AUTUMN HUNTING

Hunting on land

- The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2022 to 31st January 2023
- Between 15th September 2022 and 7th October 2022 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, European Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) can only be hunted between 1st September 2022 and 30th September 2022
- The overall bag limit for the autumn hunting season for European Turtle-dove is 500
- 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 2022 and 31st January 2023
- 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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## Protected beaches

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Tab.2 Protected beaches
LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2022

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*

Common Quail

*Coturnix coturnix*

Grey Partridge

*Perdix perdix*

Irish Red Grouse

*Lagopus lagopus hibernicus*

Scottish Red Grouse

*Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

Red-legged Partridge

*Alectoris rufa*
Rock Partridge
_Alectoris graeca_

Rock Ptarmigan
_Lagopus muta_

Common Coot
_Fulica atra_

Moorhen
_Gallinula chloropus_

Water Rail
_Rallus aquaticus_

Common Snipe
_Gallinago gallinago_
European Golden Plover
*Pluvialis apricaria*

Grey Plover
*Pluvialis squatarola*

Jack Snipe
*Lymnocryptes minimus*

Northern Lapwing
*Vanellus vanellus*

Ruff
*Calidris pugnax*

Eurasian Woodcock
*Scolopax rusticola*