

UK WILDLIFE CRIME PRIORITIES 2016 – 2018

PRIORITY ¹	PREVENTION	INTELLIGENCE	ENFORCEMENT
<p align="center">BADGER PERSECUTION</p> <p>Plan Owner: Barry Fryer (RSPCA)</p> <p>Objective: Improve and increase the recording of incidents, crimes and intelligence for Badger Persecution. Improve the investigation process and increase awareness of Badger Persecution across the UK.</p>	Lead: Andy Swinburne (Badger Trust)	Lead: NWCU	Lead(s): PC Craig Borthwick (Police Scotland West) (Scotland); Gareth Jones (North Yorkshire Police) & Ian Briggs (RSPCA) (England & Wales)
<p align="center">BAT PERSECUTION</p> <p>Plan Owner: PC Andy Long (Essex)</p> <p>Objective: To reduce bat crime by: working with key stakeholders to raise awareness of responsibilities and criminal offences against bats, promoting a preventative approach and improving the submission of intelligence and standards of investigation relating to bats across the UK. To identify and bring to the attention of UKTCG any obstacles preventing delivery of our objective.</p>	Lead: Pete Charleston (BCT)	Lead: NWCU	Lead: Pete Charleston (BCT)
<p align="center">CITES ISSUES</p> <p>(European Eel, Illegal Trade in Raptors, Ivory, Medicinal & Health Products, Reptiles, Rhino Horn and Timber)</p> <p>Plan Owner: Grant Miller (Border Force)</p> <p>Objective: Increase the number of disruption activities and detections of illegal trade in CITES priority species by: increasing the amount of targeted compliance activity, increasing the number of intelligence submissions and intelligence products produced, improve the quality of analytical assessments and complete in agreed time-scales, and increase the number of investigations and enforcement outcomes.</p>	Lead: Barbara Minnikin (APHA)	Lead: NWCU	Lead(s): DS Mark Pickard (Met Police) & Guy Clarke (Border Force)
<p align="center">FRESHWATER PEARL MUSSELS</p> <p>Plan Owner: Iain Sime (SNH)</p> <p>Objective: Raise awareness of criminality affecting freshwater pearl mussels in order to facilitate intelligence and incident reporting, leading to increased prevention and enforcement action.</p>	Lead: Andy Turner (SNH)	Lead: PC Charlie Everitt (NWCU)	Lead: CI Colin Gough (Police Scotland North)
<p align="center">POACHING</p> <p>(Deer Poaching/Coursing, Fish Poaching and Hare Coursing)</p> <p>Plan Owner(s): John Bruce (British Deer Society) (Scotland); Glynn Evans (BASC) (England & Wales)</p> <p>Objective: To increase the level of awareness of poaching and hare coursing as serious wildlife crimes and build better trust and relationships between law enforcement agencies and local communities, both leading to increased prevention activity, intelligence flows and enforcement success (E&W). To build a greater level of public awareness of poaching and coursing as serious wildlife crime, to continue to build working relations, communications and information share between all agencies and organisations and rural communities in order to increase prevention activity and enforcement (Scotland).</p>	Lead(s): Colin Sheddon (BASC) (Scotland); PC Tony Owens (Cheshire) (England & Wales)	Lead: PC Charlie Everitt (Scotland); NWCU (England & Wales)	Lead(s): Sgt Andy Mavin (Police Scotland) (Scotland); PC Nick Willey (Lincolnshire) (England & Wales)
<p align="center">RAPTOR PERSECUTION</p> <p>(including poisoning, egg theft, chick theft, taking from the wild and nest disturbance/destruction and to concentrate on golden eagle, goshawk, hen harrier, peregrine, red kite and white-tailed eagle)</p> <p>Plan Owner(s): Supt Chris Hankinson (Greater Manchester Police) (England & Wales); Det Ch Supt Sean Scott (Police Scotland) (Scotland)</p> <p>Objective: Raise community trust and awareness to facilitate intelligence and incident reporting, leading to increased prevention and enforcement activity relating to Raptor Persecution.</p>	Lead(s): Des Thomson (SNH) (Scotland); Janette Ward & Peter Karner (Natural England) (England & Wales)	Lead: NWCU	Lead(s): Sgt Andy Mavin (Police Scotland) (Scotland); vacant (England & Wales)

¹ Priorities are presented in *alphabetical* order, *not* order of importance