

MN (Minor) *Tadorna ferruginea*

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Justification for EICAT assessment	The stomach contents of 16 Ruddy Shelducks in Switzerland consisted of filamentous algae, insects, seeds, snails und fish. There is no evidence that this has caused declining population of these species (Seier et al. 2009).The Ruddy Shelduck has been reported expellingCommon Barn-owls (<i>Tyto alba</i>) from their nesting boxes in Switzerland. There is no evidence that this has caused declining population of Barn Owls (Kestenholz et al. 2005).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Predation; Competition
Countries of most severe impact	Switzerland
Description of impact	The ruddy shelduck feeds on native insect, snail, fish and algae species and competes with native birds in Switzerland.
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