

Wildlife Jersey Law

1. Wildlife (Jersey) Law

1. This survey asks for your views on the draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law 201- which will replace the Conservation of Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2000 as Jersey's main legislation for protecting wildlife from harm.

The areas covered in this survey are:

- Definitions for 'wild animal' and 'wild bird'
- Schedules and levels of protection for wild animals, birds and plants
- Protection of dens, nests, breeding sites and resting sites
- Areas of Special Protection
- Methods of killing or taking all wild birds and wild animals
- Release of animals, birds and plants into the wild
- Licences

We recommend that you read the consultation paper and draft law before giving your views on the areas of interest to you, and any other comments that you wish to make in the final section.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation we will ask for its name, but will not make it public as an individual, your answers will be anonymous but you are required to state your area of work.

Your answers will only be used to shape the proposed legislation. *

- I'm responding on behalf of an organisation
- I'm responding as an individual

2. Responding as an individual

2. Which sector do you work in? *

- Ecological consultant
- Environmental NGO
- Construction industry
- Pest / wildlife management
- Agriculture and fisheries
- Public sector
- Land owner
- Wildlife volunteer
- Land management
- Tree surgeon
- Other (please specify):

Comments:

3. Responding on behalf of an organisation

3. Which organisation are you responding on behalf of? *

4. Definitions for 'wild animal' and 'wild bird'

4. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law amends the definitions given for 'wild animal' and 'wild bird' to ensure that only those animals and birds that are 'naturally occurring' are considered wild for the purposes of the law. Captive bred animals and birds (and their offspring) are also excluded.

Do you support the proposed amended definitions?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

5. Protection for wild animals, birds and plants

5. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law introduces amendments that allow for varied levels of protection to be afforded to the wild animals, birds and plants listed within the law's schedules, in order to ensure that rarer species have greater protection than common species.

These amendments also take into account the outcome of the First Quinquennial Review of the schedules to the existing law, which resulted in the removal of some species from the current schedules as well as the addition of others.

Do you agree with the proposed Schedules of Protected Species and their associated levels of protection?

- Yes

- No
 Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

6. Protection of dens, nests, breeding sites and resting sites

6. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law strengthens and clarifies the protection given to the dens and nests of protected species. The law also provides for the wider breeding sites and resting sites of certain species to be protected, to be listed on a new schedule. A further new schedule would provide year-round protection to the nests of certain wild birds.

Do you support the proposed extended protection provisions?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

7. Areas of Special Protection

7. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law introduces new provisions for an Area of Special Protection (ASP) to be declared by Ministerial Order, placing restrictions on access to (or activities within) a physically or temporarily defined area, within which protected species may be breeding or growing.

An ASP will only be declared with the support of the owner(s) of the land affected and may be declared to apply temporarily, such as during the breeding season, or all year round.

Do you support the provisions for Areas of Special Protection?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

8. Methods of killing or taking all wild birds and wild animals

8. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law seeks to improve on the existing law by establishing a clear and flexible framework for regulating the means of taking all wild animals and birds without causing harm.

This is achieved by creating a new schedule of regulated devices, substances and activities, which may be updated and amended to take account of developments in techniques and devices available. Provision is also allowed within the schedule itself for certain prohibited devices to be used under certain circumstances (such as educational pond dipping) and this will be supported by published guidance.

Do you support the proposed framework?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

9. Release of animals, birds and plants into the wild

9. The draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law introduces a range of provisions to prevent and control the release of animals, birds and plants into the wild to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on the environment.

Only those animals, birds or plants that are listed in a new schedule may be released into the wild, others may be released only in accordance with a licence granted to do so. Additional provisions enabling action to be taken to control or eradicate invasive non-native species (INNS) are also included, in association with a new Schedule of INNS to be added.

Do you support the proposed provisions to prevent and control the release of animals, birds and plants into the wild?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

10. Licences

10. The licensing framework within the draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law has been improved, updated and extended to enable present-day activities affecting wildlife to be regulated and enforced appropriately.

Do you support the proposed licensing framework?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give your reasoning for your response

11. General comments

11. Please comment below if you have any other comments regarding the draft legislation.