

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 5 (1986) of the standing committee on the prosecution of persons illegally catching, killing or trading in protected birds

(Adopted by the Standing Committee on 4 December 1986)

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the convention,

Having regard to the aims of the convention to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats ;

Having regard to Recommendation N° R (85) 17 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the training of hunters ;

Recalling that Article 2 provides that each Contracting Party shall take the requisite measures to maintain the population of wild flora and fauna ;

Considering that illegal hunting and catching of wild birds are still common phenomena in certain countries in Europe ;

Considering the importance of the preservation of wild birds in the maintenance of the natural balance of ecosystems and their beneficial effects, especially on agriculture ;

Conscious of the need to preserve wild birds for present and future generations for their scientific, aesthetic, cultural and educational value.

Recommends that the Contracting Parties to the convention :

1. ensure without delay, by the appropriate legal and administrative measures, the prosecution of persons illegally catching or killing birds or establishments commercialising live or dead protected birds ;
2. ensure without delay, by the appropriate legal and administrative measures, the promotion of education of hunters and the general public and the dissemination of information on the need to conserve wild birds and their habitats.