

## WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER 77/19  
PART OF STUDY FSGD-211  
REGIONAL NUMBER W/19/18  
OTHER REFERENCES 28/B0011/09/19  
SENDER VLA Carmarthen

LOCATION [REDACTED] Gellifor  
Denbighshire

GRID REFERENCE [REDACTED]

INCIDENT DATE 23 August 2019

SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT unknown

DATE OF REPORT 2 December 2019

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED]

SIGNED : ..... [REDACTED]

### NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED

1 buzzard

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Samples received			Date received	Sample identifier
99715	buzzard		11/9/19	APHA: 28-B0011-09-19, spec 1
99715	buzzard	tissues	11/9/19	APHA: 28-B0011-09-19, spec 1

### Summary of field data

A dead buzzard was found and the finder was suspicious as this was the third dead buzzard that they had seen over the last month. Buzzards have nested in the area for at least the last ten years and since finding the most recent carcass, there have been no buzzards seen. The buzzard carcass was collected by the finder and arrangements were made to store it in a freezer at a local veterinary practice. There were also some photos available of the buzzard and it appeared to have a full crop. The finder was not aware of any game interests in the immediate area, but there are shoots further away. Arrangements were made to deliver the carcass to the APHA.

### Summary of post mortem report

A male buzzard, weight 849g and fair body condition, with moderate autolysis was submitted for post-mortem. The bird was received in a signed evidence bag SB30214402 and the signed part of the bag was retained. There was also a signed evidence label attached to the bag. There was some red subcutaneous fluid over the left and right caudal thorax. The stomach contained feed that resembled chicks. The lungs were dark and congested. There were no abnormalities of the remaining body systems seen.

### Analysis : chloralose

99715	kidney	no chloralose detected	detection limit	0.008	mg/kg
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### Analysis : metaldehyde & carb (LC) analysis suite

99715	stomach contents	no metaldehyde & carb (LC) detected	detection limit	0.06	mg/kg
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### Analysis : organophosphate analysis suite

99715	stomach contents	no organophosphate detected	detection limit	0.4	mg/kg
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### Analysis : rodenticide analysis suite

99715	liver	no rodenticide detected	detection limit	0.0005	mg/kg
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### Conclusion

It was suspected that this buzzard had been poisoned. Laboratory analysis for a range of likely pesticides has been undertaken on the submitted samples. However, no residues from the compound groups tested for were found. The cause of death of this buzzard remains uncertain.