



Title The shameful decision by the Maltese Government to open the spring hunting season in 2010 is a set back for nature conservation, which is particularly disturbing as 2010 is supposed to be the 'International Year of Biodiversity'. 'The EU just missed its target of halting the decline of biodiversity but the Maltese Government seems more interested in appeasing its domestic hunting lobby than in safeguarding one of Europe's major migration highways', commented Ariel Brunner, BirdLife Europe's Head of EU Policy. BirdLife International believes that the decision contravenes EU legislation and stresses that Malta has already been condemned by the European Court of Justice for allowing spring hunting in the past. To read more, [please click here](#).