

**L.N. 150 of 2023**

**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT  
(CAP. 549)**

**Conservation of Wild Birds (Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister responsible for the environment in conjunction with the Minister for Gozo, and after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Conservation of Wild Birds (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". Citation.  
S.L. 549.42.
2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations immediately after the definition "organization representing persons licensed to hunt and, or take" there shall be added the following new definition: Amends  
regulation 2 of  
the principal  
regulations.

" "organization representing taxidermists" means an organization, which is enrolled with the Commissioner of Voluntary Organisations under the Voluntary Organisations Act, and that has more than eighty (80) paid up members, a statute and a committee which is elected at least once every three (3) years;"
3. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 21 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends  
regulation 21 of  
the principal  
regulations.
  - (a) the words "No person shall stuff or mount any bird or Non-European territory bird or act as a taxidermist or in any manner process for the purpose of preservation any bird or Non-European territory bird for commercial purposes without a licence issued by the Wild Birds Regulation Unit:" shall be substituted by the words "No person shall stuff or mount any bird or non-European territory bird or act as a taxidermist or in any manner process for the purposes of preservation, any bird or non-European territory bird for commercial purposes without a valid membership with an organisation representing taxidermists and without a taxidermist's licence issued by the Wild Birds Regulation Unit:"; and
  - (b) in the second proviso thereof, the words "this sub-

Cap. 492.

regulation" shall be substituted by the words "the requirement of a taxidermist's licence".

Amends  
regulation 23 of  
the principal  
regulations.

4. Sub-regulation (2) of regulation 23 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) paragraph (f) thereof shall be substituted by the following new paragraph:

"(f) without prejudice to regulation 9 and notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 7(1)(d), (e) and (f), a bird-ringer who takes a bird exclusively for scientific bird ringing may, for this purpose, use pre-recorded bird calls, nets or any other traps which do not use live-decoys"; and

(b) paragraph (i) thereof shall be substituted by the following new paragraph:

"(i) before the scientific bird-ringer leaves the bird ringing and, or geo-tagging site, all nets, including mist-nets, shall either be removed, furred or completely covered in such a way that no bird or other fauna can get caught.".