

Licence No: **GEN / WCA / 001 / 2020**

Valid From: **1st January 2020**

Expiry: **31st December 2020**

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)

LICENCE TO KILL OR TAKE CERTAIN WILD BIRDS TO PREVENT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK, FOODSTUFFS FOR LIVESTOCK, CROPS, VEGETABLES OR FRUIT OR TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE TO LIVESTOCK, FOODSTUFFS FOR LIVESTOCK, CROPS, VEGETABLES OR FRUIT.

This licence, granted under Section 16(1) (j) and (k) and (5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (The Act), by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales (NRW), being satisfied that as regards the purpose set out at paragraph 1 that there is no other satisfactory solution, permits authorised persons to carry out a range of activities against the birds of the species listed and hereby grants the following licence which applies only in Wales: -

1. The purposes of this licence is to prevent serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables or fruit or to prevent the spread of disease to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables or fruit.
2. Subject to the terms and conditions below, and solely for the purposes set out in paragraph (1) above, this licence permits:
 - (i) any authorised person (see definitions) to kill or take any of the wild birds listed in this subparagraph:

**Crow, Carrion
Magpie
Jackdaw
Pigeon, Feral
Woodpigeon
Goose, Canada**

***Corvus corone*
Pica pica
Coloeus monedula
Columba livia
Columba palumbus
*Branta canadensis***

by shooting or by use of cage trap or net or by any other method not prohibited by Section 5 of the Act ; or to take, damage or destroy their nests; or to take or destroy their eggs, subject to the conditions specified below.

- (ii) the use of a semi-automatic weapon by authorised persons acting under subparagraph (2)(i) above;

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- (iii) in relation to the killing or taking of Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*) only:

the use of any device for illuminating a target or any sighting device for night shooting, by authorised persons acting under subparagraph (2)(i) above;

the use of any form of artificial lighting or any mirror or other dazzling device, by authorised persons acting under subparagraph (2)(i) above;

- (iv) the use of a cage trap the dimensions of which do not satisfy the requirements of Section 8(1) of the Act, by authorised persons acting under paragraph (2)(i) above;
- (v) the use, by authorised persons acting under subparagraph (2)(i) above, of any hand held or hand propelled net to take birds whilst not in flight.

The works noted above are licensed for the period **as stated above** and are granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence may constitute an offence.

CONDITIONS	
1.	Persons authorised by this licence must ensure they have read and understood the terms and conditions of this licence prior to carrying out licenced activities. (See note 10).
2.	Except as specifically permitted under paragraph (2) above, this licence does not authorise the use of any method of killing or taking, which is prohibited by Section 5 or Section 8 of the Act.
3.	This licence does not authorise the taking of any action within the protected sites listed in Annex 1 of this licence, or within identified 300 metre buffer areas surrounding the listed designations (500 metres in the case of the Dyfi Estuary SSSI/SPA). Protected site information can be found at http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/GeneralLicencesExcludedAreasWhereBespokeLicenceRequired?lang=en
4.	Any birds killed in accordance with this licence must be killed in a quick and humane manner.
5.	Where any cage trap, including a trap authorised under subparagraph (2)(iii) above is used, then only the bird species listed in this paragraph may be used as decoys. Crow, Carrion Corvus corone Magpie Pica pica Jackdaw Coloeus monedula
6.	All relevant animal welfare legislation must be complied with at all times, including the Animal Welfare Act 2006. This includes providing decoy birds with adequate food and water at all times, appropriate shelter and a suitable perch that does not cause discomfort to the bird's feet.
7.	When in use, every cage trap used pursuant to this licence must be physically inspected at least once every day at intervals of no more than 25 hours, except where this is not possible because of severe weather conditions. In such cases, every effort must be made to inspect the cage trap as soon as possible. Such an inspection must be sufficient to determine whether there are any live or dead birds or other animals in the trap.
8.	Where any live animal or bird, other than a bird included in the list at subparagraph (2)(i) above, is confined in a cage trap it must be released immediately upon discovery. This condition does not apply to invasive non-native species included in Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Act, including mink <i>Neovison vison</i> and grey squirrel <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i> , which may only be released under an individual licence from NRW.
9.	At each inspection any dead animal, including any dead bird, caught in the trap must be removed from it and disposed of in a lawful manner.
10.	When any cage trap is not in use, it must be rendered incapable of holding or catching birds or other animals. In order to render any cage traps incapable of holding or catching birds or other animals, it is necessary either to secure the door with a padlock in a fully open position, or to remove the door completely. When any Larsen trap is not in use, it shall be removed from site and stored in such a manner as to prevent its accidental use.

