



FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

24 November 2023

New confirmed avian influenza (bird flu) case

On Monday 20 November 2023 a single black browed albatross, that was found dead in the colony at Saunders Island, was swabbed for highly pathogenic avian influenza. A positive result was returned. A level 1 response will be followed and a full protection zone will not be declared. The area in which the bird was found will be declared as an infected place with enhanced biosecurity requirements.

The Declaration will be reviewed on Thursday 7 December 2023.

Since Monday 30 October 2023, 41 suspect birds/animals have been reported, 25 have been swabbed. Three have returned positive results and 19 negative results. Three results are 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.

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