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Holly Cairns TD calls for immediate action on illegal poisoning after the killing of 23 buzzards in County Cork.

Cork South West TD Holly Cairns has written to both the Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht and the Minister for Justice and Equality for immediate action to address the illegal poisoning of wild animals. The testing of 23 buzzards found dead in December in Cork has recently revealed that they were poisoned by the highly toxic and banned substance, Carbofuran.

Holly said:

“I was shocked and outraged when I read about the intentional killing of the 23 buzzards in Cork with a banned poison. It is incredibly disheartening that someone would do this at a time when we are trying to re-establish different bird species. In April we had a good news story with Glengarriff Nature Reserve, in West Cork, announcing the birth of a white-tailed sea eagle chick from birds brought here from Norway.”

“There has been an outcry for immediate action on this issue. I have asked the Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht and the Minister for Justice and Equality to enable the National Parks and Wildlife Service and An Garda Síochána to pursue a successful investigation and implement preventative measures. This was a callous act using a banned highly-dangerous poison.”

“Unfortunately, this isn’t an isolated case; BirdWatch Ireland have highlighted the use of bait laced with poison to kill protected birds of prey remains and the National Parks and Wildlife Service annual report for 2017 revealed at least sixteen poison incidents and six shootings. This is why the Social Democrats have sought to establish a Garda Wildlife Crime Unit to assist in the prevention and detection of wildlife crime.

“West Cork is valued for its spectacular scenery and wildlife, it is only right that we ensure these are actively protected. More needs to be done by government to protect birds and wildlife across Ireland.”

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