secretariat for Urbanism and Environmental Protection of Vojvodina Province.

2.3. Report by the Secretariat for Urbanism and Environmental Protection of Vojvodina Province

In reference to the request by the Bureau of the Bern Convention, Ministry has been coordinated collection data in order to update and harmoized sources of data on poizoning birds.

Table: Updated date, place, number of individuals of bird species in cases of suspected poisoning in 2020.

No	Location	Date	No of died individuals of birds	Name of Species	Activities of Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province	Status of the case
1.	Novi Kneževac	24.02.2020.	1	White-tailed Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>)	Expert surveylance and participation in suveylance by environmental inspection	Toxicological analyse conducted by SIVM confirmed poisoning for White Tailed Eagle.
2.	Novi Kneževac	27.02.2020.	2	1 Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>), 1 Magpie (<i>Pica pica</i>)	Expert surveylance and participation in suveylance by environmental inspection.	Criminal charges were filed against unidentified persons by the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia
3.	Karadjordjevo (Novi Knezevac)	13.04.2020.	20	17 Marsh Harries (<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>), 3 Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	Expert surveylance and participation in suveylance by environmental inspection; delivery of individual to the toxicological analysis.	Toxicological analyse conducted by SIV confirmed poisoning. Criminal charges were filed against unidentified persons by the Provincial Inspectorate for Environmental Protection

4,	Karadordev o (Novi Knezevac)	24.04.2020.	1	Falco Tinnunculus	Expert surveillance and participation in surveillance by environmental inspection.	Toxicological analyse conducted by SIV confirmed poisoning. Criminal charges were filed against unidentified persons by the Provincial Inspectorate for Environmental Protection
5,	Karadordev o (Bačka Topola)	15.05.2020.	10	5-Corvux corax, 2 -Corvux cornix, 3-Corvux frugilegus	Expert surveillance and participation in surveillance by environmental inspection.	Toxicological analyse conducted by SIV confirmed poisoning. Criminal charges were filed against unidentified persons by the Provincial Inspectorate for Environmental Protection
6,	Hajdukovo (Subotica)	26.06.2020.	1	1-Anser anser	Expert surveillance and participation in surveillance by environmental inspection.	Criminal charges were filed against unidentified persons by the Provincial Inspectorate for Environmental Protection

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Data source:

-Internal reports of the Ministry of Environmental Protection;

-Reports of the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia and the Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province;

-Report by the Secretariat for Urbanism and Environmental Protection of Vojvodina Province;