



## FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

26 January 2024

### Update on confirmed avian influenza (bird flu) case – Sea Lion Island

Following the announcement on Friday 19 January of the confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza on Sea Lion Island, a review has taken place and a level 3 response will continue to be followed and the whole of Sea Lion Island remains declared an infected place. No persons are permitted to visit Sea Lion Island without authorisation from the Director of Natural Resources.

The Declaration will be reviewed on Monday 12 February 2024.

Since Monday 30 October 2023, 68 suspect birds/animals have been reported, 42 have been swabbed. Six have returned positive results (2 from same Sea Lion outbreak) and 35 negative results. 1 set of swab results is pending.

FIG have prepared information and guidance about bird flu and preventative measures to try and reduce the spread of the virus. This guidance can be found here:

<https://falklands.gov.fk/agriculture/avian-influenza>

The public are reminded to **NOT TOUCH** dead or sick birds but report them to the Veterinary Services on **27366** or **55366** out of hours.