AUTUMN HUNTING

Hunting on land

- The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2019 to 31st January 2020
- Between 15th September 2019 and 7th October 2019 hunting is permitted from two hours before sunrise to 7.00 pm
- For the remainder of the season hunting is permitted from two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset
- On Sundays and public holidays, hunting is not permitted after 1.00 pm
- It is legal to hunt for 40 species from land. All other species are protected by national and international law
- Out of these, Turtle Dove (Streptopelia turtur) can only be hunted between 1st September 2019 and 30th September 2019
- The overall bag limit for the autumn hunting season for Turtle Dove is 7,000
- It is illegal to hunt or possess a firearm or trapping equipment in a Bird Sanctuary (Tab. 1)
- It is illegal to use electronic callers
- 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. 2)
- It is illegal to hunt within 200m of a residential area (i.e. an area with more than 100 residents)
- It is illegal to hunt under the legal age of 18

Hunting at sea

- Hunting of birds at sea is permitted between 1st October 2019 and 31st January 2020
- It is illegal to hunt at sea within 3km of the shoreline
- It is legal to hunt for 12 species at sea. All other species are protected by national and international law
### Bird Sanctuaries

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**Tab.1 Bird Sanctuaries**

**Tab.2 Protected beaches**
LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2019

Bean Goose
Anser fabalis

Canada Goose
Branta canadensis

Common Pochard
Aythya ferina

Eurasian Teal
Anas crecca

Eurasian Wigeon
Mareca penelope

Gadwall
Mareca strepera
Garganey
Anas querquedula

Greylag Goose
Anser anser

Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos

Northern Pintail
Anas acuta

Northern Shoveler
Spatula clypeata

Tufted Duck
Aythya fuligula
Common Pheasant  
*Phasianus colchicus*  
Land

Common Quail  
*Coturnix coturnix*  
Land

Grey Partridge  
*Perdix perdix*  
Land

Irish Red Grouse  
*Lagopus lagopus hibernicus*  
Land

Scottish Red Grouse  
*Lagopus lagopus scoticus*  
Land

Red-legged Partridge  
*Alectoris rufa*  
Land
Rock Partridge
*Alectoris graeca*

Rock Ptarmigan
*Lagopus muta*

Common Coot
*Fulica atra*

Moorhen
*Gallinula chloropus*

Water Rail
*Rallus aquaticus*

Common Snipe
*Gallinago gallinago*
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Rock Dove
*Columba livia*

European Turtle-dove
*Streptopelia turtur*

Common Woodpigeon
*Columba palumbus*

Eurasian Blackbird
*Turdus merula*

Fieldfare
*Turdus pilaris*

Mistle Thrush
*Turdus viscivorus*
Redwing  
*Turdus iliacus*

Eurasian Skylark  
*Alauda arvensis*

Song Thrush  
*Turdus philomelos*

Common Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris*