

Wildlife Crime It's Your Call!

Trivia time - How community tips and conservation laws protect wildlife.

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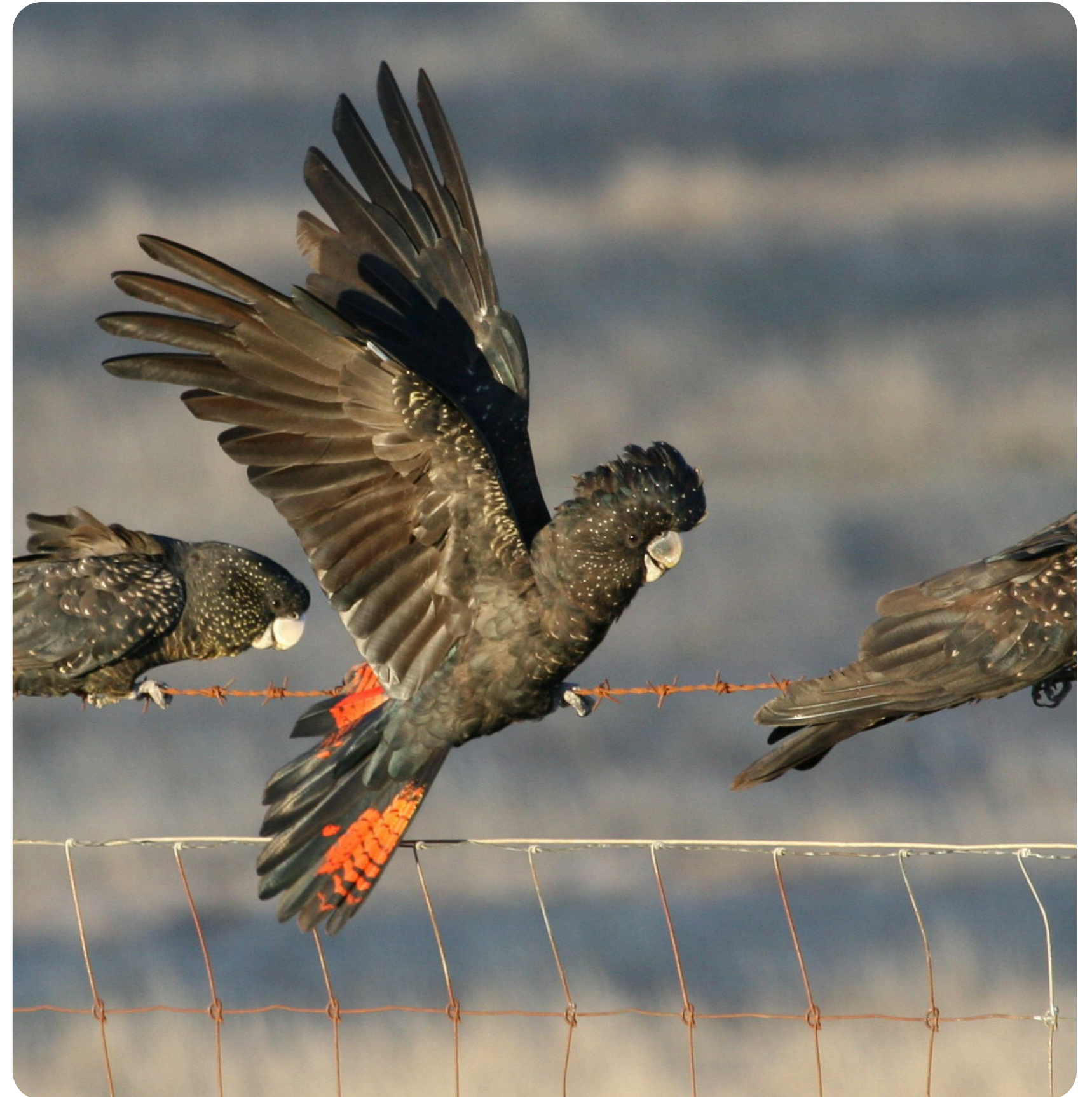
What is Wildlife Crime?

Wildlife crime includes:

- Illegal activities that harm, scare, or kill native animals (e.g., hunting, trapping, habitat destruction).
- Includes poaching, illegal pet trade, and disturbing protected species.

Examples:

- Dog attacks on kangaroos.
- Shooting magpies.
- Driving off-road in sensitive habitats.



Key Laws

- Wildlife Act 1975: Protects all native wildlife.
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986:
Criminalises animal cruelty.



Let's Play

In your team, work together to answer the questions correctly to earn the highest score!

In teams of four:

- choose your team name
- choose your runner

How to play:

- 10 questions
- 60 seconds to discuss and run your answer to the trivia master

Rules:

- screen free - no internet searches
- whisper only
- first and final answers only - no late changes
- 1 point for every correct answer



Q1 Ringtail Possum

A ring-tailed possum was found with multiple shotgun pellets embedded in its body. What legal consequences can individuals face for such acts under the Wildlife Act 1975?

- A) A warning letter
- B) A fine and six months imprisonment
- C) Community service
- D) No consequences



Q2 White-bellied Sea Eagle

A white-bellied sea eagle was found shot in outer suburbia. What makes this incident particularly concerning?

- A) The species is common and not protected
- B) The bird was believed to be the offspring of the only known breeding pair in the area
- C) Shooting birds is a common practice
- D) There are no laws protecting birds



Q3 Seal Pup

A sub-Antarctic fur seal pup was found with spinal injuries on Lake Bunga Beach. What penalties apply for harming seals in Victoria?

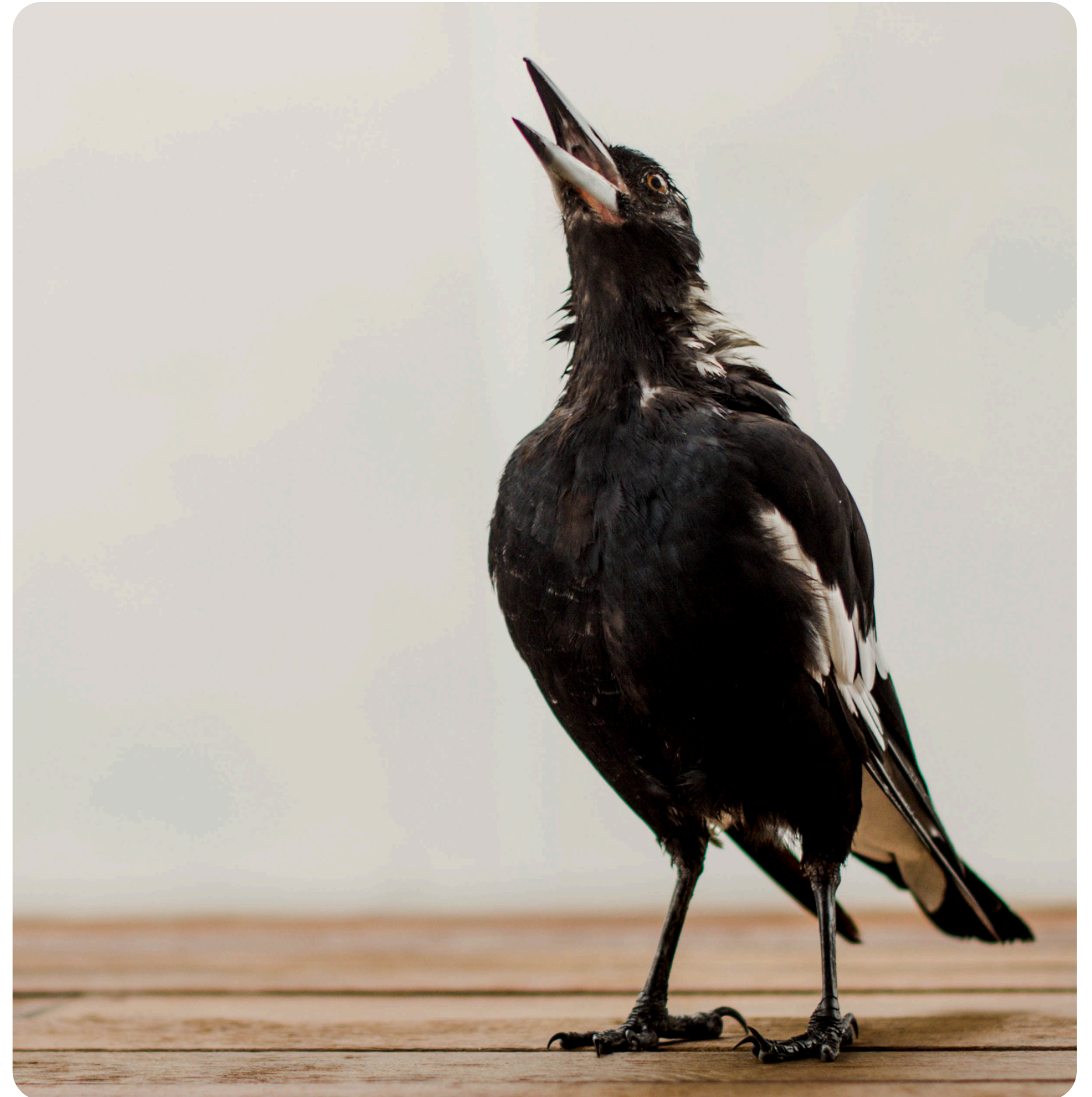
- A) No penalties
- B) A warning
- C) A fine or 12 months imprisonment
- D) Community service



