



WHO ARE THE PAW PARTNERS?

PAW partners include key Government Departments, PSNI, and other enforcement agencies, conservation organisations, field sports organisations and land-owning interests.

REPORTING A CRIME



If you have any information about wildlife crime contact your local Police Service of Northern Ireland station on **0845 600 8000**. They can involve the specialist knowledge of the Wildlife Liaison Officer.

Information can be given anonymously through the Crimestoppers charity on **0800 555 111**.

For more information about the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) visit:

www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/CITES



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**WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP
TO REDUCE WILDLIFE CRIME
BY RAISING AWARENESS
AND PROMOTING
EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT**

PAW OBJECTIVES

The Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime in Northern Ireland (PAW) is a multi-agency body comprising representatives of all organisations involved in wildlife law enforcement. It provides opportunities for statutory and non-Government organisations to work together to combat wildlife crime. Its objectives are:

To take the lead in considering strategic issues concerned with combating wildlife crime and to report periodically;

To liaise with the PSNI Wildlife Liaison Officer and other key enforcement agencies;

To facilitate the exchange of information, experience, specialist knowledge and expertise on wildlife enforcement topics between all the agencies involved;

To increase public awareness of the key issues associated with combating wildlife crime;

To raise the profile of wildlife crime within the statutory enforcement agencies and the judiciary;

To promote and encourage the use of and research into forensic technologies, for application in wildlife crime investigations.

WHAT IS WILDLIFE CRIME?

There are many different laws designed to protect Northern Ireland's diverse wildlife, together with global controls that we have adopted. There is no single definition of wildlife crime but it is generally used to include the following:

Badger persecution

Clearance of vegetation involving the disturbance of wild birds and damage to nests

Damaging protected sites

Illegal taking of fish or game

Trapping wildlife illegally

Poisoning wildlife illegally

Taking wild birds eggs

Killing of birds of prey or prevention of their breeding

Destroying or disturbing bat roosts

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Police and Customs Officers are responsible for enforcing wildlife legislation but they need your support. You can help protect wildlife in a number of ways:

Join a local wildlife group, or;

If you are already a member of a wildlife organisation encourage it to join the PAW Partnership. PAW needs to draw on all available expertise and understand specialist crime if it is to make more impact on wildlife crime;

Think before you buy tourist souvenirs. They may be made from endangered species and could be seized by UK Customs on your return;

Suspected wildlife crime should be reported to your local PSNI Station as soon as possible.

