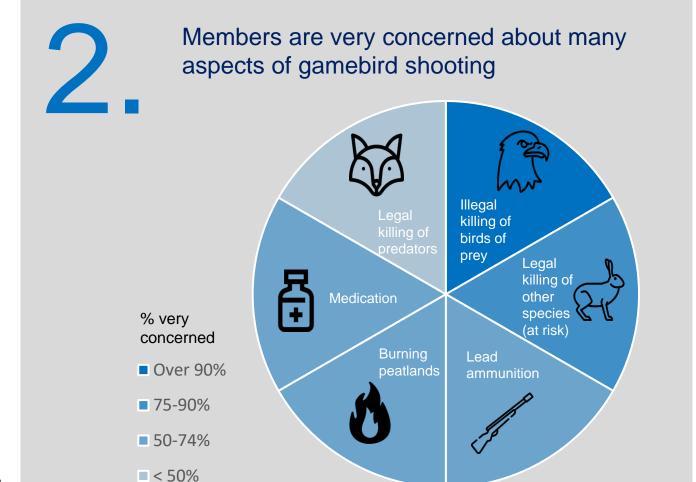
## **GAMEBIRD SHOOTING REVIEW: RSPB Members' Views**

RSPB members greatly underestimate the number of non-native gamebirds released into the wild each year



\*Approximately 57 million non-native gamebirds, mainly pheasants and red-legged partridges, are released into the wild annually in the UK (estimated number released in 2016 as published by the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) in the European Journal of Wildlife Research (Aebischer, N. 2019 "Fifty-year trends in UK hunting bags of birds and mammals, and calibrated estimation of national bag size, using GWCT's National Gamebag Census", European Journal of Wildlife Research, 65(4): 64).



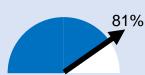
Strong support for the RSPB to develop a set of principles that will help guide its thinking on gamebird shooting

87%

Shooting must operate within the law; those not complying must lose their permission to shoot (2)



Land must be managed to protect and enhance the natural environment (5.1)



Must not adversely affect the population of any native species (1)



Management underpinned by reporting and scientific analysis of the number of animals killed (3)



Practices to be assessed for their environmental impacts and regulated, enforced, and in some cases stopped (6)



Land managed under an agreed compulsory environmental plan (5.2)

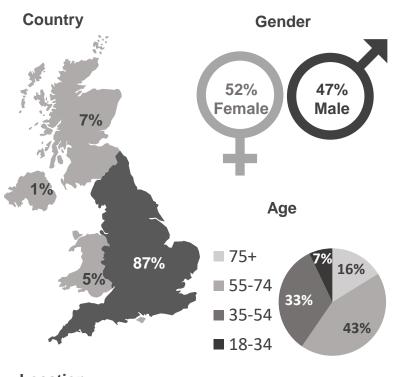


% of members who strongly support

each conservation principle

should be carried out using best practice rules set by Government (4)

# RSPB MEMBER PROFILE



### Location



**62%** urban

5%

upland

rural **95%** 



95% lowland

38%

#### Gamebird shooting



**1%**Participate

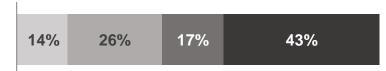
<1% Employed by/ depend on



**5%**Landowners

95%
Not landowners

### **RSPB Membership Length**



< 1 year > 1 up to 5 years > 5 up to 10 years > 10 years





Results from RSPB Members' Survey conducted online and by post between February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Based on 5265 responses. Results have been weighted to be representative of all RSPB members. The response rate was 14%.