

# Summary of National Hunting Regulations: Italy



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## HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

**Name of main legislation:** Law for the protection of homoeothermic animals and hunting

**Year of publication:** 1992

**Supporting legislation:** None

**Legislation updates:** August 2014

**Hunting legislation (web link):** No official link

**Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link):** <http://www.politicheagricole.it>

**Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe):** 1) The authorities (national and regional) don't have any system to estimate the impact of hunting on bird (and mammal) conservation; 2) The law enforcement system is inadequate, and so is the application of the penalties.

**Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention):** Annual derogation under art. 9 a) used to shoot at Starlings. Derogation under art. 9 c) to trap birds (Song thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Blackbird, Skylark, Lapwing, Wood pigeon, Lapwing) and use them as decoys. Until hunting season 2011/2012 derogation under art. 9 c) applied to shoot Chaffinch and Brambling.

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
<b>Hunting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed hunting is permitted during a certain season and for certain species (see table below)</li> <li>- Methods permitted are use of guns with max three shots, falconry and bow.</li> <li>- The use of stuffed and living decoys are authorised. Living decoys permitted are: Song thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Blackbird, Skylark, Lapwing, Woodpigeon, Lapwing, Domestic ducks.</li> <li>- Restrictions include: no hunting out of season, no hunting in the night, no hunting in national and regional parks and local reserves, shooting from a moving vehicle of any sort, some firearms (e.g. with silencers, night vision scopes, etc.), use of electronic birds call.</li> </ul>	
<b>Trapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trapping is not allowed.</li> <li>- Trapping and ringing birds for use as hunting decoys (allowed species see above) is allowed under derogations art. 9 c.</li> </ul>	<p>In Italy each region decides how to use decoys and manage trapping birds. In all Italy a hunter can have a permission for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not more than 40 birds if he/she hunts from established hunting place</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not more than 10 birds if he/she hunts from a temporary hunting place</li> <li>• All the birds must have a recognizable numbered ring.</li> <li>• The decoys can be substituted only if they die. The body of the dead animal must be shown to the authorities</li> </ul>
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## HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
Third Sunday of September - 31 December	Quail, Turtle dove, Blackbird, Skylark, Red legged partridge, Barbary partridge, Grey partridge	
Third Sunday of September - 31 January	Fieldfare, Song thrush , Redwing , Pheasant , Mallard, Teal, Gadwall, Wigeon, Pintail, Garganey, Shoveler, Pochard, Tufted duck, Coot, Moorhen, Water rail, Common snipe, Jack snipe, Ruff, Lapwing, Woodcock, Woodpigeon, Carrion crow, Hooded crow, Jay, Magpie.	
1 October - 30 November	Rock ptarmigan, Black grouse, Rock partridge	

## TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
N/A	N/A	N/A
Trapping is not allowed.	Song thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Blackbird, Skylark, Lapwing, Woodpigeon, Lapwing	The only possibility for trapping is ringing birds and hunting decoys (allowed species see table above) under derogation art. 9 c.

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## TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
Trade of live or dead species or part of them is permitted just for: Red legged partridge, Barbary partridge, Grey partridge, Mallard, Woodpigeon, Pheasant. Trade of birds is permitted just for birds coming from captivity breeding.	The regions grant authorisations
Legislation on “pest species”	Notes
None	Derogations for crows are granted after discussion between stakeholders of the Scientific Committee (this committee is chaired by the Cyprus Environment Department).

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