



Joint meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (9-11 June 2021)
Short intervention by Cyprus (Game & Fauna Service, Ministry of the Interior)

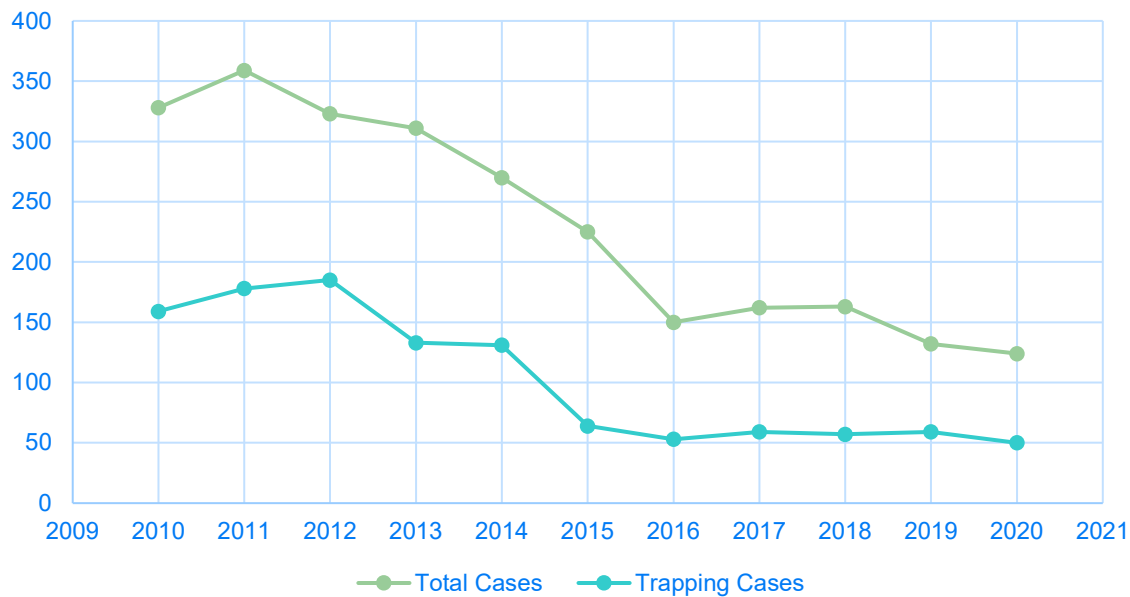
Key achievements

- Overall decreasing trend on Illegal Killing of Birds (IKB).
- Deterrent fines.
(New Legislation introduced in 2017 sets minimum fines and out-of-Court fines).
- Serving of protected birds in restaurants almost eradicated.
- Trapping during the Spring season has reduced to historical low levels.



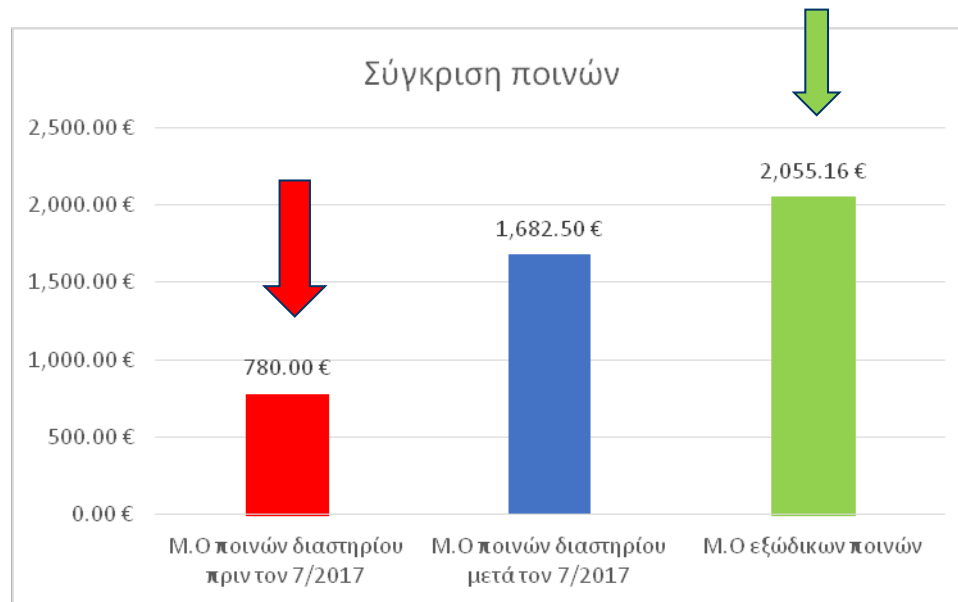
Total poaching and trapping cases (2010-2020)

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Comparison of fines imposed (Before Vs After the new Legislation)



(Average fine
Until 2017)

(Average fine
After 2017 – for individuals
that don't pay the
administrative
fine and the case taken to
Court)

(Average fine
After 2017)



Obstacles encountered

- ✓ Lack of awareness
- ✓ More involvement required by the Police
- ✓ Education of Judges and Prosecutors
- ✓ Parliament has reduced fines for limesticks in 2017

(BUT, during the latest amendments in 2020 this has been limited for very restricted instances)



Priorities for the Future

- Education & Awareness of Judges and Prosecutors
- Capacity building
- Monitoring
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Amendment of legislation so that criminal acts on IKB recorded by surveillance systems (i.e drones), to be able to be presented to Court.