**HPAI Decision Proforma 2023**

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| Title of project: | |  | | |
| Date start and finish of activity: | |  | Applicant details: |  |
| Brief description: |  | | | |
| Commentary on assessment of risk to birds, covering:   * exposure to vulnerable individuals that would not otherwise be exposed * increase probability of mortality , suffering or reproductive failure to already sick individuals * degree of resistance * are individuals already in areas highly infected * probability of individuals dying anyway | |  | | |
| Commentary on assessment of reward, covering:   * directly related to HPAI virus * impacts of HPAI outbreak * urgently required to advance science/policy | |  | | |

*Note: Research projects require a specific licence from NatureScot, and detailed information is required to ensure an assessment of wider conservation impacts. Further guidance on the information that should be provided to aid this assessment is available on request and this may provide a helpful guide on the types of information relevant for more complex ringing projects*

**Summary of findings**

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| Epidemiology Risk |  |
| Reward |  |
| Delay |  |
| Additional Risk Mitigation |  |
| **Exemption Recommendation if suspension is imposed** |  |

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| **Risk Category** | **Illustrative example** |
| Low | Seabird census from boat  Raptor survey from safe approach distance |
| Medium | Counting a colony by approaching but not entering |
| High | Entering seabird colony  Handling for sampling or ringing  Moving from one seabird colony to another |

**Examples of epidemiology risk categories**

**Examples of reward categories**

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| **Category** | **Illustrative example** |
| **A** | Random (i.e. unstructured, one-off) ringing |
| **B** | Projects of clear scientific value but not related to understanding survival or disease status during the HPAI outbreak |
| **C** | Structured long-term ringing, for example Re-trapping Adults for Survival (RAS) projects or similar  Work that will provide evidence on HPAI that we think will have important bearing for conservation management decisions.  Work that will have an important impact on other priority areas, such as the impact of offshore windfarms. |

**Examples of delay categories**

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| **Category** | **Illustrative example** |
| **A** | Projects that are not related to HPAI and could be delayed. |
| **B** | Projects that would not suffer from a break in data continuity. |
| **C** | Projects that would suffer from a break in continuity, or HPAI information gained through the project is required urgently for conservation management. |