
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Conservation of Offshore Marine
Habitats and Species Regulations 2017**

PART 3

PROTECTION OF SPECIES

Protection of wild animals

Prohibition of certain methods of capturing or killing wild animals

- 47.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to the capturing or killing of a wild animal—
- (a) of any of the species listed in Schedule 3; or
 - (b) of a European protected species, where the capture or killing is otherwise permitted in accordance with these Regulations.
- (2) Subject to regulation 55, a person is guilty of an offence if that person uses for the purpose of capturing or killing any such wild animal—
- (a) any of the means listed in paragraph (3) or (4) below;
 - (b) any other means of capturing or killing which is indiscriminate and capable of causing the local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, a population of any of the species of animal to which this regulation applies;
 - (c) any form of capturing or killing from a ship whilst it is being propelled by a motor; or
 - (d) any form of capturing or killing from an aircraft.
- (3) The prohibited means of capturing or killing of mammals are—
- (a) using blind or mutilated animals as live decoys;
 - (b) sound recordings;
 - (c) electrical or electronic devices capable of killing or stunning;
 - (d) artificial light sources;
 - (e) mirrors or other dazzling devices;
 - (f) devices for illuminating targets;
 - (g) sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter;
 - (h) explosives;
 - (i) nets which are non-selective according to their principle or their conditions of use;
 - (j) traps which are non-selective according to their principle or their conditions of use;
 - (k) bows or crossbows;
 - (l) poisons and poisoned or anaesthetic bait;

- (m) gassing or smoking out; and
 - (n) semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition.
- (4) The prohibited means of capturing or killing fish are—
- (a) poison; and
 - (b) explosives.