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Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction

The pilots' perspective

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What is the pilot's responsibility?



The pilot in command is responsible for the safety of all crew members, passengers and cargo on board the aircraft

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Birds in the vicinity

- What does this really mean?
- ► What are the hazards?
- What are the potential consequences?
- ► What can pilots do?
- ► How do they decide?

ATIS Information Echo... ...Use caution, there are numerous birds in the vicinity of the airport.



What do pilots need?

Hazard Prevention

- Removal of sources of attraction from the airport and the surrounding area
- Active wildlife control
- Monitoring of the hazards
- Modify operations as necessary

Information that is

- ► Timely
- Accurate
- Actionable
 - Go / No-Go
 - Left / Right





What can pilots contribute?

- ► Wildlife strike reports
- Operational perspectives for international coordination
- Operational insight on local Runway Safety Teams





What is the way forward?

The key to success is cooperation

- We need many different perspectives
- We have a shared responsibility to protect the local environment and ensure aviation safety
- Together we can find the right balance
 - Aviation Safety
 - Land use
 - Wildlife rights

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