

## Protected Species and Environmental Legislation

CAPS have always lived up to its role as stewards for land under our management and fully recognise the importance of, and the relevant environmental legislation, on protected species within the UK. We expect all members to adhere to these pieces of legislation.

Key Legislation and relevant procedures include: -

- [The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981](#)
- [EU Regulation \(1141/2014\) on invasive alien \(non-native\) species](#)
- [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 \(The Habitats Directive\)](#)
- [The protection of Badgers Act 1992](#)
- [Wild Mammals \(Protection\) Act 1996](#)

Whilst otters are seen as a prime predators of fish stocks members should be aware Under sections 9 and 11 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

You're breaking the law if you:

- capture, kill, disturb or injure otters (on purpose or by not taking enough care)
- damage or destroy a breeding or resting place (deliberately or by not taking enough care)
- obstruct access to their resting or sheltering places (deliberately or by not taking enough care)
- possess, sell, control or transport live or dead otters, or parts of otters

If you're found guilty of an offence you could get an unlimited fine and up to 6 months in prison.