



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

White-tailed Eagle Report Form (Privacy Statement)

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for weather forecasting and for built and natural heritage.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of reporting a White-tailed Eagle sighting; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Categories of personal data

The Department processes the following personal data in respect of providing you with the service. We collect data in the following ways:

Non-personally identifiable information (that could be combined to potentially become personally identifiable information) such as:

- IP Address
- Browser Type
- Device Type

Personally identifiable information **that you** submit to us such as:

- Name and Email
- County, Town or nearest village of sighting and (optionally) a grid reference
- When the sighting occurred

- And finally; details about the bird (whether it is adult or juvenile, details of any visible wing tags, and other information)

Source of the personal data

This personal data was provided to the Department when you submitted details of your sighting on the White-tailed Eagle Report Form.

Purposes of the processing

The Department will use the information provided in order to supplement NPWS's knowledge of locations used by White-tailed Eagles in Ireland. The Department will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it was collected.

The provision of your personal data is a contractual requirement in order to allow the Department to validate sightings and to report back to you on the history of the bird where possible. You are obliged to provide this data, and failure to do so could result in us being unable to verify sightings or confirm details with you.

The information provided may be used internally for audit or other compliance purposes where the Department has a lawful basis for such processing.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of the White-tailed Eagle Report Form for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

Lawfulness of processing

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (a), the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes.

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

Personal data may be shared with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of to the White-tailed Eagle Report Form any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will your data be kept?

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed. In line with legislative and business requirements, the data retention period for your personal data, in this instance, is a maximum of 1-year post event.

Your rights

The Department's [Data Protection Policy](#), which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request. If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right

to complain to the [Irish Data Protection Commission](#), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

The Department is the Data Controller when processing your personal data for the purposes outlined above. The Department's contact details are available on the [Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's website](#).

The Department has appointed a Data Protection Officer to support its compliance with data protection law. The contact details for the Department's Data Protection Officer are:

Data Protection Officer

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Newtown Road

Wexford

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