

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**LICENCE TO TAKE EGGS OF THE  
MALLARD (*ANAS PLATYRHYNCHOS*) FOR INCUBATION**

**PURPOSE**

This licence is granted by Scottish Ministers under Section 16(1)(c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, after consultation with SNH and being satisfied that there is no other satisfactory solution. The purpose of this licence is to allow the eggs of Mallard to be taken and incubated, in order to replenish stocks of Mallard for wildfowl collections when the natural renewal of those stocks is threatened by severe weather conditions. It permits:

- a) any authorised person to take eggs of the Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), before 31 March, for the purpose of incubation, to assist in the successful rearing of birds which otherwise would have been unlikely to withstand adverse weather conditions;
- b) any authorised person to have in their possession such an egg and any bird hatched from such an egg, to assist in the successful rearing of birds which otherwise would have been unlikely to withstand adverse weather conditions.

**CONDITIONS**

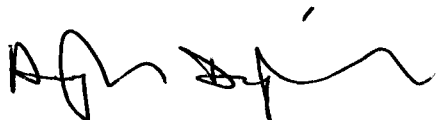
1. Eggs may only be taken by hand.
2. No eggs shall be taken **after 31 March** in any year.
3. Any live bird hatched from an egg taken under this licence, unless it is disabled or has died, shall be released to the wild **not later than the 31 July** in the year in which the egg was taken.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that any bird hatched from an egg taken and incubated under the terms of this licence does not become imprinted or otherwise rendered unfit, as a consequence of being in captivity, for subsequent release back into the wild.
5. Neither the eggs, nor any birds hatched from the eggs, taken under the provisions of this licence, may be sold, hired, bartered or exchanged.
6. This licence is valid in Scotland, unless previously revoked, for the period **01 January 2009 to 31 December 2009**.

# Scottish Government General Licence No.11/2009

## **DEFINITION**

In this licence “authorised person” means:

- the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;
- any person authorised in writing by the local authority for the area within which the action authorised is taken;
- any person authorised in writing by any of the following bodies - Scottish Natural Heritage, a water authority or any other statutory water undertakers, a district board for a fishery district within the meaning of the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1862 or a local Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.
- any person authorised in writing by a National Parks Authority established under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Designation, Transitional and Consequential Provisions (Scotland) Order 2002.



**HUGH DIGNON**  
Scottish Government  
Rural Directorate  
Landscapes and Habitats Division  
Victoria Quay  
EDINBURGH  
EH6 6QQ

15 December 2008