Q4 Magpies

In Mildura a member of the public found 4 dead and 2 injured magpies. What role does the community play in addressing such wildlife crimes?

- A) They should not get involved.
- B) They should confront the perpetrators
- C) They can report incidents to Crime Stoppers Victoria.
- D) They should relocate the birds.



Q5 Red-eared Slider Turtle

An exotic animal often kept as a pet, a red-eared slider turtle, was found in a suburban lake. What is the impact of releasing such species into the wild?

- A) None, they adapt well without issues
- B) None, they are native to Australia
- C) They help control pests
- D) They can outcompete native species and spread diseases



Q6 Eastern Grey Kangaroo

An eastern grey kangaroo was discovered decapitated in an outer metropolitan suburb. What is the legal status of kangaroos under Victorian law?

- A) They are protected wildlife; harming them is illegal
- B) They are considered pests and can be harmed without penalty
- C) Only licensed hunters can harm them
- D) They are not protected under any law



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Q7 Illegal Activity

What illegal activity involves the unauthorised possession or trade of native wildlife?

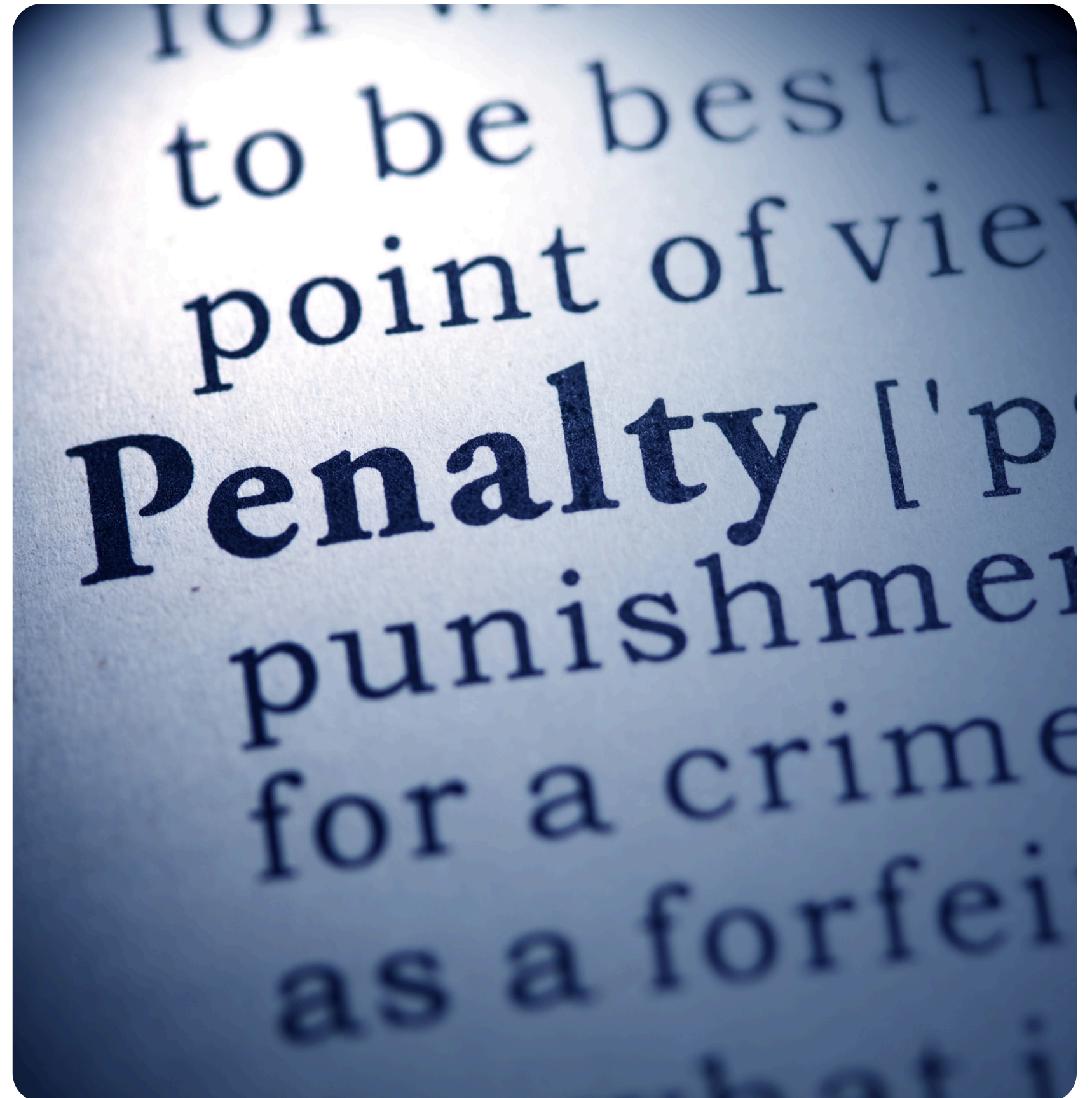
- A) Wildlife conservation
- B) Wildlife crime
- C) Ecotourism
- D) Habitat restoration



Q8 Penalties

What is the maximum penalty under the Wildlife Act 1975 for harming protected wildlife in Victoria?

- A) 6 days community service
- B) Letter of warning
- C) A fine or 24 months imprisonment
- D) 6 months imprisonment



Q9 Anonymous Reports

Why do Crime Stoppers offer anonymous reporting for wildlife crime?

- A) To encourage more people to report without fear
- B) Personal details are not required
- C) Because it's only for serious wildlife crimes
- D) To avoid involving the police



Q10 Outcomes

6. Which best describes the outcome of community tips submitted to Crime Stoppers about wildlife crime?

- A) The information is destroyed after review
- B) Offenders may be prosecuted, and animals may be rescued
- C) Crime Stoppers charges a fee to investigate
- D) The tipsters are made public



Answers

Check with your team!

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Q2 White bellied sea eagle	B) The bird was believed to be the offspring of the only known breeding pair in the area
Q3 Seal Pup	C) A fine or 12 months imprisonment
Q4 Magpies	B) They can report incidents to Crime Stoppers Victoria
Q5 Red eared Turtles	D) They can outcompete native species and spread diseases

Answers

Check with your team!

