

Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

GB Priority - **HIGH**

Aim: Prevent this species from establishing in GB.



Objectives:

1. Reduce the risk of invasion from locations outside of GB.
2. Rapidly detect, report and confirm any sightings in GB.
3. Humanely cull or otherwise remove individuals where risk is identified.

Aim	Action	Where	Co-ordinating body	Support	Start/finish date
Prevention	Encourage a concerted approach to remove European populations by European Partners .	Europe	Defra	NNSS	Ongoing
	Develop a pathway action plan to reduce risk of escape from zoos and collections in GB.	GB	NNSS, Defra, SG, WG	Agencies, BIAZA	Ongoing
Early detection / rapid response	Develop a communications plan to underpin this ISAP and any subsequent action that may result from it - including clear lines of responsibility.	GB	Defra, SG, WG	Agencies, NGOs	Aug 13
	Ensure appropriate equipment and trained personnel are available for effective, timely and humane removal	GB	Defra, SG, WG	National Wildlife Team	Aug 13
	Issue a GB level alert.	GB	NNSIP	NNSS, Agencies, NGOs	Ongoing
	On detection, confirm sighting, assess for risk to protected native species, and assess for potential breeding (e.g. nest building, mating displays observed, juveniles present, a group of individuals observed)	GB	NE, SNH, NRW	National Wildlife Team	As req
	If risk to a protected native species is identified, or breeding appears possible, remove individuals as soon as possible (no later than 4 weeks from confirmation) and carry out other control work as necessary (e.g. egg oiling).	GB	NE, SNH, NRW	National Wildlife Team	As req

Risk Register	Location	Mitigation
Rapid response delayed and population becomes established (<i>high</i>)	GB	Ensure the actions in this plan are implemented, including the training of appropriate personnel and appropriate communications handling to reduce risk of delay.
Negative public / stakeholder response to intention to cull or remove birds (<i>high</i>)	GB	Thorough communications plan essential. Ensure humane methods are identified (consider trapping). Work with stakeholders to communicate the issues, the importance of undertaking control and humaneness of approach.
Refused access to land to enable control (<i>high</i>)	GB	Work closely with landowners and stakeholders to obtain access. In Scotland consider control orders if necessary.

Measurable outcome: No populations established in GB.

Updating and review: For most up-to-date ISAP visit www.nonativespecies.org: scheduled review date Jul 2014

Supporting documentation: [Risk assessment](#) | [ID sheet](#) | [Factsheet](#) |