# GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

EICAT profile: ***Athene noctua***

MN (Minor)Athene noctua

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| **Date assessed** | 2021-09-09 |
| **Year published** | 2022 |
| **Eicat category** | MN (Minor) |
| **Justification for EICAT assessment** | The nests, pellets, gizzards and stomachs of Little Owls contained mainly invertebrates and some small vertebrates (e.g. birds, rodents). There is no evidence that this has caused a decline of these species. It is the only known predator of the Cromwell Chafer Beetle (Prodontria lewisi), but the overall effect of predation on the population of P. lewisi is unknown (Marples 1942, Glue 1972, Watt 1979, Hounsome et al. 2004, Barratt 2007, Troup 2021). |
| **Confidence rating** | Low |
| **Mechanism(s) of maximum impact** | Predation |
| **Countries of most severe impact** | United Kingdom; New Zealand |
| **Description of impact** | The Little Owl preys on several invertebrate and occasionally on small vertebrate species. |
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