OVERVIEW
This Class licence permits officers or employees of Police Forces and National Police Units (hereafter referred to as Police Forces) within England to undertake various work related activities that could impact on a range of protected species and their habitats. It permits Police Forces to investigate an offence without breaching wildlife law. This applies to offences in relation to both wildlife and other crime. Only officers or employees of Police Forces within England are entitled to use this licence. An individual from each Force must register to use this licence - normally this would be the Wildlife Crime Officer (or equivalent) for that Force. Thereafter, other Police Officers and staff within that Force may be authorised to use this licence by the registered person.

Registration
One individual (see above) from each Force must first apply to Natural England to be registered. The registration process is explained in Information and Advice notes d - f.

Recording & reporting
There are data recording and annual reporting requirements for all Registered Persons

Reference
WML – CL30

LICENCE TERMS and CONDITIONS

Legislation
- The Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (‘the 1992 Act’)
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (‘the 1981 Act’)
- Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (‘the 2017 Regulations’)

Relevant section(s)
Section 10 (1) (a) and (f) of the 1992 Act. Sections 16(3) (a) and (f), 16(5) of the 1981 Act; and Regulation 55(2) (a) (c) and (e) of the 2017 Regulations being satisfied that as regards the purposes specified in this licence that there is no satisfactory alternative and that the actions authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range

Valid for the period
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (inclusive)

Area valid in
All counties of England (landward of the mean low water mark)

What this licence permits
Carry out the activities detailed in Annexes:
- WML – CL30 Annex A,
- WML – CL30 Annex B,
- WML – CL30 Annex C, and
- WML – CL30 Annex D

Subject to
The Licence Conditions specified below and the Annex Licence Conditions specified in the Annexes listed above.

Who can use this licence
Persons registered to use this licence (Registered Persons), Authorised Persons of the Registered Person, and Assistants of the Registered or Authorised Person (see Definitions) except those with a recent relevant conviction (see Information and Advice note m).
Definitions used in this licence

A ‘Registered Person’ is an officer or employee of a Police Force in England who has registered with Natural England to use this licence. This person will normally be the wildlife crime lead eg Wildlife Crime Officer, or equivalent for their Force, but is not restricted to them.

An Authorised Person is a person who is an officer or employee of the same Force as the Registered Person and whom is authorised by the Registered Person to use this licence.

‘Officer or employee’ means persons who are serving as fully warranted Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables but may also be civilian staff (such as those operating as Police staff wildlife crime officers / Investigative Support Officers or crime scene investigators).

An "Assistant" is a person assisting the Registered Person, such as an ecological consultant or a person with recognised specialist knowledge. Assistants are only authorised to act under this licence whilst they are under the direct on site supervision of the Registered Person or an Authorised Person.

LICENCE CONDITIONS

Eligibility to use this licence

1. The following people are authorised to use this licence whilst acting in the execution of their duties whilst at work:
   i. Registered Persons (see Information and Advice notes d-f for registration procedures and Definitions);
   ii. Authorised Persons (see Definitions);
   iii. Assistants acting under the direct supervision of a Registered or Authorised Person (see Definitions).

2. All persons using this licence must be appropriately trained and possess appropriate knowledge and experience relevant to the activity being undertaken as set out in Appendix 1.

3. It is the responsibility of the Registered Person to ensure they and their Authorised Persons and Assistants fulfil the training requirements set out in Appendix 1.

4. Registered and Authorised Persons engaged in activity under this licence shall, at all times, carry an identification or warrant card and have access to a copy of this licence and produce it on demand to any Natural England officer.

5. Each person operating under this licence is responsible for the activities they undertake under this licence, including activities carried out by their Assistants.

Using the licence

6. All relevant animal welfare legislation must be complied with at all times (see Information and Advice note i and the relevant Annexes). It is the responsibility of the Registered Person that they and others using this licence use appropriate equipment (eg trap or net) and to ensure they are competent to use such equipment.

7. Any Registered or Authorised Person and their Assistants shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, reasonable access to work being undertaken for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The authorised personnel shall give all reasonable assistance to the officer of Natural England and any persons
accompanying him/her.

Recording and reporting requirements
8. The Registered Person must maintain a record, which must be kept for at least 12 months beyond the expiry date of this licence, in accordance with the requirements of each Annex. Records are to be made available for inspection at any reasonable time by Natural England.

