

Summary of National Hunting Regulations: Poland



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HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

Name of main legislation: Law on Hunting (unified text)

Year of publication: 1995

Supporting legislation: REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT of 23 March 2005 laying down the detailed requirements for carrying out hunting (<https://www.pzlow.pl/palio/html.wmedia? Instance=www& Connector=palio& ID=6060& CheckSum=1950784850>)

Legislation updates: 27 October 2002, 1 January 2003, 1 May 2004, 19 August 2004, 21 August 2004

Hunting legislation (web link):

https://www.pzlow.pl/palio/html.run? Instance=www& PageID=4&newser=no& C=C_PRZEPISY_PRA_WNE.USTAWA_PL& Lang=en& CheckSum=-725351355

Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link): Polish Hunting Association (<https://www.pzlow.pl>)

Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe): None

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

HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
Hunting	§ 3.1. To carry out hunt and culling of animals posing an extraordinary danger to human life, health or economy, only hunting firearms shall be used , from which, after the maximum loading, no more than six shots can be fired; the magazine of a self-loading gun may contain no more than two cartridges	REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT ¹) of 23 March 2005 laying down the detailed requirements for carrying out hunting and tagging carcasses.
Trapping	No trapping allowed	

HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
Species dependent – 15.08 – 28.02	Hazel grouse 1.09 – 30.11. Common Pheasant 1.10- 28.02 (males) Grey Partridge 11.09 - 21.10	Pheasant: introduced species

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	Greylag goose 15.09 – 21.12. Bean goose 15.09 – 21.12 Greater White fronted goose 15.09 – 21.12. Mallard 15.09 – 21.12. Teal 15.09 – 21.12. Pochard 15.09 – 21.12. Tufted duck 15.09 – 21.12. Woodcock 1.09 – 21.12. Common Coot 15.08 – 21.12. Grey heron 15.08 – 21.12. Woodpigeon 15.08 – 21.12.	
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TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
No trapping allowed		

TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
No legal trade of protected (most of bird species) or huntable species allowed (except of reintroduction programmes)	
Legislation on “pest species”	Notes
Grey herons and cormorants can be limited within fishing estates	http://isap.sejm.gov.pl/Download?id=WDU20160002183&type=2

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