

PRESS RELEASE

OPERATION “HARE CAPTURE” IN THE ORIO AIRPORT AREA

In the early hours of the morning on Sunday 21 January 2018, in the grassy area surrounding Orio al Serio airport, a hunt for hares took place with the support of staff from the Bergamo Plain Local Hunting Zone, based in Caravaggio, and the Voluntary Hunting Guards from the Province of Bergamo.

The operation was requested and organised by SACBO in order to comply with EASA European regulations regarding preventative activity against possible impact via the removal of wild animals from the areas affected by air traffic.

As with similar operations in the past, aimed at the progressive containment of the presence of hares in the airport area, all precautions were taken for the care and safeguarding of the animals captured, which were tagged by a veterinarian, and then later released in the areas designated for re-population in the Bergamo Plain.

At 7.30 on Sunday morning, 53 operators went into action, installing special nets in strategic areas, producing sounds aimed at disturbing the hares and driving them in the direction desired, to then be able to capture them with the necessary care and attention. The operation, which ended at 11.30 a.m., allowed for the locating and capturing of 25 hares, a result which contributes to the achieving of progressive containment of the hare population in the airport area.

During the operation to capture the hares, aeronautical activity continued as usual, without interruptions or limitations to traffic.

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