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Dear Ms Oxley

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000308/16

Thank you for your request for information regarding Wildlife Crime which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I would like to submit a freedom of information request to you for numerical data on the number of wildlife crime incidences submitted to you by police forces for the period 2010-2016. Additional helpful breakdowns of said data would be:

-Which police force submitted what data?

-A breakdown of the time period into months/quarters

-Breakdown of the types of Wildlife crime incidences reported; (e.g. Deer poaching, Fish poaching, Badger persecution – including baiting, snaring, shooting, and disturbance of setts, Bat persecution, Egg theft / collection, Bird of Prey persecution – through poisoning, trapping, shooting, disturbance of nest and/or theft of chicks, The trade in ivory, tortoises, rhino horn and other protected species covered by CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) including caviar, Traditional Chinese Medicines, and orchids), Non registration of certain birds and animals that require licensing through DEFRA/Animal Health if kept in captivity or sold)

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does not hold the information you have requested.

We have made enquiries with the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) who has confirmed that they no longer record wildlife crime incidents on behalf of police forces across the UK. This process ceased in 2013.

I have undertaken all of the necessary checks in establishing whether information is held which is captured by your request and any necessary steps with regard to retrieval of such information. There is no information held within the current portfolios and I therefore conclude that the information that you seek is not held by the NPCC.



In order to collate such information you would have to make individual enquiries with all the different police forces in the UK. This is not centrally collated at a national level.

Yours sincerely

Sherry Traquair
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

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