9. The Registered Person must comply with the reporting requirements specified in each Annex. Reports, including 'nil' returns, must be submitted for the period 1 January to 31 December by no later than 31 January each year (see Information and Advice notes j - k).

10. Authorised Persons must supply the Registered Person with the information required to complete the licence return.

Licence compliance
11. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this licence (including the recording and reporting requirements) will, by default, render the use of this licence by that Police Force null and void and it may not be relied upon until such time that it is agreed that its use may resume.

12. Natural England must be informed of all breaches to this licence within two working days of the breach becoming apparent. Unless advised otherwise, the Registered Person must take the necessary steps to address any breaches or poor practice identified as quickly as possible.

IMPORTANT
This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the legislation referred to above. Failure to comply with its terms and conditions:

i. may be an offence against the 1992 Act or the 2017 Regulations, or mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence could therefore be committed. The maximum penalty available for an offence under the 1981 Act, 1992 Act and 2017 Regulations is, at the time of the issue of this licence, an unlimited fine and/or a six month custodial sentence; and

ii. may result in your registration to use this licence being revoked and/or the refusal to allow you to be registered on future licences.

Breaching a condition of the 1981 Act is not in itself an offence but this would render that use of the licence invalid.

If the activity that you wish to undertake is not covered by this licence, or if you are unable to comply with any of the terms and conditions which apply to the use of this licence, then you will need to apply to Natural England for an individual licence.

Issued by and on behalf of Natural England on 1 January 2019

INFORMATION AND ADVICE specific to this licence

a. Ordinarily, licences will be reissued on 1 January each year (NB you do not need to re-register for those with registration requirements). Please note, however, that they can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England or the Secretary of State, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. You are advised to check the terms and conditions of a licence prior to your first use of it each year in case of amendments.

b. The common name or names of species given in this licence and annexes of this licence are included by way of guidance only; in the event of any dispute or proceedings, it is the scientific name of a species only that will be taken into account.

c. This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation. For example, anyone acting under this licence is not exempt from the provisions of Section 28 of the 1981 Act. This means that owners and occupiers and Section 28G authorities ('Statutory undertakers etc.') are obliged to give notice to Natural
England if they propose to carry out an operation likely to damage a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). To identify SSSIs and the features for which they are designated, refer to www.magic.gov.uk. For further advice or to request consent/assent for an activity please contact the Natural England ‘SSSI Adviser’ for the relevant site(s). Contact details are available from the Natural England Enquiry Service (see below).

Registering to use this licence

d. Only Registered Persons, or persons authorised or supervised by a Registered Person (see Condition 1), may act under this licence. Anyone seeking to become a Registered Person must apply to Natural England.

e. Anyone seeking to become a Registered Person must submit in writing (preferably by email) the following details to Natural England Wildlife Licensing (contact detail below) giving their name, contact address, telephone number, email address, role within their Force and the name of the Police Force they work for. Police officers should also provide their ‘collar number’.

f. Anyone seeking to confirm whether a person is registered to use this licence should contact Natural England Wildlife Licensing (contact details below).

Compliance and enforcement

g. The Registered Person is expected to monitor their Forces’ own compliance with the licence and to take action in the event that poor practice and/or non-compliance is identified. A person may be barred from using this licence by Natural England, for example, if that person breaches the conditions of this licence. In these circumstances Natural England will notify the Registered Person. Offences regarding breaches of the conditions of this Licence can be subject to enforcement action.

General welfare considerations

h. Persons acting under this licence may photograph any protected species named in this licence in connection with licensed work provided that this causes no additional disturbance or any other harm.

i. Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to an animal under the control of man (section 4). This applies to the treatment of animals (including non-target species) held in nets etc.

Reporting

j. A single consolidated report of actions taken under this licence should be complied by the Registered Person. These reports should be emailed to Natural England Wildlife Licensing, but they may also be posted (please mark ‘Licence Returns’ (contact details below).

k. Where several staff attend the same incident it is not necessary for each to report on the use of this licence. In such cases a single authorised member of staff may be the lead person for that use of the licence and a single report submitted for that incident.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE for all Class and General Licences

General Information

l. Natural England checks compliance with licences and the attached conditions. Where breaches are identified, these may be subject to enforcement action.

m. No person convicted on or after 1 January 2010 of an offence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, the Deer Act 1991, the Hunting Act 2004, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996, the Animal Welfare Act 2006 or the Protection of Animals Act 1911 (all as amended) may use a General or Class Licence without the permission of Natural England unless, in respect of that offence, either:

   (i) they are a rehabilitated person for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and their conviction is treated as spent;

   (ii) or a court has made an order discharging them absolutely.

