



# Safety Alert

## Environmental Survey Team Encounters Seasonal Shooter

21 March 2022

### Background information

- The survey team arrived at the land parcel to conduct a non-intrusive, environmental survey, when they heard a gunshot and a bird fell approximately 15 to 20 metres away.
- This was followed very shortly afterwards by the shooter emerging from a hedgerow on the opposite side.
- Prior to arriving to site, the survey team had made a courtesy call to the landowner, who confirmed that no shooting was planned for that day.
- After a review of this near miss, it was noted that the landowner was not aware that shooting activity was occurring on their land on this date.
- There was a lack of clear communication between the landowner and the shoot organiser, which resulted in the project land access team and the survey team having incorrect information.



### Lessons Learnt

- If surveys are not critical and the land parcel has shoot arrangements in place - the survey shall be postponed until after the shooting season.
- The survey team shall contact the shoot organiser to ensure no shooting is planned on the day of the surveys.
- The survey team shall carry out a dynamic risk assessment before entering the land parcels, and stop work if any unsafe conditions are observed / heard.