Signed for and on behalf of
Natural Resources Wales

NOTES	
1.	If you intend to control wild birds in relation to the sites listed on Annex 1 of this licence you will need to apply for a specific licence from NRW.
2.	No person convicted of an offence to which this note applies may rely on this licence unless, in respect of that offence, one of the following applies: (1) they were dismissed with an admonition; (2) they are a rehabilitated person for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and their conviction is treated as spent; (3) a Court has made an order discharging them absolutely. This note applies to offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Deer Act 1991, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996, the Hunting Act 2004, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (all as amended).
3.	Failure to act within the purpose of this licence as set out in paragraph 1 or failure to comply with the conditions of the licence may mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence may be committed.
4.	Cage traps should not be used during severe hot or cold weather conditions, or when such conditions can be reasonably anticipated.
5.	Where the licensed action includes the use of firearms, it is the authorised person's responsibility to ensure that he complies with all relevant legislation.
6.	It is not permitted to shoot Canada Geese using ammunition prohibited by the Environment Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot Regulations) (Wales) 2002.
7.	Eggs of species listed in paragraph 2(i) may be replaced by dummy eggs under this licence. The preferred method for egg destruction is to place removed eggs in a freezer for six to eight hours, after which time they can be put back into the nest, if the dummy eggs are required elsewhere.
8.	Birds killed or taken under a licence may be eaten, but with the exception of woodpigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i> , may not be sold for human consumption.
9.	This licence may be modified or revoked at any time.
10.	Authorised persons intending to carry out activities under this licence are advised to print, sign and date a copy and retain it for inspection.

DEFINITIONS	
1.	<p>An "authorised person" means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken; b) any person authorised in writing by the local authority for the area within which the action authorised is taken; c) as respects anything done in relation to wild birds, any person authorised in writing by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the Welsh Ministers, in relation to things done for purposes relating to fishing or fisheries in the Welsh inshore region (within the meaning of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009); ii) any of the following bodies, that is to say, any of the GB conservation bodies, a district board for a fishery district within the meaning of the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1862 or an inshore fisheries and conservation authority. d) any person authorised in writing by Natural Resources Wales. <p>The authorisation of any person for the purposes of this definition shall not confer any right of entry upon any land</p>
2.	A "semi-automatic weapon" means any weapon which is not prohibited by Section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) and which has a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition, where the depression of the trigger ejects a single shot, each subsequent shot requiring a further depression of the trigger
3.	"to kill" includes accidentally wounding, whilst attempting to kill in accordance with this licence.
4.	<p>"livestock" includes any animal which is kept –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for provision of food, wool, skins or fur; (b) for the purpose of its use in the carrying on of any agricultural activity; (c) for the provision or improvement of shooting or fishing.

The term “kept” is not defined in the 1981 Act. For the purposes of this licence animals that are either physically constrained (e.g. within fences or a pen), or which are unconstrained but remain significantly dependent on people, are “kept”. For example, where a gamebird remains in close proximity to a release pen and will often return to it for shelter or to roost at night, and is dependent of food put out by the gamekeeper then it is may be regarded as livestock even if it is free-living.

Annex 1

Protected sites where this licence does not authorise the taking of any action

Protected sites information can be found at

<http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/GeneralLicencesExcludedAreasWhereBespokeLicenceRequired?lang=en>

This licence does not authorise any action to be taken within, or within 300 metres (500 metres in the case of the Dyfi Estuary SSSI/SPA) of the boundary of any of the protected sites listed below.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Aber Mawddach/Mawddach Estuary
Aber Taf / Taf Estuary
Aberarth - Carreg Wylan
Aberdunant
Afon Cleddau Dwyreiniol/Eastern Cleddau River
Afon Cleddau Gorllewinol/Western Cleddau River
Afon Dyfrdwy (River Dee)
Afon Eden - Cors Goch Trawsfynydd
Afon Gwyrfai a Llyn Cwellyn
Afon Irfon
Afon Llynfi
Afon Teifi
Afon Tywi
Afon Wysg (Isafonydd) / River Usk (Tributaries)
Allt Wen a Traeth Tanybwllch
Allt y Main Mine
Arfordir Abereiddi
Arfordir Marros-Pentywyn / Marros-Pendine Coast
Arfordir Pen-bre / Pembrey Coast
Arfordir Saundersfoot-Telpyn/Saundersfoor -Telpyn Coast
Bach Howey Gorge
Baron Hill Park
Beddmanarch-Cymyran
Beech Cottage, Waterwynch
Benarth Wood
Berwyn
Borth - Clarach
Broomhill Burrows
Bryn y Gwin Isaf
Bryngwyn Hall Stables and Coach House
Buckland Coach House & Ice House
Burry Inlet & Loughor Estuary
Cadair Idris
Caeau Cnwch a Ty'n-y-graig
Caeau Coed Mawr (Coedmawr Fields)
Caeau Troed-Rhiw-Drain (Troed-Rhiw-Drain Meadows)
Cae'r Meirch
Carew Castle

