



FIELD INVESTIGATION PROTOCOL
if bird crime is suspected
(Applicable after January 1st, 2015)

I. On-site diagnostics / Determining the suspicion of a criminal act:

- a) signs indicating poisoning: more carcasses of raptors close to each other, cramped legs, vomiting, diarrhea, "tent-like" wing posture, twisted neck or presence of probably poisoned bait (e.g. carcass opened by human, guts, meat, poultry head, egg, etc.);
- b) signs indicating shooting (in case of protected species): open wound, far from road, electric cable, railway, shot quill
- c) signs indicating nest shooting: pellet traces on twigs, nest material or the trunk;
- d) signs indicating nest-robbery: traces of climbing gear, trampled vegetation around the tree, broken twigs.

II. Field tasks in case of suspected crime:

- a) To inform immediately:
 1. the police on a central phone number and insist to have an on-site investigation: **112** (refer to the fact that crime was committed: BTK/TVT 242. §, HNPH (Hungarian National Police Headquarters) circular and number of order about the on-site inspection: 29015/164/2012 and 29022-18720/2014);
 2. the competent national park directorate (contacts on the next page);

Anti-poisoning coordinator of the Hungarian Ornithological and Nature Conservation Society (**20/251-4404**, mergezes@mme.hu);

- b) if necessary helping the police at the scene;
- c) securing the scene, (the scene not to be disturbed until investigators arrive,);
- d) Searching through the area in 1 km radius of the discovery of carcasses or (searching for further bodies, traces, baits preferably with the help of MME's detection dog);
- e) control of the breeding pairs in a 10 km radius around the discovery of carcasses or baits;
- f) everything should be photographed, GPS coordinates should be taken;
- g) protocol form should be filled in details, as much as possible (circumstances of the report and the discovery, details of the on-site investigation and the procedure, fate of the carcasses/traces);
- h) during police investigation "Police Protocol - if bird crime is suspected" document provides further help (see police.hu intranet).

III. Treating the carcasses of possible crime:

- **IMPORTANT:** when handling the carcasses, one should use rubber gloves, proper plastic bags for hazardous waste; see the on-site investigation package given to every district;
- carcasses/traces should be labelled containing basic data (date, species, GPS coordinates);
- in case of crime, examination of the carcass needs to be ordered by the police through an official veterinarian;
- the carcass should be transported without freezing to the Veterinary Diagnostic Directorate of the National Food Chain Office (if it is not possible within 24 hours, then freezing is necessary), and it will only be accepted if detailed accompanying document is attached (1149 Budapest, Tábornok St 2., Tel: 1/460-6300).

IV. Treating live animals fell victims to possible crime:

- **IMPORTANT:** Handling live birds can only be done by experienced people with proper tools (box suitable for the transportation of live animals, gloves);
- the bird should be taken immediately to the closest qualified veterinarian, member of the national veterinary network to get first-aid (availability can be found in the Protocol);
- veterinarians follow the „VETERINARY PROTOCOL - Established protocol for examining and using therapy to treat injured or dead birds of prey” (see parlagisas.hu);
- from here, if further treatment necessary, it needs to be transported to the Budapest ZOO, which coordinates the NVN (1146 Budapest, Állatkerti Blvd 6-12, tel: 20/559-31-50).



Contacts of the ranger service of the National Park Directorates in poisoning cases:

Aggteleki National Park Directorate (3758 Jósvalfő, Tengerszem oldal 1.)
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