REPORTING A CRIME

If you SUSPECT that a wildlife crime is taking, or has taken, place - REPORT IT!

ANY suspected breaches of the Wildlife Act should be reported immediately to the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS). Your NPWS Conservation Ranger will be in a position to assess whether your suspicion warrants further investigation

Tel: (01) 888 3242 | LoCall: 1890 383 000
Website: www.npws.ie
E-mail: nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie

If a crime or incident is happening now or if anyone is in immediate danger
ALSO call An Garda Síochána on 999 or 112
For non-emergency enquiries contact your local Garda Station, or
Garda HQ Tel: (01) 666 0000
Website: www.garda.ie
E-mail: gpro@iol.ie (No email attachments)
Garda Confidential Line: 1800 666 111

If there is a LIVE injured animal at the scene, also call a vet and/or wildlife rehabilitator
Contact details on Irish Wildlife Matters website
www.irishwildlifematters.ie
OR
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Ask for your local District Veterinary Office who can give you a number for your closest vet
Tel: (01) 607 2000 | Lo-call: 1890 200 510
OR
Ireland’s Directory Enquiries
Tel: 11890

WHY FIGHT WILDLIFE CRIME?

We need to protect natural resources, fauna & flora for future generations

Wildlife is trafficked much like drugs, weapons or people – a crime is a crime; they should receive equal priority

We have a duty of care to prevent unnecessary pain & suffering

Wildlife crime damages Ireland’s reputation

Environmental crimes are increasing; putting natural resources & biodiversity at risk

We have a duty of care to look after our internationally important species & habitats

If we want change then we must all do our part to make it happen

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Poisonings, illegal trapping, baiting, shooting and hunting are horrifyingly commonplace; let’s make wildlife crime a thing of the past

PROTECT IRELAND’S WILDLIFE NOW!

WILDLIFE CRIME AND THE LAW IN IRELAND

What is wildlife crime and why does it matter?
WHAT IS WILDLIFE CRIME?
Wildlife crime is any act that contravenes current legislation governing the protection of wild fauna and flora.


ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION OF WILDFANA AND FLORA

Any person who hunts, kills, takes or is in possession of a protected wild animal, wild bird or a specimen of protected wild flora otherwise than under and in accordance with a licence shall be guilty of an offence.

These offences include:

- **Bird persecution** – through poisoning, trapping, shooting or disturbance on or near a nest containing eggs or chicks
- **Deer poaching**
- **Use of illegal traps, snares or nets**
- **Unlicensed hare netting or coursing**
- **Badger persecution** – including baiting, trapping and disturbance of setts
- **Fish poaching**
- **Bat persecution** – including disturbance to or destruction of roosts or preventing access to roosts
- **Removing protected wild plants**
- **Damaging protected sites**
- **The trade in protected animals and plants, including species covered by CITES**

RECORDING A CRIME

Do NOT put yourself in harm’s way – do not approach a suspect or touch anything you suspect may be poisoned.

Before you do anything else it is **very important** that:

- You do NOT disturb the scene
- You do NOT move any items at the scene
- You do NOT mark the site
- You do NOT do anything illegal yourself

Once sure that it is **safe** to do so:

- Record the vehicle and registration - **this is very important!**
- Record the date and time
- Record the person
- Record the scene
- Record the location

If possible take lots of photos/videos and email them to the National Parks & Wildlife Service nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie

After reporting an incident, Do NOT return to the scene unless instructed to do so

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

**TAKE ACTION!!!**

- Tell your local TD to push for adequate resources to be provided to agencies working to combat wildlife crime
- Report ANY suspicious activity
- Follow up on your report
- Distribute these flyers to schools & libraries
- Promote the www.wildlifecrime.ie website
- Report sightings of non-native species
- Safely dispose of toxic substances
- Take extreme care if using rodenticides

For more Irish wildlife crime information visit: www.wildlifecrime.ie

The ‘Wildlife Crime Ireland’ website provides...

- Basic information on wildlife crime
- Links to further information
- Advice on Recognising & Recording a wildlife crime
- Contact details for Reporting a wildlife crime

www.wildlifecrime.ie