
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Conservation of Offshore Marine
Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

PART 3

PROTECTION OF SPECIES

Protection of birds

Prohibition of certain methods of capturing or killing wild birds

42.—(1) Subject to regulation 55, a person is guilty of an offence if that person uses for the purpose of capturing or killing any wild bird—

- (a) any of the means listed in paragraph (2);
- (b) any other means of capturing or killing which is indiscriminate or capable of causing the local disappearance of any species of wild bird; or
- (c) any means of capturing or killing from a mechanically propelled vehicle, including a ship or an aircraft, while in immediate pursuit of a wild bird with a view to capturing or killing that bird.

(2) The prohibited means of capturing or killing wild birds are—

- (a) snares, limes or hooks;
- (b) using blind or mutilated birds as live decoys;
- (c) sound recordings;
- (d) electrical or electronic devices capable of killing or stunning;
- (e) artificial light sources;
- (f) mirrors or other dazzling devices;
- (g) devices for illuminating targets;
- (h) sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter;
- (i) explosives;
- (j) nets or traps;
- (k) poisoned or anaesthetic bait; and
- (l) automatic or semi-automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition.