TACKLING WILDLIFE CRIME IN MALTA

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- 316 KM²
- 460,297 POPULATION
- 12,000 HUNTERS
- 4,000 TRAPPERS
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# STOP TRAPPING NOW

Design: Kinga Kupska
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ILLEGAL TRAPPING

- FINCH TRAPPING
- WADER TRAPPING
- USE OF ELECTRONIC DECOYS
- TRAPPING IN THE DARK
- TRAPPING IN PROTECTED AREAS
- USING MULTIPLE NETS
WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?

HUNTING

A MEPA enforcement officer chases after a poacher at the Foresta 2000 site.
Photo: Fiona Burrows, BirdLife Malta
What are the wildlife crimes in Malta?

Hunting

- 1st September until 31st January
- Turtle Dove 1st September until 30th September quota 7000
- 40 species permitted
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ILLEGAL HUNTING

- TARGETTING PROTECTED SPECIES
- USE OF ELECTRONIC DECOYS
- HUNTING OUTSIDE OF ALLOWED HOURS
- HUNTING IN PROTECTED AREAS
- HUNTING OUTSIDE OF THE HUNTING SEASON
WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?

Number of protected birds illegally shot and retrieved by BirdLife Malta

- 2013: 70
- 2014: 50
- 2015: 20
- 2016: 30
- 2017: 80
- 2018: 100
HOW DOES BIRDLife MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

- LOBBYING
- BIRD PROTECTION CAMPS
- EDUCATION
- OUTREACH TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
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Photo by: Eleni Karatzia
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■ OUTREACH

Photo: BirdLife Malta
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LOCAL PEOPLE Responding to Our Efforts

- General Public
- Artists
- Politicians
Our kids deserve to see live marsh harriers fly above their heads. The miracles of nature that makes them want to protect it. Because you protect what you know and what you love.

A big thank you to BirdLife Malta and the police who gave my children some hope in a sometimes grey world. It was nice to see the professionalism and passion.

José Herrera
Clint Camilleri
Joseph Muscat

What do you want for your kids? How would you defend this if it was your kids finding this? Are you out in nature with them?

@Photos: Cami Appelgren

Keith Ellul Photography is feeling hopeful.
October 20 at 10:22 AM

An early morning with a difference, while trekking for the usual weekend shoot in company of my friend Martin Agius – we ended up saving this Heron, found on the cliffs at Lapsi with shotgun wounds and a broken leg. I sincerely like to thank the Administrative Law Enforcement Section better known as A.L.E. especially PC1418 J. Sammut and his colleague PC789 M. Said for their immediate response, it took them only 15 minutes to arrive on location, I would like to thank them for the great job and care of capturing and taking the injured heron to the veterinary. Well done guys, keep it up!! 😊👍
LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS

Unknown Artist
Photo by: Rikki Lee Scicluna
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Just in case you missed it: “A clear sign of a change in the Maltese hunting community” “not a single shot” - CABS. @FKNKMalta @BirdLife_Malta @TheTimesofMalta @maltaToday @IndependentMlt @saviourbalzan

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Replying to @Clint_Camilleri @FKNKMalta and 4 others
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No need to. @BirdLife_Malta & the ‘independent’ media do that part perfectly - inflating the few illegalities & ignoring all positive news. Well done @CABS_REPORTS.

Mark Sultana @marksuit123

@JosephMuscat_JM the above comment by junior minister @Clint_Camilleri is shameful & should be retracted. I call his bluff now. Show me which figures by @BirdLife_Malta are inflated. Same figures that WBRU have. Ta-misthija. @saviourbalzan @JosephMuscat_JM

Committee Against Bird Slaughter (CABS)

Yesterday at 17:00

Raptors on Malta: Hundreds of birds of prey arrived in Malta last night and stayed at the Buskett Gardens nature reserve. In addition to about 500 Honey Buzzards and 100 Marsh Harriers, Montagu’s Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Peregrine falcons and Osprey were also seen. Expecting a ‘hot morning’ following a few incidents in recent days the CABS
THANK YOU!