Any request to use the licence by a person to whom this note applies will be considered on its merits.

The limits of licences

n. Licences permit action only for the purposes specified on that licence.

o. Licences do not permit actions prohibited under any other legislation, nor do they confer any right of entry upon land.

p. Unless otherwise stated the provisions of Natural England licences only apply landward of the mean low water mark in England. The Marine Management Organisation is responsible for all licensing seaward of the mean low water mark.

Using and Sharing Your Information

q. There is significant public interest in wildlife licensing and in those who benefit from receiving a wildlife licence. We may make information publicly available, for more information, please see our Privacy Notice.
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WML-CL30 Annex A

Interfere with badger setts for the purposes of investigating if an offence has been committed or gathering evidence

OVERVIEW
The licence permits the interference with badger (Meles meles) setts where there is a need to investigate whether an offence has been committed or gathering evidence in connection with proceedings before any court.

Activities permitted
Interference with a badger sett by means of:
- Disturbing a badger(s) when it is occupying a sett
- Use of sound detection and camera equipment in a sett
- Damaging a sett by digging to locate evidence / free an injured or trapped badger(s)

Purpose(s) for which these activities may be conducted
- Investigating if an offence has been committed
- Gathering evidence in connection with proceedings before any court
- Science, education and conservation of badgers

IMPORTANT
These activities are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the main licence in addition to the Annex Licence Conditions below.

ANNEX LICENCE CONDITIONS
1. This licence only authorises Registered Persons and Authorised Persons to carry out the activities under the 1992 Act.

2. Any sett entrances which become blocked as a result of action taken under this licence must be unblocked and left unobstructed at the end of each day’s work.

3. Any inspection equipment inserted into the sett must be done in such a way so as not to damage the sett entrance or any tunnel or chamber.

4. Any inspection equipment must be immediately retracted if the presence of badger(s) in the sett is confirmed.

Reporting requirements
5. Registered Persons engaged in activity under the terms of this licence Annex must submit a report to Natural England as set out in Licence Conditions 8 to 10 including:
- When and where (OS 6 figure grid reference) the activity took place.
- What activities were undertaken.
- The names and contact details of any Authorised Persons and Assistants that were engaged in the activity.
Definitions used in this licence

a. The 1992 Act defines a badger sett as “any structure or place which displays signs indicating current use by a badger”. Examples of signs that may indicate ‘current use’ include: entrances that are greater than 25cm in diameter with a flattened oval appearance, entrances that are clear of debris and vegetation, entrances with smoothed sides (due to the passage of badgers), large spoil heaps (sometimes fresh) outside entrances, fresh bedding outside entrances, fresh badger footprints in spoil heaps, and well trampled runs leading to and from entrances. Further guidance on interpretation of ‘current use’ of a badger sett is available from http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140523111208/http:/www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/WMLG17_tcm6-11815.pdf

b. The following relevant guidance is currently available:
WML-CL30 Annex B

Disturb and take European Protected Species for the purposes of science, education or conservation and imperative reasons of over-riding public interest

OVERVIEW
The licence permits Registered and Authorised Persons to disturb and take European Protected Species for the purposes of science, education or conservation and imperative reasons for over-riding public interest.

This Annex also permits, subject to conditions, the possession of live specimens of any animal or plant species listed on the Habitats Directive, for the same purposes.

Activities permitted

- To disturb any European Protected Species whilst it is occupying a structure or place used for shelter or protection.
- To destroy, damage or obstruct access to a structure or place which is used by a European Protected Species for shelter, protection, breeding or resting.
- To take by hand or other humane means any European Protected Species, or any part or derivative thereof.
- To possess and/or transport any live specimen of a species listed in Annex IIb and IV of the Habitats Directive, or any part or derivative thereof.

Purpose(s) for which these activities may be conducted
Science, Education, Conservation, and in the interests of over-riding public interest:
- Investigating whether an offence has been committed (either under the Habitats Directive or as part of another police investigation).
- Gathering evidence in connection with proceedings before any court.

IMPORTANT
These activities are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the main licence in addition to the Annex Licence Conditions below.

