



**Isle of Man  
Government**

*Reiltys Ellan Vannin*

## **Wildlife Act 1990**

### **General licence to control certain birds, to protect wild birds Licence No. WLA/G004/23**

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 16 of the Wildlife Act 1990, hereby authorises,

**to conserve wild birds or protect any collection of wild birds,  
any authorised person to kill, injure in the course of attempting to kill or  
take any of the wild birds listed below, or to take, damage or destroy their  
nests or eggs, in the Isle of Man, subject to the conditions specified.**

The wild birds are: -

<b><u>Common Name</u></b>	<b><u>Scientific Name</u></b>
<b>Great Black-backed Gull</b>	<b><i>Larus marinus</i></b>
<b>Herring Gull</b>	<b><i>Larus argentatus</i></b>
<b>Hooded Crow</b>	<b><i>Corvus cornix</i></b>
<b>Carrion Crow</b>	<b><i>Corvus corone</i></b>
<b>Magpie</b>	<b><i>Pica pica</i></b>

### **Conditions**

1. Actions taken under this licence must be done by means which are not prohibited by Section 5 of the Wildlife Act 1990 and with the minimum of distress to the birds.
2. Any birds killed under the authority of this licence must be killed humanely and as quickly as possible.
3. Any use made of this licence must be reported to the Department as soon as is practical and no less than annually.

Reports should include:

- home farm name,
- species (type) of bird,
- number of each species of bird killed,
- number of nests or eggs destroyed,
- the purpose for killing the birds or destroying the nest/eggs (i.e. which species of wild bird or collection of wild birds are you taking action to protect).

**Reports should be submitted in writing** by email to [ecopolicy@gov.im](mailto:ecopolicy@gov.im) or to the address below:

Ecosystem Policy Team  
Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture  
Thie Slieau Whallian  
Foxdale Road  
St Johns  
IM4 3AS

The purpose of the reporting is to enable the Department to quantify the actions taken under the licence and therefore inform the Department's consideration of future licences.

4. This licence is valid from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** until **31<sup>st</sup> December 2024** and may be modified or revoked at any time by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Aline Thomas

for and on behalf of the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **Notes**

- a) This licence may be used for the protection of game birds.
- b) This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by other legislation such as the Curraghs Acquisition Act 1963. It does not exempt owners and occupiers from their legal obligation to gain consent for 'operations likely to damage' the interest on an Area of Special Scientific Interest.
- c) Where the action licensed involves the use of firearms and/or regulated weapons, it is the authorised person's responsibility to ensure that he complies with all the relevant legislation.
- d) Under the Wildlife Act, 'authorised person' means-
  - (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) as respects anything done in relation to wild birds, any person authorised in writing by any of the following bodies, that is to say, the Department or the Manx Utilities Authority;so, however, that the authorisation of any person for the purposes of this definition shall not confer any right of entry upon any land.