

# Mass Seagull Deaths Investigated in Russia's Far East

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Authorities in Russia's Far East are investigating a mysterious mass die-off of gulls.

Approximately 50 carcasses were discovered in the Sakha republic's town of Verkhoyansk this week, the Yakutia24 broadcaster reported. Residents have [reportedly](#) been told not to drink water from a lake where the gulls were discovered.

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The regional administration said police and state environmental inspectors have been dispatched to the area to collect water and soil samples and send the carcasses to Yakutsk for a lab examination.

"The group plans to return no earlier than July 30, due to the area's inaccessibility," the

Sakha republic's environmental department [said](#) Thursday.

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