ANNEX LICENCE CONDITIONS
1. Registered or Authorised Persons should, unless operational procedures prevent it, consult with appropriately qualified or experienced persons before undertaking any work to which this Annex relates to ensure impacts are minimised and to help identify information that may be useful to investigating a potential offence.

2. The definition of ‘take’ for live specimens present in the wild is, for the purpose of this licence, limited to the removal by hand, examination and replacing at the site of capture (also see Annex Licence Condition 4). It does not permit the translocation of specimens, ie taking and moving to another place.

3. Any disturbance of species or damage or destruction to places of shelter, protection or breeding or resting sites must be restricted to the minimum required to complete the necessary activity. All reasonable efforts must be made to repair any damage caused under this licence. All structures restricting access or movement should be removed.
4. Disturbance and handling of hibernating species must only take place when it cannot be avoided and must only be undertaken by an appropriately licensed individual.

5. If a hibernation site of one of the species covered by this licence has been damaged or destroyed during the hibernation period and cannot continue to be used that season then individuals may be taken and retained in captivity until the next suitable time period for release of them at, or near to, the original site of capture provided that compensation for the loss of any hibernation site has been provided.

6. The following activities and methods are permitted for each species as set out below.

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Reporting requirements

Registered Persons engaged in activity under the terms of this licence Annex must submit a report to Natural England as set out in Licence Conditions 8 to 10 including:

a) The species involved;
b) When and where (OS 6 figure grid reference eg TX123789) the activity took place;
c) What activities were undertaken;
d) The names and contact details of any Authorised Persons and Assistants that were engaged in the activity;
e) Where and when any individual specimens taken were liberated;
f) Which specimens have been retained, where and why they are kept;
g) A record of any relevant training undertaken.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ANNEX

Injured specimens are covered under the defence within the Regulations at 44 (1) and (2).
WML-CL30 Annex C

Disturb and take any species listed under Schedules 1, 5 and 8 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) for scientific, research or educational purposes and for the purpose of conserving wild birds and flora/fauna

OVERVIEW
The licence permits Registered and Authorised Persons, in the course of their duties, to disturb and take any species protected under the 1981 Act for scientific, research or educational purposes or for the purpose of conserving wild birds, or conserving flora or fauna. This includes all wild birds (including those on Schedule 1), animal species listed on Schedule 5 and plant species listed on Schedule 8.

Activities permitted
- To disturb by observation or examination any live wild Schedule 1 bird or dependent young of a Schedule 1 bird, whilst it is building, in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young.
- To disturb by observation or examination any live wild Schedule 5 animal whilst it is occupying a structure or place used for shelter or protection.
- To damage, or obstruct access to, a structure or place which any wild animal listed in Schedule 5 uses for shelter or protection.
- To take by hand or other humane means any species of bird and any species of animal listed on Schedule 5.
- To pick or uproot any species of plant listed on Schedule 8, or any part or derivative thereof.
- To possess and transport any live wild bird, live animal listed on Schedule 5 or live plant listed on Schedule 8, and any biological samples or parts of derivatives thereof.

Purpose(s) for which these activities may be conducted
Conserving wild birds and flora and fauna; preserving public safety; which in respect of this licence is:
- Investigating whether an offence has been committed
- Gathering evidence in connection with proceedings before any court.

IMPORTANT
These activities are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the main licence in addition to the Annex Licence Conditions below.

ANNEX LICENCE CONDITIONS
1. Registered or Authorised Persons operating under this licence should, unless operational procedures prevent it, consult with appropriately qualified or experienced individuals before undertaking any work under this Annex to ensure that disturbance or damage is minimised and to help identify information that may be useful to investigating a potential offence.

2. Any person operating under this licence must ensure that any disturbance to Schedule 1 and 5 species or taking of Schedule 8 species is limited to the absolute minimum required to obtain the necessary information/evidence.
3. This licence does not permit the intentional killing of any wild bird, animal or plant or the destruction of any viable egg.

4. The definition of ‘take’ for live specimens present in the wild is, for the purpose of this licence, limited to the removal by hand, examination and replacing at the site of capture. It does not permit the translocation of specimens, ie taking and moving to another place.

5. Any disturbance of species or damage or obstruction to places of shelter or protection must be restricted to the minimum required to complete the necessary activity. All reasonable efforts must be made to repair any damage caused under this licence.

