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 TRAPPING OF BIRDS IN EUROPE

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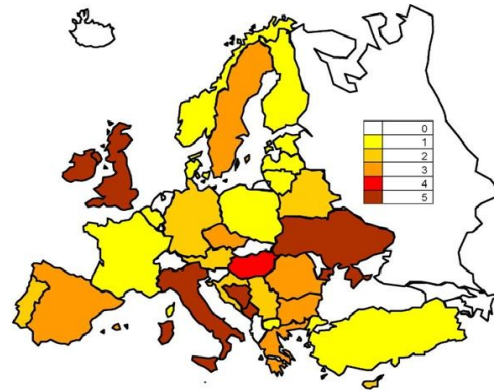
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Killing birds in protected areas

SCALE

Killing birds inside protected areas (where hunting is not allowed) is one of the most commonly reported issues regarding illegal activities against birds in Europe (average score at European scale is 2.06/5; average score within the countries where the activity occur is 2.33/5).

The countries where killing inside protected areas is widespread and has at least moderate conservation impact on bird species are: Ukraine, Spain, Ireland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Sweden, Italy and the UK.



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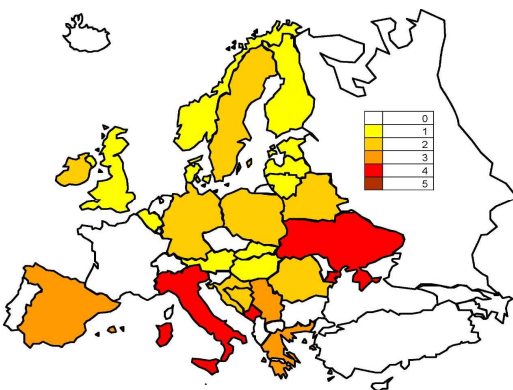
In the last 10 years, killing inside protected areas has increased in Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Slovenia. This activity has decreased in Norway, Belarus, Croatia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Germany and Poland. It has remained stable in the other countries concerned.

Killing without a permit

SCALE

Killing birds without a permit is not considered as one of the most important issue regarding illegal activities against birds in Europe but it still occurs in a few European countries (average score at European scale is 1.32/5; average score within the countries where the activity occur is 1.88/5).

The countries where killing birds without a permit is widespread and has at least a moderate conservation impact on bird species are: Italy, Spain, Serbia, Ukraine, Greece and Montenegro.



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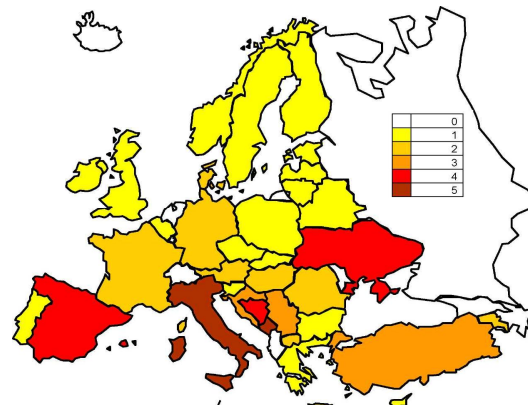
In the last 10 years, killing without a permit has increased in Ukraine, Spain, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal and Slovenia. This activity has decreased in Norway, Belarus, Croatia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Germany and Poland. It has remained stable in the other countries concerned.

Killing outside the legal season

SCALE

Killing birds outside the legal season is common across Europe but has been decreasing in importance in most of them. It is still an important problem in a few countries (average score at European scale is 1.83/5; average score within the countries where the activity occur is 1.94/5).

The countries where "killing birds outside the legal season" is widespread and has at least a moderate conservation impact on bird species are: Italy, Spain, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Ukraine and Turkey



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In the last 10 years, killing birds outside the legal season has increased in Slovenia, Portugal, Montenegro, Armenia and Ukraine. This activity has decreased in Slovakia, Romania, Poland, Greece, Germany, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Denmark, Austria, Croatia, Belarus and Norway. It has remained stable in the other countries concerned