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Wild Birds Regulation Unit

Ensuring sustainability of hunting tourism

In view of the growing trend of Maltese hunters opting to travel on hunting trips abroad, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit, within the Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate change, works to promote and ensure compliance hunting tourism activities with applicable laws and regulations. To this end, the Unit carries out routine inspections and spot checks at points of entry, namely Customs and Cargo Sections of the Malta International Airport (MIA) and the Sea Passenger Terminal, including surprise inspections. Over the past year, the Unit carried out 175 inspections at points of entry, of which four were surprise inspections. During these inspections a total of 16,453 bird specimens were examined. No irregularities were detected.

New procedures concerning the importation of live or dead birds were developed and widely disseminated amongst hunting tourism operators during a series of workshops. A guidance note has been prepared which summarizes applicable regulatory requirements concerning transport or importation into Malta of any bird hunting trophies or live birds for the purposes of aviculture. This guidance note is available online from <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Document%20Repository/WBRU/2018/news/NotaGwidaImportazzjoni%2011012018.pdf>

In parallel with the enforcement activities, the Unit has also carried out an information campaign aimed at different stakeholders involved in hunting tourism sector. The aim is to promote awareness of applicable regulations, to ensure that hunting tourism activities are carried out sustainably, and in accordance with the national and international laws.