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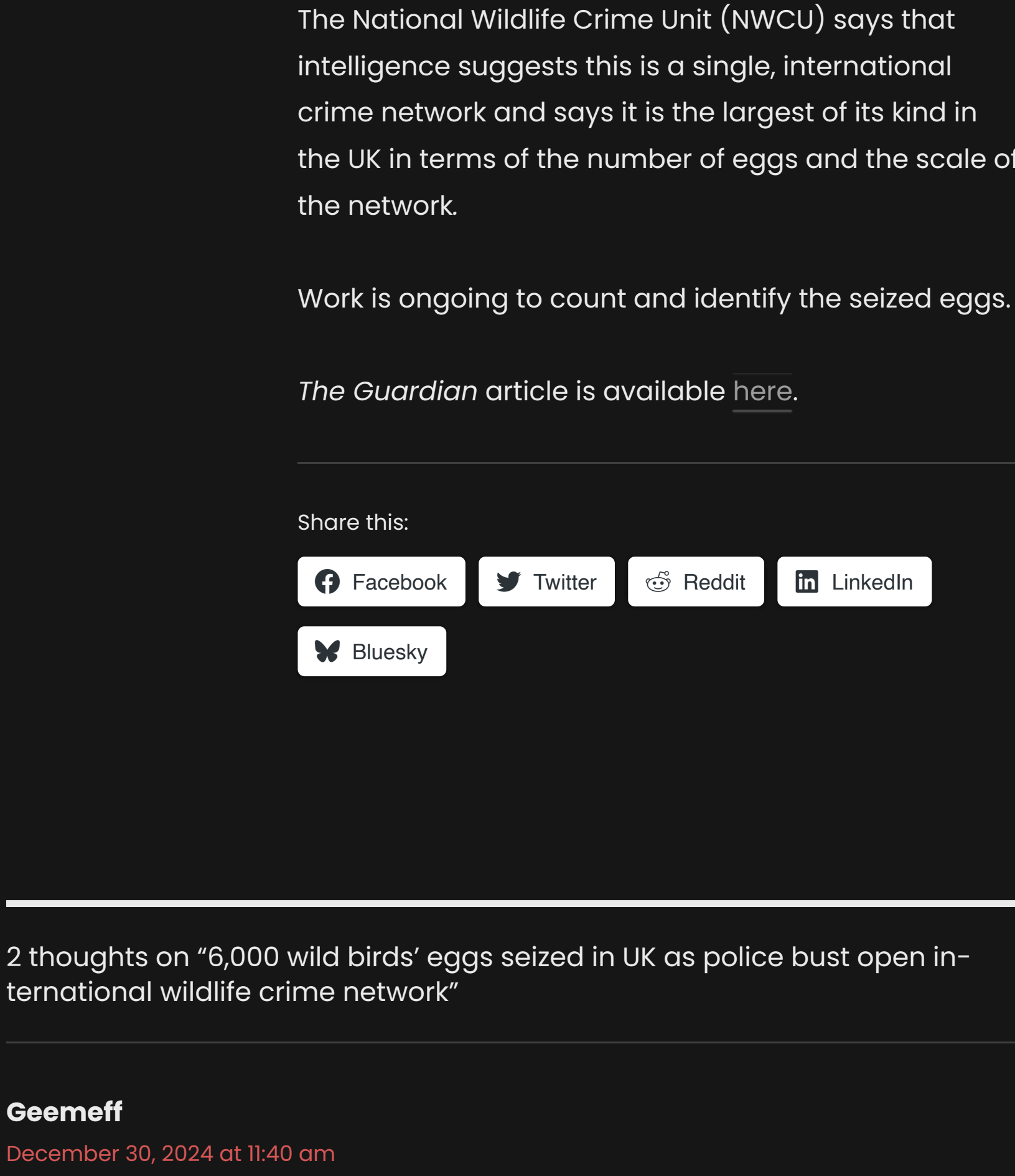
6,000 wild birds' eggs seized in UK as police bust open international wildlife crime network

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News

On 24 November 2024 South Yorkshire Police issued a press release outlining a search warrant that had been executed on 21 November 2024, leading to an arrest, as part of a wider, coordinated police investigation into the taking, possessing and trading of wild birds' eggs (see [here](#)).

A few days later, Essex Police published a statement relating to a similar raid, resulting in the seizure of more eggs and another arrest (see [here](#)).

This morning, an article in *The Guardian* has provided more information about the scale of this international police operation, with coordinated raids also taking place in Scotland, Wales and Gloucester, as well as overseas.



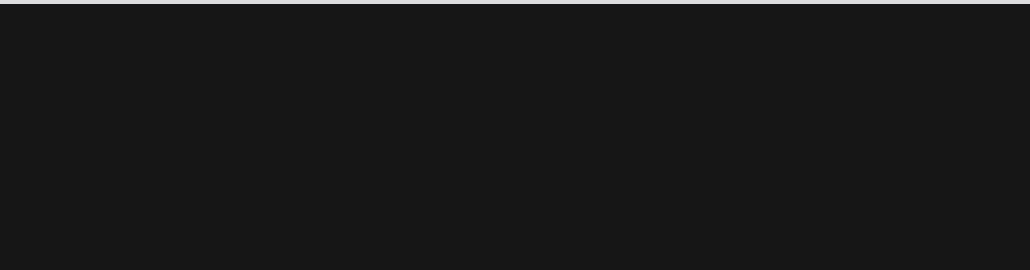
These UK raids were part of Operation Pulka. They began in Norway in June 2023 resulting in 16 arrests and the seizure of 50,000 eggs. More raids followed in Australia with the seizure of up to 3,500 eggs.

The National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) says that intelligence suggests this is a single, international crime network and says it is the largest of its kind in the UK in terms of the number of eggs and the scale of the network.

Work is ongoing to count and identify the seized eggs.

The Guardian article is available [here](#).

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Geemeff

December 30, 2024 at 11:40 am

Ridiculous! Seeing birds flying free living their wild lives is so much more fun than possessing some dusty old empty egg-shells. Well done to all the authorities involved in breaking up this criminal ring.

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Jimmy

December 30, 2024 at 4:52 pm

Unless the courts start doing their job in terms of sentencing, the UK will remain a hot bed of wildlife crime in tis many forms

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