

**L.N. 251 of 2025**

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

**Conservation of Wild Birds (Amendment)  
Regulations, 2025**

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 Planning, 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, 2025 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 "bird" there shall be added the following new definition: Amends  
regulation 2 of  
the principal  
regulations.

""bird ringing scheme" means an accredited program or a scientific institution responsible for the training of bird ringers, the management of a bird-ringing database, and the facilitation of data sharing to support research, conservation, and population monitoring efforts;"
  
3. Regulation 23 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends  
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the principal  
regulations.
  - (a) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be amended as follows:
    - (i) in paragraph (d) thereof the words "which is accepted by EURING – The European Union for Bird Ringing" shall be deleted;
    - (ii) 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 scientific bird-ringer who captures a bird exclusively for scientific bird ringing purposes may,

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for this purpose, also use pre-recorded bird calls, nets, and live-decoys of specimens pertaining to the targeted species, including their mules and hybrids;";

(b) sub-regulation (3) thereof shall be amended as follows:

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

"(a) have obtained a training certificate, which is granted after the applicant has successfully completed the necessary training and gained field experience with a qualified trainer who is part of a bird ringing scheme;";

(ii) in paragraph (b) thereof the words "accepted by EURING" shall be deleted;

(c) in sub-regulation (4) thereof the words "which is accepted by EURING" shall be deleted.