

# Summary of National Hunting Regulations: *Algeria*



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## HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

**Name of main legislation:** Loi Numéro 04-07 Relative à la Chasse

**Year of publication:** 2004

**Supporting legislation:** Annual Decree setting the conditions for the coming season of hunting

### Legislation updates:

- Executive Decree No. 06-386 of 31 October 2006 laying down the conditions and procedures for obtaining and issuing of hunting permits
- Executive Decree No. 06-248 of 9 July 2006 on the organizational arrangements for administrative beaten
- Executive Decree No. 06-387 of 31 October 2006 laying down the procedures for the establishment and issuance of the license to hunt
- Executive Decree No. 06-400 of 12 November 2006 establishing the composition, organization and functioning of the Supreme Council of hunting and hunting heritage
- Executive Decree No. 06-398 of 12 November 2006 establishing the rules of the farm-in hunting grounds on the public and private domain of the State and the terms and conditions of the lease hunting grounds privately owned
- Executive Decree No. 06-442 of 02 décembre 2006 fixing conditions for hunting exercise
- Executive Decree No. 06-364 of 19 October 2006 determining the period of suspension of the exercise of hunting as well as cash and territories concerned
- Executive Decree No. 06-399 of 12 November 2006 concerning the records of the activities of hunting associations, wilaya federations of hunters and the National Federation of Hunters
- Executive Decree No. 07-227 of 24 July 2007 laying down the procedures and conditions for exercising tourist hunting
- Executive Decree No. 11-197 of 22 May 2011 fixing the provisions relating to the possession, sale, sale or purchase, hawking or export of game animals born and bred in captivity
- Executive Order No. 10-70 of 31 January 2010 on the use of live birds of prey for the practice of hawking
- Executive Decree No. 08-412 of 24 December 2008 laying down protective measures to safeguard protected species and their habitats
- Executive Decree No. 08-413 of 24 December 2008 establishing the specialized naturalization centres of protected animal species found dead
- Executive Decree No. 10-276 of 4 November 2010 concerning the classification of animal species and hunting heritage as well as the change in classification procedures

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- Executive Decree No. 09-362 of 11 November 2009 establishing the organization and methods of operation of the local health surveillance network of wildlife and determining its responsibilities
- Executive Decree No. 08-123 of 15 April 2008 determining the modalities for developing and adopting the national development plan of game stocks

**Hunting legislation (weblink):**

<http://www.dgf.gov.dz/index.php?rubrique=legislation&section=lois&page=04-07>

**Authority in charge of controlling hunting (weblink):** Ministry of Agriculture and rural development, General Direction of Forestry

**Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe):** Hunting was banned in the 1990's in Algeria but it is currently tolerated in some regions (where guns were put back by the administration). A new hunting law was prepared in 2004 but it is not implemented yet (the previous one is from 1984) as hunting is still officially closed.

**Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention):** None

**HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Hunting is officially closed in Algeria but the hunting law states the following:

	<b>Legal methods/restrictions</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Hunting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed hunting is permitted in certain seasons, for certain species (see below) and in certain areas.</li> <li>- <b>Allowed hunting methods:</b> shotguns, hunting dogs, trained birds of prey to catch game, horses and traditional means such as bow.</li> <li>- <b>Not allowed hunting methods:</b> vehicle of any sort, trap of any sort, drugs, light, weapons with silencers and night vision scopes, communication device and explosives</li> <li>- <b>Restrictions:</b> no hunting at night, during snow weather, hunting only on Friday, Saturday and bank holidays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hunted species: game and pest species</li> <li>- An annual Decree specifies dates of opening and closing season, species for which hunting is allowed and quota (per hunter, per day and per hunting area)</li> <li>- At the level of each Wilaya, the Wali can adjust the annual Decree (e.g. reducing the hunting season within the dates set by the annual Decree)</li> </ul>
<b>Trapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permission to capture, train, transport and use living raptors for hunting is allowed only to hunting associations practicing hawkling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is part of the new law not implemented yet to promote falconry.</li> <li>- All raptors species are concerned.</li> <li>- Trapping is currently illegal in Algeria but people do it anyway as they are never punished</li> <li>- Capture or culling of waterbirds can take place during avian influenza surveillance (to do some sampling)</li> </ul>

**HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES**

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Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
Mid-September-December	<b>Sedentary game species</b> Barbary Partridge, Common Wood-pigeon, Rock Pigeon, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Spotted Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Crowned Sandgrouse, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	
Mid-July-early August	<b>Migratory game species (1)</b> Common Quail, European Turtle-dove	
November - January	<b>Migratory game species (2)</b> Eurasian Woodcock, Redwing, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Eurasian Linnet, Common Starling	
Mid-September-December	<b>Other game species</b> Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Common Teal, Eurasian Wigeon, Ferruginous Duck, Tufted Duck Common Snipe, Northern Lapwing	

### TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
N/A	N/A	

### TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An annual Decree specify conditions for transporting, selling, purchasing game species during the hunting season (prohibited outside the hunting season, except specific authorisation from administration)</li> <li>- Trade, purchase and naturalisation of protected species is prohibited</li> </ul>	
Legislation on “pest species”(nuisibles)	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Administrative Hunting beat is allowed outside the season for pest species (following a specific local decree)</li> <li>- Land owners can be authorised by administration to kill the species considered to affect/would affect parcel or livestock</li> <li>- All hunting methods are allowed for pest species, except fire, drugs, deliberate bacterial and viral infections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no list of pest species in Algeria (no species have been declared as pest for the moment)</li> </ul>

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