



**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**LICENCE TO KILL OR TAKE CERTAIN BIRDS, INCLUDING  
THE TAKING, DAMAGING OR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR NESTS OR  
THE TAKING OR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR EGGS**

This licence hereby authorises for the **purpose of conserving wild birds**, and subject to the conditions set out below, any authorised person to kill or take any of the following birds:

Crow  
Great Black-backed Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Jackdaw  
Jay  
Magpie  
Feral Pigeon  
Rook

by shooting or by the use of cage trap or net or by any other method not prohibited by Section 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; or to take, damage or destroy their nests; or to take or destroy their eggs.

This licence is granted under Section 16(1) (c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 by the Scottish Ministers, after consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage, being the advisory body they consider to be best able to advise them as to whether the licence should be granted and being satisfied that there is no other satisfactory solution.

**CONDITIONS**

1. Every cage trap used under the authority of this licence shall be inspected by an authorised person on a daily basis when the cage trap is in use except where this is not possible because of severe weather conditions, e.g. as a result of heavy snowfall. In such cases, every effort must be made to inspect the cage trap as soon as possible. At each inspection any birds caught in the trap shall be removed from it.
2. Every cage trap used under the authority of this licence shall be inspected sufficiently to establish the presence of birds.
3. Where cage traps are left in the open but not in use, they must be rendered incapable of holding or catching birds.



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4. This licence is valid, unless previously revoked, in Scotland for the period **1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005**.
5. Licence number SEGEN/09 issued on 12 December 2003 is hereby revoked.

### DEFINITIONS

6. In this licence “authorised person” means
  - the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;
  - any person authorised in writing by the local authority for the area within which the action authorised is taken;
  - any person authorised in writing by any of the following bodies - Scottish Natural Heritage, a water authority or any other statutory water undertakers, a district board for a fishery district within the meaning of the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1862 or a local Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.
7. In this licence “on a daily basis” means at least once during the period from 00:01 hours to 24:00 hours on each day when the trap is operational.
8. In this licence “wild bird” means any bird of a kind that is ordinarily resident in or is a visitor to Great Britain in a wild state, and any game bird.

Authorised on behalf of Scottish Ministers  
by a member of staff of the Scottish Executive

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**NOTES**

1. Nothing in this licence conveys any right of entry upon land, and prior permission from the landowners in question should be obtained, if necessary, before action in accordance with the authorisation in this licence is taken.
2. Nothing in this licence exempts the licensee or any authorised person from complying with relevant firearms and public safety legislation.