6. Any live wild specimen taken under this licence shall be possessed for such time only as is sufficient for the purpose for which it was taken and must be liberated at the site of capture immediately after examination unless taken into possession as part of the investigation and evidence gathering exercise. In the case of migratory species, if the time of release is unsuitable for the species then the specimen(s) may be retained in captivity until the next suitable period for release.

7. Disturbance and handling of hibernating species must only take place when it cannot be avoided and only be undertaken by an appropriately licensed individual.

8. If a hibernation site of one of the species covered by this licence has been damaged or destroyed and cannot be used that season then this licence may be used to take and retain such specimens in captivity until the next suitable time period for release of them at, or near to, the original site of capture provided that suitable compensation for loss of the hibernation site has been provided.

**Reporting requirements**

9. Registered Persons engaged in activity under the terms of this licence Annex must submit a report to Natural England as set out in Licence Conditions 8 to 10 including:
   a) The species involved;
   b) When and where (OS 6 figure grid reference) the activity took place;
   c) What activities were undertaken;
   d) The names and contact details of any Authorised Persons and/or Assistants that were engaged in the activity;
   e) Where and when any individual specimens taken were liberated;
   f) To whom any dead specimens, part or derivative were handed over to;
   g) A record of any relevant training undertaken.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ANNEX**

Where the Registered or Authorised Person is operating in an area covered by Raptor Study Groups or equivalent (if not known then please contact Natural England Wildlife Licensing or the BTO licensing team for further information and contact details) that person should seek advice from such groups before nest sites are visited in order to minimise any disturbance to nests.

Injured specimens are covered under the defence within the 1981 Act at Section 4(2) and Section 10(3).
WML-CL30 Annex D

Possess and transport dead specimens of any species protected by domestic legislation - for the purposes of science, research, education or conservation

OVERVIEW
This licence permits Registered and Authorised Persons to possess and/or transport dead specimens of any species protected by virtue of being listed on Annex IIb and IVa and IVb of the Habitats Directive (including those listed on Schedules 2 and 5 of the 2017 Regulations – European Protected Species (EPS)), being wild birds, or being listed on Schedules 5 or 8 of the 1981 Act, or being badgers (Meles meles) under the 1992 Act, for the purpose of science, education or conservation.

Activities permitted
- Possession or transport

Purpose(s) for which these activities may be conducted
Science; research; education; conservation; conserving wild birds and conserving flora and fauna which in respect of this licence includes:
- Investigating whether an offence has been committed
- Gathering evidence in connection with proceedings before any court
- Education: This for the purpose of this licence means training and public awareness.

IMPORTANT
These activities are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the main licence in addition to the Annex Licence Conditions below.

ANNEX LICENCE CONDITIONS
1. This licence authorises the possession of specimens of:
   a) all species listed on Annex IIb (plants) and IV (animals) of the Habitats Directive,
   b) all wild birds, their eggs and nests, all animals protected by Schedule 5 and all plants protected by Schedule 8 of the 1981 Act, and
   c) badgers protected by the 1992 Act.

2. This includes possession of specimens which either have been, or are suspected of being, removed from the wild unlawfully contrary to the 2017 Regulations, the 1981 Act and the 1992 Act.

3. Specimens may be retained for the duration of any investigation or proceedings before any Court.

4. Specimens which have been disclaimed by previous keepers or confiscated by the Court may also be retained by the Registered Person for use in the course of their own, or other Authorised Person duties – such as (but not exclusively) staff, other agency or public education or training purposes.

5. Any specimens which the Registered Person no longer needs or wishes to retain may be passed to a recognised body (e.g. another Force or agency, public museum, recognised educational body or research institution) for keeping. Documentary evidence of the origin and
history of the specimen must be supplied and retained with the specimen. Specimens may be given or donated; they must not be sold, exchanged or swapped for other items.

**Reporting requirements**

6. Each specimen and/or derivative sample (hereafter referred to as “specimens”) being held or transported under this licence must be registered with Natural England Wildlife Licensing by email (contact details above), giving:
   a) the name of the individual holding and/or transporting the specimen;
   b) a description of the specimen;
   c) how the specimen was acquired and the reason for possession and/or transport; and,
   d) if the specimen is to be stored, the location of storage.

