



EVALUATION SHEET

Member State: Ireland

Directive: Habitats

Reporting period: 2015-2016

Date of submission of the report: 08 May 2018

List of potential problems:

- **Problem:** The report is incomplete, making it impossible to assess whether there is any potential impact on the concerned species and whether derogations are compliant with the provisions of Article 16 of the Habitats Directive.

Derogations concerned:

- None of the 277 derogations granted for the 2015-2016 reporting period provide figures on the individuals/sites actually affected or any justification for the missing figures. More than 80% of the issued derogations have permitted the destruction of breeding or resting sites, and almost 88% of these affected “All Irish species of bats (Chiroptera)”.
- Only 4 derogations provide the maximum number of individuals/sites covered by the derogations, so that it seems that when derogations are granted no limit in the number of specimens/sites that can be affected is set.
- Reference to alternatives rejected, controls carried out and results obtained are never provided.

Requests: Ireland should improve the accuracy of its reporting in order to allow for a better monitoring of derogations in its territory. It should report all information mentioned above, especially the figures of affected individuals/sites.