

Help detect and put a stop to avian influenza

As a hunter, you have a vital role to play in preventing its spread and helping to detect it in wild birds.



Avian influenza can easily spread through:

Secretions and excretions from infected birds, especially faeces

Contact with contaminated material, including vehicles

International and illegal trade of birds

Act as a sentinel!

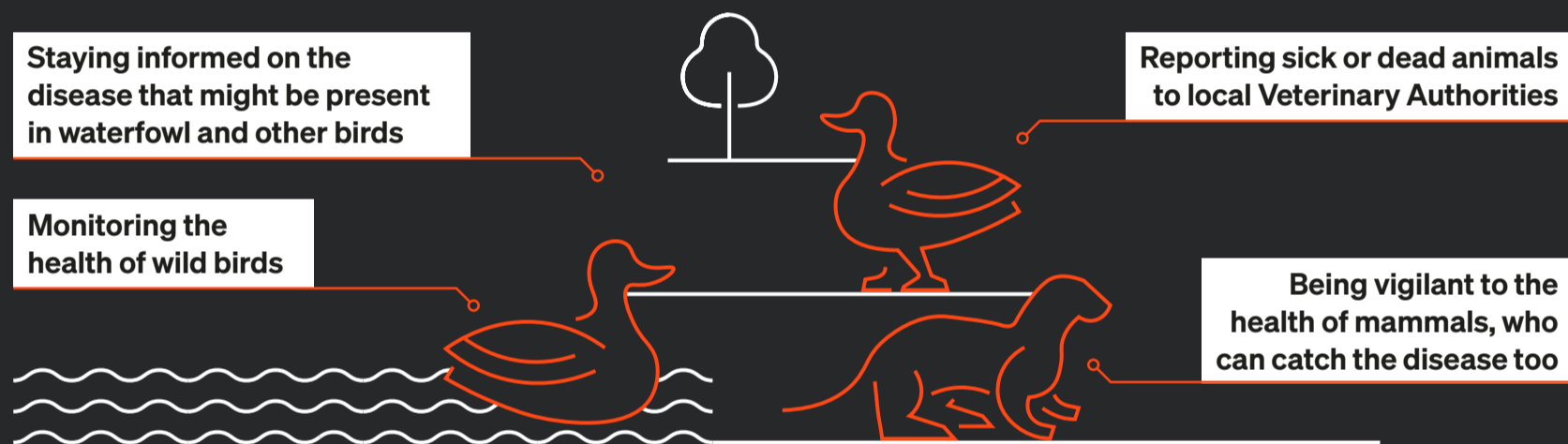
You can help detect avian influenza in wild animals by:

Staying informed on the disease that might be present in waterfowl and other birds

Monitoring the health of wild birds

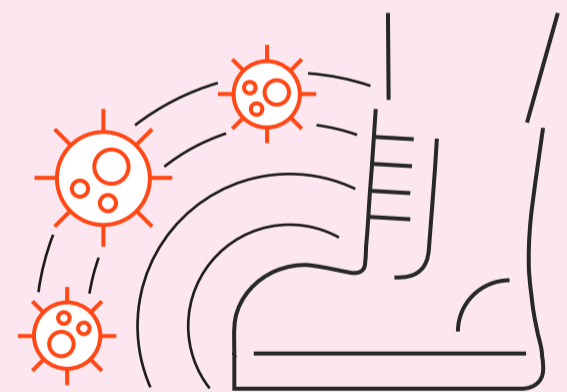
Reporting sick or dead animals to local Veterinary Authorities

Being vigilant to the health of mammals, who can catch the disease too



How can you help prevent avian influenza?

Because avian influenza viruses are highly resistant in the environment, you can carry them on your boots, clothes and equipment, putting yourself and animals at risk.



Adopt these good practices:

- Never handle birds that appear sick or are found dead
- Do not visit poultry farms unless necessary
- Do not leave food for wild birds
- Clean and disinfect your equipment and hunting trophies
- Respect any ban on hunting and restriction on movement of axillary hunting birds (decoy birds, falcons...) imposed by authorities
- Ensure proper disposal of offal from hunted birds
- Always wash hands with soap and water immediately after handling animals, and when cooking or preparing animal products

Learn more with:



Our [webpage](#) on avian influenza



Our [situation reports](#) to follow the disease evolution



Our [WAHIS system](#) and its [distribution list](#) to get informed on the areas affected