

Update from the Italian National Action Plan on IKB (2017-2020)

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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT IKB IN ITALY WAS FOCUSED ON FIVE MAIN GOALS:

1. Strengthening direct law enforcement of illegal activities against wild birds;
2. Strengthening indirect enforcement;
3. Prevention of wild-bird crimes;
4. Monitoring the implementation of the plan;
5. Setting up of a National Steering Committee (“cabina di regia”).



SUMMARY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

(+): activities done; **(-)**: activities to do; **(=)**: activities in progress

		STATUS		
Action 1.1.1	Strengthening of Carabinieri Forestali CUFAA	(+)		
Action 1.1.2	Strengthening of the CITES Unit	(+)		
Action 1.1.3	National Coordination of Antipoisoning Dog Units	(+)		
Action 1.1.4	Centralisation of data from carcass analyses in cases of suspected poisoning	(+)		
Action 1.2.1	Strengthening and reorganisation of provincial hunting surveillance bodies		(-)	
Action 1.2.2	Removal of legal obstacles to the regionalization of provincial hunting authorities		(-)	
Action 1.2.3	Safeguarding the hunting supervisory functions of the personnel of outlying CUFAA stations	(+)		
Action 1.2.4	Creation of anti-poison dog units	(+)		

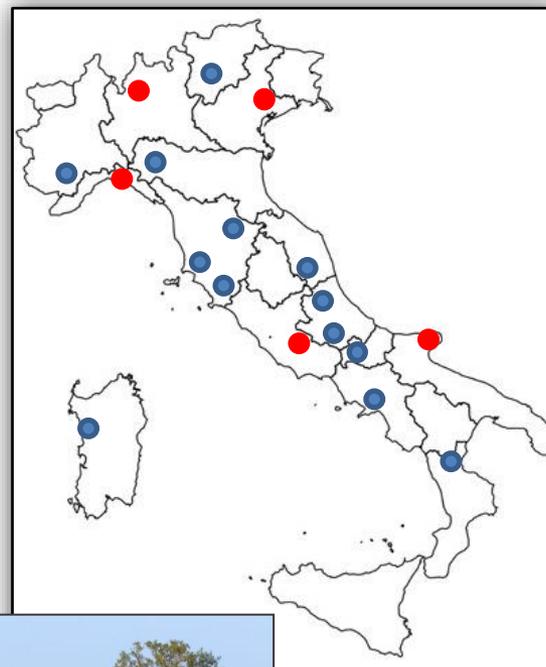
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ITALIAN ILLIGAL WILDLIFE POISONING DATABASE



<https://avvelenamenti.izslt.it/>

ANTI-POISON DOG UNITS



SUMMARY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

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		STATUS			
Action 1.3.1	Set up of a national operational coordination			=	
Action 1.3.2	Creation of a local operational coordinator in each black spot			=	
Action 1.3.3	Strengthening cooperation with international crime-fighting bodies			=	
Action 2.1.1	Adaptation of the national regulatory framework		(-)		
Action 2.1.2	Training of prosecutors and judges			=	
Action 2.1.3	Standardisation of the powers of voluntary hunting wardens		(-)		

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CRIMES AGAINST WILD BIRDS

Focus paper on effective measures to combat IKB

Introduction

1. Overview of IKB at national level
2. Legal Framework at national level
3. Sanctioning framework of offences against wild bird
4. Actions at international level to tackle illegal bird killing
5. Main actions at national level to tackle Illegal bird killing
6. Conclusion

Annex 1. Bird migration

Annex 2. Effect of poaching activity on wild birds

Annex 3. Common and threatened bird species

Annex 4. Effect of poaching activity on raptors

Annex 5. Forensic Veterinary Medicine to tackle Illegal birds killing

Technical Document:
6 Chapters, 5 Annexes, 4
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		STATUS		
Action 2.2.1	Standardization of regional regulations on hunting, breeding, keeping and trading of bird species		(-)	
Action 2.2.2	Reinforcing the traceability of captive animals		(-)	
Action 2.2.3	Stepping up checks on imports and sales of wild birds destined for human consumption			(=)
Action 2.2.4	Stepping up checks on restaurant businesses in black spots where consumption of wild birds is widespread			(=)
Action 2.2.5	Prevention of and compensation for damage caused by wildlife	(+)		
Action 2.3.1	Creation of a website on combating wild bird crime		(-)	



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Action 2.2.4

Stepping up checks on restaurant businesses in black spots where consumption of wild birds is widespread



24 may 2022. Approval of a Regional Law "Provisions for the enhancement of the typical dish of Brescia' spit and other traditional Lombard dishes based on game"

Action 3.1.1	Awareness-raising campaigns at black spots		(-)	
Action 3.1.2	Targeted awareness-raising campaigns		(-)	
Action 3.2.1	Improvement of hunting regulations		(-)	
Action 3.2.2	Raising awareness among hunters	(+)		
Action 3.3.1	Incentives for environmentally friendly economic activities		(-)	
Action 4.1.1	Implementation of the CUFAA database on wildlife crime		(-)	
Action 4.1.2	Creation of a national database on birds handed over to wildlife rehabilitation centres (CRAS)		(-)	
Action 4.1.3	Standardisation of regional databases on wildlife crime		(-)	
Action 4.1.4	Standardisation of databases at CUFAA headquarters	(+)		
Action 4.2.1	Preparation of annual reports	(+)		
Action 5.1.1	Establishment of the Steering Committee	(+)		
Action 5.1.2	Planning and start of the work of the steering committee	(+)		

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- The NAP **formally expired in April 2020.**
- To date, no update of the NAP has been planned.
- Some actions have been carried out in 2020-2021 and reported.
- At the last meeting of the Steering Committee (4 November 2021), it was proposed to continue the actions that must be carried out.

Thanks for your attention!



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