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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015962/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding wildlife crimes reported within your force area.

Could you please provide the following data for the period 2000-2024:

- 1. The total number of wildlife crimes reported to your force.*
- 2. The number of prosecutions resulting from those reports.*
- 3. Details of the protected species groups involved in the cases that resulted in prosecution (e.g., birds, mammals, reptiles/amphibians, plants, etc.).*

If possible, I would appreciate the data in a table or spreadsheet format. Please also advise if any part of this request would exceed cost limits or require refinement.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

I look forward to your response.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm some of the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2000 and 31/12/2024, where the HO classification is 96 (Wildlife Crime), excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
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