

# WILDLIFE INCIDENT UNIT

## WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT



**59/13**  
The Food & Environment  
Research Agency

INCIDENT NUMBER 59/13

PART OF STUDY FSGD-190

REGIONAL NUMBER W/13/16

### OTHER REFERENCES

SENDER VLA Aberystwyth

LOCATION Llanwrthwl  
Powys


GRID REFERENCE 

INCIDENT DATE 27 April 2013

SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT unsuitable sample

DATE OF REPORT 19 September 2013

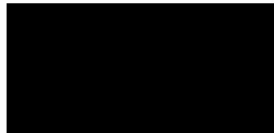
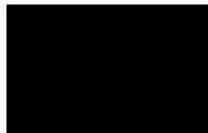
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### NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED

1 buzzard

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**Samples received****Date received****Sample identifier**

96840 buzzard

31/5/13

WAG no: W/13/16

**Summary of field data**

A dead buzzard was found near a river, with reports of a dog and a sheep carcass also being present. A member of the public reported finding a variety of dead animals near a river and this was originally reported to the RSPB. A Welsh government site visit was conducted and a buzzard carcass was found, which was mostly skin and bones. The location of the sheep and dog and a second buzzard were underwater as the river was in flood. This incident occurred along the banks of a river.

**Summary of post mortem report**

No post mortems were required for this incident.

**Analysis : chloralose**

96840

no chloralose detected

detection limit

8

µg

**Conclusion**

It was suspected that this buzzard had been poisoned. The carcass remains consisted of very little flesh and was mainly bones and feathers. Laboratory analysis for chloralose only has been undertaken on the submitted sample, but no residue was detected. The cause of death of this buzzard remains uncertain, but obviously the state of the carcass has hampered the investigation.