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### **Innovative approaches to hunting regulation as contribution to Turtle Dove conservation in Malta**

In the light of IUCN's re-classification of the status of the turtle dove from "Least Concern" to "Near Threatened" at EU level, the Maltese government through the Wild Birds Regulation Unit has implemented a number of special measures to directly and indirectly contribute to conservation of this species. These measures, which are explained in the attached [case study](#), may be of potential interest to other countries that allow the hunting of the turtle dove. This case study has been shared with the drafting team of the EU Management Plan for the Turtle Dove as part of Malta's contribution to this process.