

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND THE GAELTACHT

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3(1) (A) OF THE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (WILDLIFE ACT 1976) (AMENDMENT)

REGULATIONS 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986)

1. The Minister for Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht, 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, 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.
2. The Declaration dated 28 April 2020 is hereby revoked.

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>)	Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases Prevent serious damage to livestock Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds	1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020 and 1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 30 September 2020 and 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021	Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾
Magpie (<i>Pica pica</i>)	Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases Prevent serious damage to livestock Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds	1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020 and 1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 30 September 2020 and 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021	Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet Prevent damage to livestock feedlots	1 May 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020 and 1 November 2020 to 30 April 2021	Shooting with rifle or shotgun.
Jackdaw (<i>Corvus monedula</i>)	Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet Prevent damage to livestock feedlots	1 May 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020 and 1 November 2020 to 30 April 2021	Shooting with rifle or shotgun.

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SPECIES TYPE	REASON FOR CONTROL	PERIOD COVERED BY DECLARATION	METHOD OF CONTROL
Wood Pigeon (<i>Columba palumbus</i>) Feral Pigeon (<i>Columba livia</i>), Collared Dove (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>) The following specified members of the Pigeon family are not included: Stock Dove (<i>Columba oenas</i>), Turtle Dove (<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>), Wild Rock Dove (<i>Columba livia</i>), carrier pigeon, homing pigeon or any other domestic types of Rock Dove.	Prevent serious damage to arable crops, including cereals, legumes and brassicas Threat to public health notably contamination of food storage	1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021	Shooting with rifle or shotgun. 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.
Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>), Greater Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus marinus</i>), Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>)	Threat to public safety	1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 confined to the area within the boundary map at Schedule 2	To take the nests or to take the eggs

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister
for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
this 21 day of May 2020


Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

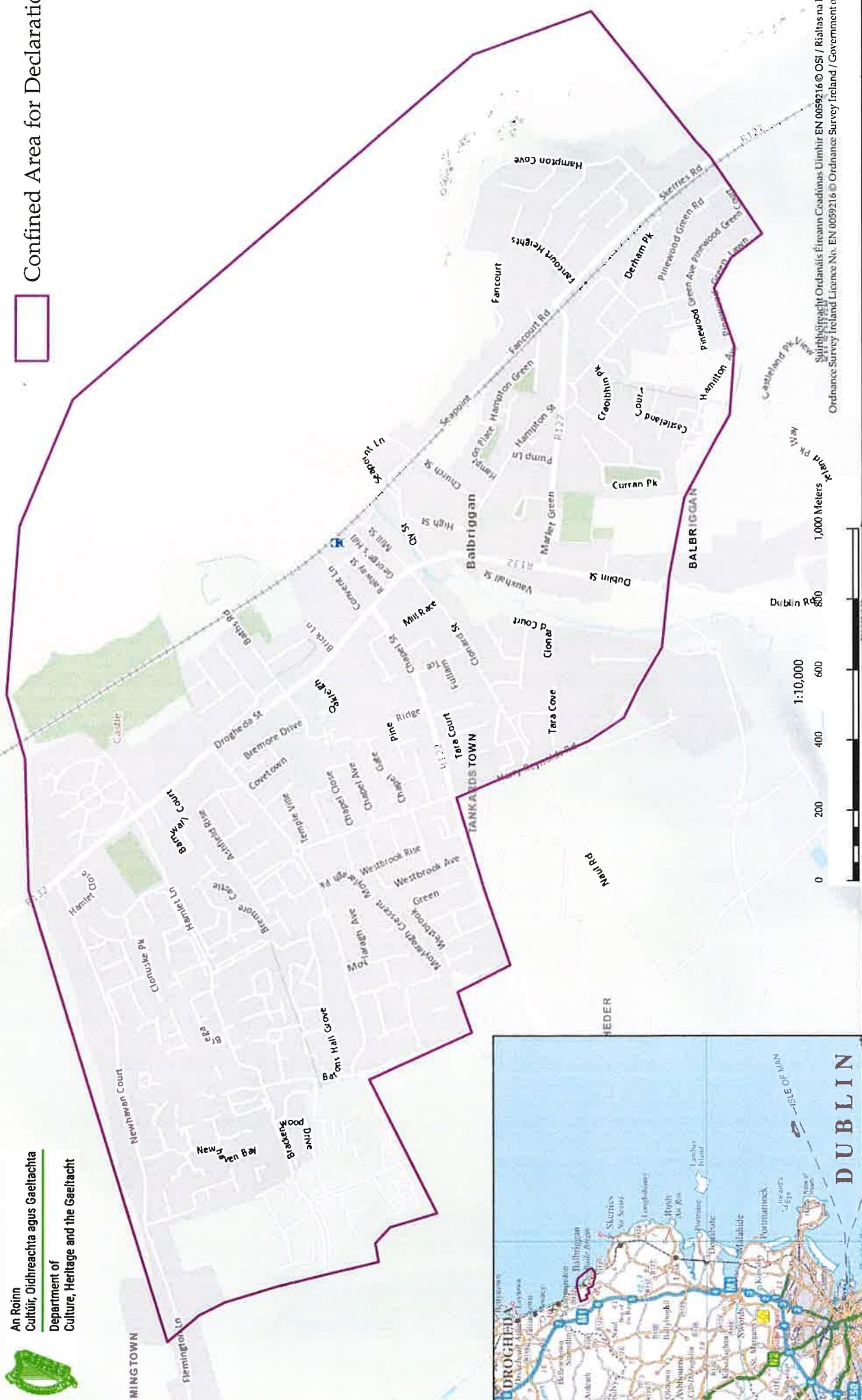
NOTE:

⁽¹⁾ 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.

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Confined Area for Declaration



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