Q6 Eastern-grey kangaroo	A) They are protected wildlife; harming them is illegal
Q7 Illegal activity	B) Wildlife crime
Q8 Penalties	C) A fine or twenty four months imprisonment
Q9 Anonymous Reports	A) To encourage more people to report without fear
Q10 Outcomes	B) Offenders may be prosecuted, and animals may be rescued

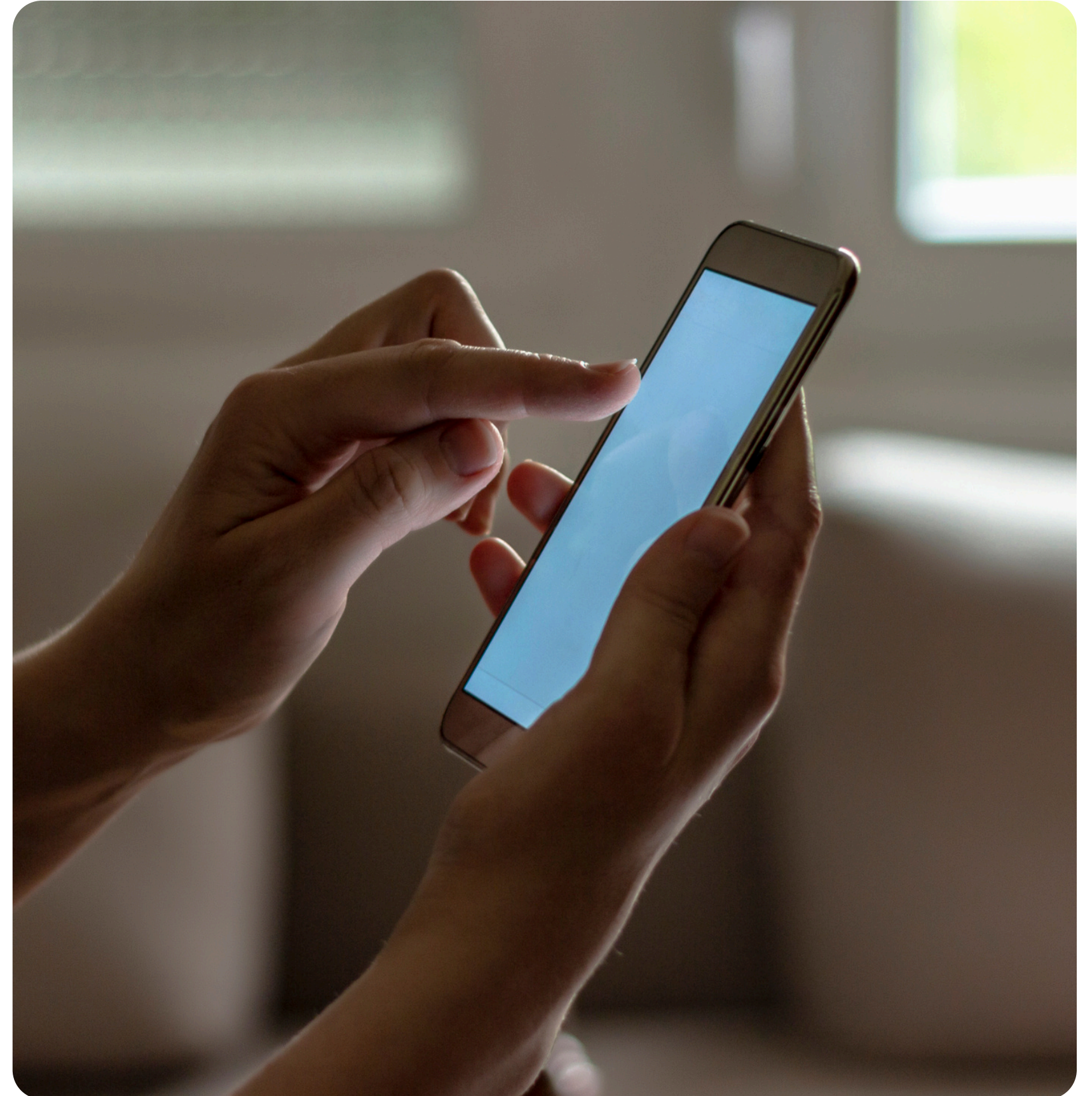
How the Conservation Regulator & Crime Stoppers Work Together

- Crime Stoppers: Anonymous reporting ([1800 333 000](tel:1800333000)).
- Conservation Regulator: Investigates and prosecutes crimes.
- Outcome: 88% increase in reports since 2023.
- Over 145 charges laid in 2022–23.



“Your call matters!”

Report wildlife crime
anonymously.



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