

Licence No: **GEN / WCA / 001 / 2021**

Valid From: **1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

Expiry: **31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Please note that this licence is the subject of a legal challenge and NRW is awaiting the outcome of that challenge. NRW therefore recommends that you regularly refer to our website which will be updated should there be any change in situation.**

#### **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;

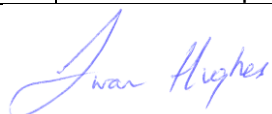
(iv) the use of a cage trap the dimensions of which do not satisfy the requirements of Section 8(1) of the Act, by authorised persons acting under paragraph (2)(i) above;

(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 <a href="http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/GeneralLicencesExcludedAreasWhereBespokeLicenceRequired?lang=en">http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/GeneralLicencesExcludedAreasWhereBespokeLicenceRequired?lang=en</a>
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.  <b>Crow, Carrion</b> <b>Corvus corone</b> <b>Magpie</b> <b>Pica pica</b> <b>Jackdaw</b> <b>Coloeus monedula</b>
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**

<b>NOTES</b>	
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.	<b>Authorised persons intending to carry out activities under this licence are advised to print, sign and date a copy and retain it for inspection.</b>

<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	
1.	<p>An "authorised person" means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;</li> <li>b) any person authorised in writing by the local authority for the area within which the action authorised is taken;</li> <li>c) as respects anything done in relation to wild birds, any person authorised in writing by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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);</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) any person authorised in writing by Natural Resources Wales.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>(a) for provision of food, wool, skins or fur;</li> <li>(b) for the purpose of its use in the carrying on of any agricultural activity;</li> <li>(c) for the provision or improvement of shooting or fishing.</li> </ul> <p>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</p>

	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.
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## 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 Ystumod  
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 Gwyrfai 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 Efyrnwy  
Usk Bat Sites / Safleoedd Ystlumod Wysg  
Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites / Safleoedd Ystlumod Dyffryn Gwy  
Wye Valley Woodlands / Coetiroedd Dyffryn Gwy