

2017-28602-SCI-SCI [REDACTED] Hen Harrier Additional Licence Conditions and Recommendations Annex

Additional conditions:

AC01. This licence permits the licensee and authorised individuals to take only hen harrier eggs and unfledged juveniles by hand.

AC02. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until Natural England has approved in writing:

- a. The membership and terms of reference of a scientific advisory group to oversee the research undertaken as part of this project, and
 - b. A plan of the research aims, methods, monitoring and evaluation of the project, and
 - c. Details of the Post-Release Health Surveillance protocols
- 'a' and 'b' may be amended only with the written approval of Natural England.

Annual reports of the scientific advisory group's conclusions must be submitted to Natural England.

AC03. The information required for the giving of approvals (and amendments) in additional condition 2 (AC02) must be submitted to Natural England no less than six weeks before the first use of the licence in any calendar year. Consideration of any amendments within a calendar year are at the discretion of Natural England. It is recommended that this information is provided at the earliest opportunity.

AC04. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence unless the trial intervention threshold of two nests within 10km is surpassed.

AC05. Full-time/ 24 hour security of release pens must be undertaken when hen harriers are within the pen, and no eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until this has been organised.

AC06. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until the release site care and handling team have been identified to and approved by Natural England.

AC07. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until measures for reducing the risk of predation within the release pens from stoats and mink have been submitted to and approved by Natural England.

AC08. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until Natural England are notified of the locations of the intervention nest and release site, with details of landowners and their consent.

AC09. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence until sufficient satellite tags are in the possession of the [REDACTED] to allow every individual taken to be tagged.

AC10. No eggs or juvenile hen harriers may be taken into captivity under this licence may be taken until landowner consent to brood management and notices for Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) consents have been sent to and approved by Natural England.

AC11. No other birds, except from hen harriers from the Northern English Uplands Brood Management Trial, may be simultaneously held in the same facilities as brood managed hen harriers.

AC12. Hen harriers taken from a Special Protection Area (SPA) must be released back within the boundaries of the same SPA.

AC13. No hen harrier pair can be subject to brood management on successive nesting attempts, whether in the same year, or from year to year.

AC14. Any documents or information requested by Natural England as a condition of this licence should be submitted by email to [REDACTED].

Additional notes:

AN01. Brood managed hen harriers should not be released in sight of burnt heather strips where possible.