Carmel Head
Carn Gafallt
Carreg y Llam
Castell y Waun a'i Barcdir/Chirk Castle and Parkland
Castlemartin Range
Cemlyn Bay
Cerrig-gwalch
Ceunant a Thyrrau Trefgarn/Treffgarne Gorge and Tors
Chwarel Cambrian/Cambrian Quarry, Gwernymynydd
Cilcenni Dingle
Ciliau
Coed Aberdulas
Coed Aberedw
Coed Bryn-Person
Coed Dyrysiog
Coed Nant Menascin
Coed y Ciliau
Coed y Crychydd
Coed y Gopa
Coed Ynys-Faen
Coed yr Allt-goch
Coedydd a Cheunant Rheidol (Rheidol Woods & Gorge)
Coedydd ac Ogofau Elwy a Meirchion
Coedydd Beddgelert a Cheunant Aberglaslyn
Coedydd De Dyffryn Maentwrog
Coedydd Dyffryn Alwen
Coedydd Dyffryn Ffestiniog (Gogleddol)
Coedydd Glannau a Cwm Coel
Coedydd Nanmor
Colwyn Brook Marshes (North & South)
Cors Caron
Corsydd Llangloffan
Craig yr Aderyn (Bird's rock)
Creigiau Pen y graig
Creigiau Rhiwledyn/Little Ormes Head
Cwm Cynfal
Cwm Doethie - Mynydd Mallaen
Cwm Gwynllyn
Dale and South Marloes Coast
De Porth Sain Ffraidd / St Bride's Bay South
Dee Estuary / Aber Afon Dyfrdwy
Dolorgan Barn
Duhonw
Dyfi
Elenydd
Erwood Dingle
Felin Llwyngwair
Fenn's, Whixall, Bettisfield, Wem and Cadney Mosses
Ffynnon Beuno and Cae Gwyn Caves
Foxwood
Ganllwyd
Garth-eryr
Glannau Aberdaron
Glannau Penmon - Biwmares
Glannau Rhoscolyn
Glannau Ynys Gybi/ Holy Island Coast
Glascoed, Meifod
Glaslyn
Glyn Cywarch
Glynllifon

Gower Coast: Rhossili to Porteynon
Graig Fawr
Grassholm / Ynys Gwales
Gronant Dunes and Talacre Warren
Gweunydd Esgairdraenllwyn (Esgairdraenllwyn Pastures)
Gweunydd Nant y Derno
Gweunydd Ty'n-y-Llidiart
Gwlyptiroedd Casnewydd/Newport Wetlands
Henborth
Hendre, Llangedwyn
Inner Marsh Farm
Ithon Valley Woodlands
Leighton Bat Roosts
Little Hoyle and Hoyle's Mouth Caves & Woodlands
Llanbadrig - Dinas Gynfor
Llanddulas Limestone and Gwrych Castle Wood
Llangovan Church
Llwyn-Cus
Llymwynt Brook Pastures
Llyn Eiddwen
Llynoedd Ieuan
Malltraeth Marsh/Cors Ddyga
Marcheini Uplands, Gilfach Farm & Gamallt
Migneint-Arenig-Dduallt
Milford Haven Waterway
Morfa Harlech
Mwyngloddfa Cwmystwyth
Mwyngloddfa Mynydd-Bach
Mwyngloddiau a Chreigiau Gwydyr
Mwyngloddiau Llanfrothen
Mwyngloddiau Wnion a Eglwys Sant Marc
Mynydd Llangatwg (Mynydd Llangattock)
Mynydd Penarfynnydd
Newborough Warren - Ynys Llanddwyn
Newton Court Stable Block
Orierton Stable Block and Cellars
Park House Outbuildings, Stackpole
Pen y Gogarth / Great Ormes Head
Penarth Coast
Pengelli Forest and Pant-teg Wood
Penllwyn-yr-Hendy
Penmaenuchaf Hall
Penrhynoedd Llangadwaladr
Penrice Stables and Underhill Cottage
Penygarnedd Mine
Pistyll Rhaeadr
Plas Maenan
Porth Ceiriad, Porth Neigwl ac Ynysoedd Sant Tudwal
Pwll-y-wrach
Ramsey / Ynys Dewi
Rhagnentydd Gwy Uchaf / Upper Wye Tributaries
Rhos Llaur Cwrt
Rhos Penrhiw
Rhos yr Hafod
Rhosneigr
Rhosneigr Reefs
Rhosydd Llanwrthwl
River Ithon
River Lugg
River Teme