7. When a specimen is disposed of, then Natural England Wildlife Licensing must be informed by email of the following information:
   a) the name of the person the specimen has been passed to;
   b) a description of the specimen;
   c) the reason for disposal; and,
   d) the new location of the specimen.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ANNEX**

None applicable (Please see the 'Information and Advice notes' in the main licence).
### Appendix 1 - Training or experience requirements

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<td><strong>Annex A (interfere with badger setts)</strong></td>
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<td>Unblocking of illegally blocked setts</td>
<td>To be carried out by an experienced and licensed badger specialist or Wildlife Crime Officer. Blocked badger setts could be gassed and there is a real health and safety risk in un-blocking blocked setts. Seek advice from Natural England via the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS) on 0800 321600 or 0300 060 6000 out of hours or from the National Wildlife Crime Unit.</td>
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<td>Examination of blocked or damaged setts</td>
<td>As above.</td>
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<td>Obtaining soil samples for forensic analysis</td>
<td>Preferably carried out by SOCO/CSI but could be carried out by any Officer with the powers of seizure.</td>
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<td>Examination of a sett subject to an offence, ie photography, site plan, etc.</td>
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<td>Recovery of a live badger taken by badger baiters</td>
<td>No training required but ideally, badger should only be handled by a suitably experienced person working under the supervision of an Officer – such as a Vet or RSPCA Animal Collection Officer/Inspector.</td>
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<td>Seizure of mounted badgers during search warrants</td>
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<td>Possession for education and training purposes (dead specimen)</td>
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<td><strong>Annex B (disturb and take European Protected Species)</strong></td>
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<td>Initial examination of a bat roost subject to offences which may include entry into the roost</td>
<td>Ideally accompanied by a Natural England licensed bat worker but initial examination may take place without a bat worker present if urgent examination is required.</td>
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<td>Evidence gathering at a bat roost for an ongoing investigation, ie photographic evidence, scene examination</td>
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<td>Evidence gathering for an illegal offence at a breeding site/resting place of an Annex II species eg great crested newt, dormouse, otter</td>
<td>In non-urgent cases Officers should be accompanied by a Natural England licensed person for the species concerned.</td>
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<td>Recovery and retention of dead bats found during an investigation into a roost -destruction/disturbance offence</td>
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<td>Possible transportation of dead species for forensic or other analysis</td>
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### Annex C (Disturb and take any species listed under Schedules 1, 5 and 8 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act)

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| Investigation into illegal falconry and recovery of illegally taken birds | Dead specimens – no training required.  
Living specimens – to be carried out by an experienced Natural England licensed specialist or an appropriately trained Wildlife Crime Officer. Statutory defence under Section 2(4) may apply. |
| Investigation into illegal possession of dead birds (taxidermy) and recovery and retention for Court | No training required |
| Investigation of possible illegal sale of parts and derivatives eg feathers, for recovery and retention for Court (eg eBay investigation) | No training required |
| Possession for education and training purposes | No training required |
| Search warrant on illegal egg collectors, recovery and retention of eggs for Court | No training required |
| Investigation into illegal falconry - evidence gathering at nest site (if nest is, or is thought to be in use or being built) | To be carried out by an experienced Natural England licensed specialist or an appropriately trained Wildlife Crime Officer. |
| Evidence gathering during egg collecting investigation - checking whether nest has been robbed (if nest is, or is thought to be in use or being built) | To be carried out by an experienced Natural England licensed specialist or an appropriately trained Wildlife Crime Officer. |
| Evidence gathering during illegal nest disturbance investigation (eg unlicensed photography) - checking nest activity (if nest is, or is thought to be in use or being built) | To be carried out by an experienced Natural England licensed specialist or an appropriately trained Wildlife Crime Officer. |
| Monitoring of vulnerable nest sites - crime prevention activities (if nest is, or is thought to be in use or being built) | To be carried out by an experienced Natural England licensed specialist or an appropriately trained Wildlife Crime Officer. |
| Seizure and retention of dead Schedule 5 species recovered during an investigation (eg eBay enquiry or taxidermy) | No training required  
Statutory defences may apply |
| Seizure and retention of live Schedule 5 species recovered during an investigation | No training required but ideally specimens should only be handled by a suitably experienced person working under the supervision of an Officer – such as a Vet or RSPCA Animal Collection Officer/Inspector. |
| Possession of Schedule 5 species for education and training purposes | No training required |
| Evidence gathering of an offence at a breeding site/resting place of a Schedule 5 species (eg photography/scene examination) | In non-urgent cases Officers should be accompanied by a Natural England licensed person for the species concerned. |

### Annex D (Possess and transport dead specimens)

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