

## HUNTING

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- The autumn hunting season is open from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- It is legal to hunt for 40 species from land and 12 species at sea. All other species are protected by national and international law (Tab. 2)
- Hunting of birds at sea is permitted between 1st October 2017 and 31st January 2018.
- It is illegal to hunt or possess a firearm or trapping equipment in a Bird Sanctuary (Tab. 1)
- It is illegal to carry a firearm between two hours before sunrise and two hours after sunset, or during any closed season
- It is illegal to use electronic callers
- It is illegal to hunt at sea before 1<sup>st</sup> of October and within 3km of the shoreline
- It is illegal to have a shotgun capable of firing more than 3 shots in succession
- It is illegal to hunt within 50m of a main road
- It is illegal to hunt within 50m of a beach (Tab. 3)
- It is illegal to hunt within 200m of a residential area (residential area = >100 people)
- It is illegal to hunt under the legal age of 18
- Between **15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and 7th October 2017 hunting is not permitted** from Monday to Saturday after 7.00 pm to two hours before sunrise of the next day
- Between **8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 hunting is not permitted from** Monday to Saturday between 2 hours after sunset and 2 hours before sunrise of the following day (please check table in the next page)
- On Sunday, hunting is **not allowed after 1.00 pm** until 2 hours before sunrise of the following day

### AUTUMN HUNTING SEASON FOR TURTLE DOVE (REGULATIONS 15th March, 2016)

- The autumn hunting season for Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) on land **shall only be between 1st September and 30th September**
- The overall bag limit for the autumn hunting season for Turtle Dove shall be 7,000

<b>Bird Sanctuaries</b>
Addolorata Cemetery and within 50 metres of any other cemetery
Salina
Marsa Sports Ground
San Anton Gardens and all other public gardens
Manoel Island
Għadira (Mellieħa Bay)
Heliports
Within 200 metres from Malta International Airport
Comino
Filfla
Buskett
Ta' Ċenċ Cliffs, Gozo
Ta' Qali
Within 50 metres of transmission stations
Simar (St. Paul's Bay)
Salt Marsh at il-Ballut, Marsaxlokk
Girgenti

Wied Għollieqa
Il-Qawra, Gozo
Għammar Hill, Gozo

**Tab.1** Bird Sanctuaries

LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2017			Birds that may be hunted	
			on land	at sea
<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>	Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	✓	✓
	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓
	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓	✓
	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓
	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓	✓
	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓	✓
	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	✓	✓
	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓
	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓
	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓	✓
	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	✓	✓
<b>GALLIFORMES</b>	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	
	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	✓	
	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	✓	
	Irish Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus hibernicus</i>	✓	
	Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus scoticus</i>	✓	
	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	✓	
	Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>	✓	
	Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>	✓	
<b>GRUIFORMES</b>	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	
	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	
	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	✓	
	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓	
	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	✓	

<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	✓
	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	✓
	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓
	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	✓
	Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	✓
<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓
	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓
	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓
<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓
	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	✓
	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	✓
	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	✓
	Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	✓
	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓
	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓

**Tab.2** Non-protected species

<b>Protected beaches</b>	
<b>Malta</b>	<b>Gozo</b>
Armier Bay	Mgarr ix-Xini Bay
Anchor Bay	Ramla l-Ħamra beach
Għajn Tuffieħa Bay	San Blas Bay
Paradise Bay	Xatt l-Aħmar beach
Ġnejna Bay	Xlendi Bay
Golden Bay	

**Tab.3** Protected beaches

## TRAPPING

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- It is illegal to trap any birds in any areas with any kind of methods (cage traps, nets on the ground etc.)