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TENDER FOR AN INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON THE INFLUX OR PASSAGE OF MIGRATORY COMMON QUAIL AND TURTLE DOVE IN MALTA DURING AUTUMN 2021; AND MIGRATORY FINCHES, GOLDEN PLOVER AND SONG THRUSH DURING AUTUMN/WINTER SEASON 2021

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Question 1: Would the winning bidder have access to all the past raw data collected by previous service providers of this study?

Answer 1: All bidders may access previous published reports which are publicly available on WBRU's site on the following link <https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/Reports%20and%20Statistics/Autumn-Live-Capturing-Derogations%E2%80%8B-.aspx> as stated in tender dossier Section 3, Clause 3.2. Raw data is already published as Appendix I to the reports.

Question 2: Is it being allowed that observations can be effected by licensed trappers or/and hunters while they are actually practicing trapping and hunting activities?

Answer 2: As per Section 3 Clause 4.2, stations are to be manned by a sufficient number of ornithologists and/or field assistants. The number of active stations on any given day shall be six (6) sites manned by at least two ornithologists and/or field assistants, and each site has to be surveyed every 4 days. Moreover, Section 3 Clause 4.2 of the tender document specifies that it is imperative that the observers, or persons deployed by the consultant to man the stations and/or conduct counts or observations for the purpose of this study shall not be directly or indirectly involved with the practice of live-capturing or hunting.

Question 3: Can we kindly have the number of finches per species that were trapped and released during the 2020 autumns season derogation on the premise of being a scientific study?

Answer 3: The objectives of this tender have nothing to do with the finch research derogation conducted in 2020. The 2020 finch research derogation sought data collection on ring recoveries, whereas the migration study analyses the migration pattern and influx of Finches, Golden Plover and Song Thrush.

All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.