River Usk (Lower Usk)/Afon Wysg (Wysg Isaf)
River Usk (Upper Usk) / Afon Wysg (Wysg Uchaf)
River Wye (Lower Wye) / Afon Gwy (Gwy Isaf)
River Wye (Tributaries)/Afon Gwy (Isafonydd)
River Wye (Upper Wye) / Afon Gwy (Gwy Uchaf)
Rose Cottage, Llethrid
Ruabon/Llantysilio Mountains and Minera
Ruperra Castle and Woodlands
Severn Estuary
Shotton Lagoons and Reedbeds
Siambre Ddu
Skokholm
Skomer Island and Middleholm
Slebech Stable Yard Loft, Cellars & Tunnels
St. David's Peninsula Coast
St. Margaret's Island
Stackpole
Stackpole Courtyard Flats and Walled Garden
Sully Island
The Offshore Islets of Pembrokeshire / Ynysoedd Glannau Penfro
The Skerries
Tiroedd a Glannau Rhwng Cricieth ac Afon Glaslyn
Traeth Lafan
Traeth Lligwy
Tre Wilmot
Trwyn Dwlban
Twyni Chwitfordd, Morfa Landimor a Bae Brychdwn/Whiteford Burrows etc
Twyni Lacharn - Pentywyn / Laugharne - Pendine Burrows
Ty Bach Ystlumod
Ty Croes
Tywyn Aberffraw
Vicarage Meadows
Waen Rydd
Waterwynch Bay to Saundersfoot Harbour
West Llangynog Slate Mine
Wye Valley Lesser Horseshoe Bat Site
Ynys Enlli
Ynys Feurig
Ynysoedd y Gwylanod, Gwylan Islands
Yr Eifl

Special Protection Areas

Anglesey Terns / Morwenoliaid Ynys Môn
Berwyn
Burry Inlet
Castlemartin Coast
Craig yr Aderyn (Bird's Rock)
Dyfi Estuary / Aber Dyfi
Elenydd-Mallaen
Glannau Aberdaron ac Ynys Enlli / Aberdaron Coast and Bardsey Island
Glannau Ynys Gybi / Holy Island Coast
Grassholm
Liverpool Bay / Bae Lerpwl
Migneint-Arenig-Dduallt
Mynydd Cilan, Trwyn y Wylfa ac Ynysoedd Sant Tudwal
Ramsey and St David's Peninsula Coast
Severn Estuary
Skomer, Skokholm and the seas off Pembrokeshire / Sgomer, Sgogwm a Moroedd Penfro

The Dee Estuary
Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay
Ynys Seiriol / Puffin Island

Special Areas of Conservation

Afon Eden-Cors Goch Trawsfynydd
Afon Gwyrfaï a Llyn Gwellyn
Afon Teifi / River Teifi
Afon Tywi / River Tywi
Afonydd Cleddau / Cleddau Rivers
Cardigan Bay / Bae Ceredigion
Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries / Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberoedd
Coedydd Derw a Safleoedd Ystlumod Meirion / Meirionnydd Oakwoods and Bat Sites
Cors Caron
Dee Estuary / Aber Dyfrydwy
Glynllifon
Limestone Coast of South West Wales / Afordir Calchfaen De Orllewin Cymr
Mwyngloddiau Fforest Gwydir / Gwydyr Forest Mines
North Pembrokeshire Woodlands / Coedydd Gogledd Sir Benfro
Pembrokeshire Bat Sites and Bosherton Lakes/ Safleoedd Ystlum Sir Benfro a Llynnoedd Bosherton
Pembrokeshire Marine / Sir Benfro Forol
Pen Llŷn ar Sarnau / Llyn Peninsula and the Sarnau
River Dee and Bala Lake / Afon Dyfrydwy a Llyn Tegid
River Usk / Afon Wysg
River Wye / Afon Gwy
Tanat and Vyrnwy Bat Sites / Safleoedd Ystlumod Tanat Ac Efyrynwy
Usk Bat Sites / Safleoedd Ystlumod Wysg
Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites / Safleoedd Ystlumod Dyffryn Gwy
Wye Valley Woodlands / Coetiroedd Dyffryn Gwy