

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE

DECLARATION

**UNDER REGULATION 3(1)(A) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (WILDLIFE
ACT 1976) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986)**

AND

**REGULATION 55 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL
HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011)**

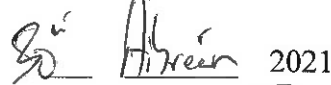
The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage being of the opinion that the species referred to in Schedule 1 to this declaration represent a threat to public health or safety or are likely to cause serious damage to crops or to livestock or are likely to cause damage to fauna and being satisfied that no other satisfactory solution exists, hereby declares pursuant to regulation 3(1)(a) of the European Communities (Wildlife Act 1976) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986) as adapted and Regulation 55 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) that for the purpose of preventing the disease, injury or damage specified in column (2) of Schedule 1 by the species mentioned in column (1) of Schedule 1, the said species may be captured or killed or otherwise interfered with on any property by any of the means, arrangements or methods specified in column (4) of Schedule 1 during the period specified for each species in column (3) of Schedule 1 to this declaration in any location in the State, except where otherwise specified in column (3) of the Schedule to the declaration, by the owner or occupier of any such property or the servant or agent of the owner or occupier of any such property on which the said threat to public health or safety is represented by such species or in order to prevent serious damage to crops or to livestock or damage to fauna on such property, as specified in column (2) of Schedule 1.


SCHEDULE 1

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SPECIES TYPE	REASON FOR CONTROL	PERIOD COVERED BY DECLARATION	METHOD OF CONTROL
Hooded (Grey) Crow (<i>Corvus corone</i>)	<p>Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases</p> <p>Prevent serious damage to livestock</p> <p>Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 31 May 2022 and 1 December 2021 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 30 September 2021 and 1 February 2022 to 30 April 2022</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p> <p>Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾</p>
Magpie (<i>Pica pica</i>)	<p>Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases</p> <p>Prevent serious damage to livestock</p> <p>Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 31 May 2021 and 1 December 2021 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 30 September 2021 and 1 February 2022 to 30 April 2022</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p> <p>Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾</p>
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	<p>Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet</p> <p>Prevent damage to livestock feedlots</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 31 December 2021 and 1 February 2022 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 31 May 2021 and 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p>
Jackdaw (<i>Corvus monedula</i>)	<p>Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet</p> <p>Prevent damage to livestock feedlots</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 31 December 2021 and 1 February 2022 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 31 May 2021 and 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p>

<p>Wood Pigeon (<i>Columba palumbus</i>)</p> <p>Feral Pigeon (<i>Columba livia</i>), Collared Dove (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)</p> <p>The following specified members of the Pigeon family are not included: Stock Dove (<i>Columba oenas</i>),</p> <p>Turtle Dove (<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>),</p> <p>Wild Rock Dove (<i>Columba livia</i>), carrier pigeon, homing pigeon or any other domestic types of Rock Dove.</p>	<p>Prevent serious damage to arable crops, including cereals, legumes and brassicas</p> <p>Threat to public health notably contamination of food storage</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p> <p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Non meat based poisoned or anaesthetic bait may be used as a method of control but only under permit with prescribed conditions as issued by the National Parks and Wildlife Service prior to control action taking place.</p>
<p>Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>), Greater Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus marinus</i>), Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>)</p>	<p>Threat to public safety</p>	<p>1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022 confined to the area within the boundary map at Schedule 2</p>	<p>To take the nests or to take the eggs</p>

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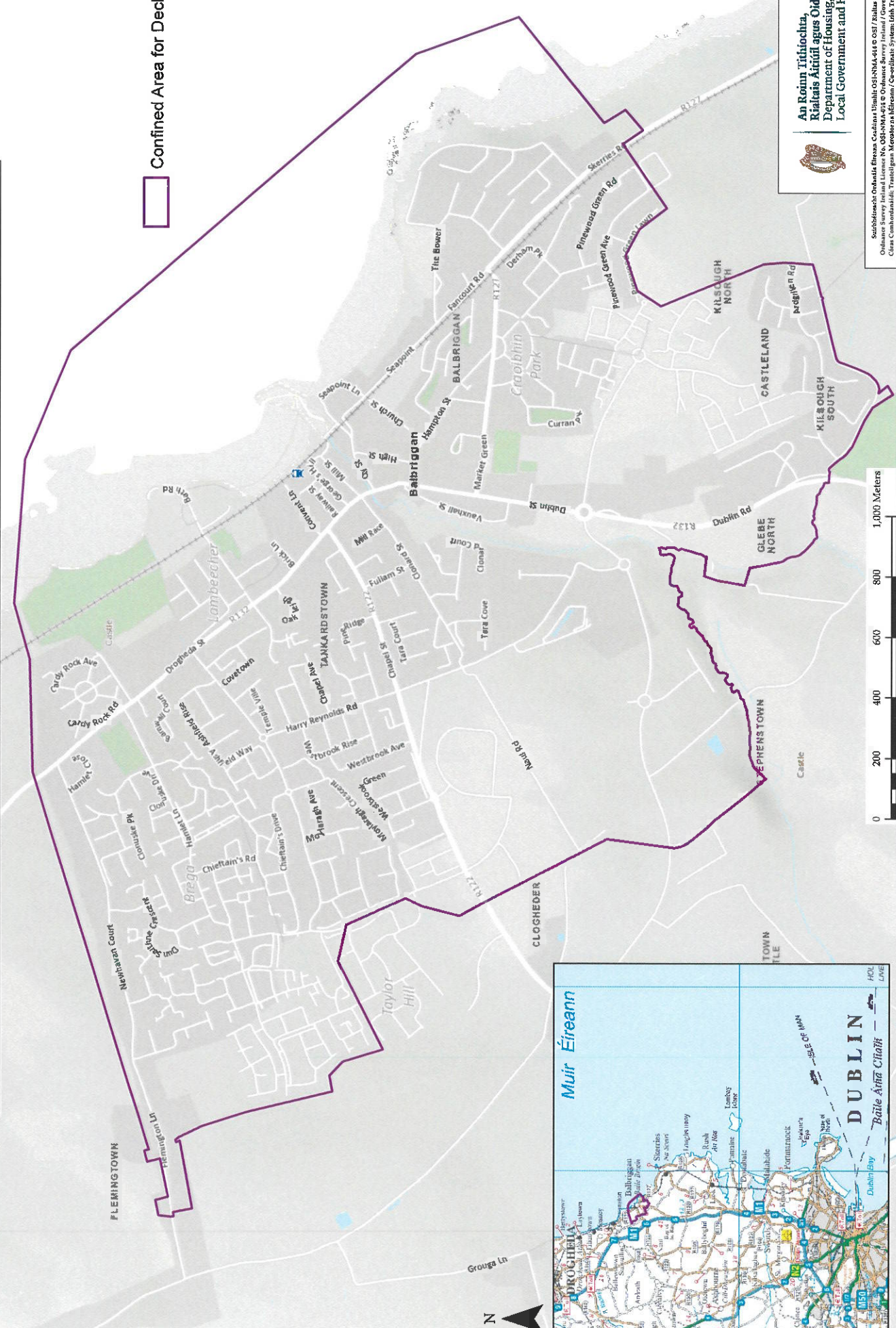
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(1) NOTE: Where a live wild bird is used as a decoy it is necessary to ensure that the live decoy bird may only be used to hunt birds of the same species and that the live decoy bird must be regularly provided with ample food and water and that when caged must only be kept in a cage which is of sufficient dimensions to enable the bird to move and exercise freely.

Map Associated with Wild Birds Declaration Derogation 2021/2022

Confined Area for Declaration



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