

Summary of National Hunting Regulations: United Arab Emirates



Updated in November 2016

HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

Name of main legislation: Federal law 24 for the Protection and development of the Environment

Year of publication: 1999

Supporting legislation: decree by Law no. (9) for 1983 regulating the hunting of birds and animals. (Forbidding hunting of all bird species, except cormorant)

Legislation updates: Federal Law No 11, 2006 for amending some articles of Federal Law No. 24, 1999 for the Protection and Development of Environment

Hunting and trapping is forbidden in all Protected Areas, and regulated under each individual decrees of creation of these P.A.

Hunting legislation (web link): <http://www.moccae.gov.ae/en/laws-and-legislations/federal-laws.aspx>

Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link): Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Federal authorities) and for each emirate government:

- Environment agency of Abu Dhabi (EAD)
- Dubai Municipality, Environment Department
- Sharjah: Environment and Protected Areas Authority (EPAA)
- Fujairah Municipality, Environment Protection & Development department
- Ras-Al-Khaimah Environment Protection and Development authority (EPDA)

No information for Umm-Al Quwain and Ajman

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

Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention): Not applicable

HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
Hunting	Falconry authorized, for hunting Houbara. Hunting of other birds and animals species is prohibited by law No 9 (1983), and Law No. 11 (2006)	Laws has been, (or is being) prepared by EAD (Abu Dhabi), including hunting period and areas, but no information, if this has been released and implemented yet. No information for other Emirates
Trapping		

Disclaimer: The information found in these factsheets prepared by the BirdLife Partnership was updated in November 2016. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure that the information presented is current and accurate at this time, but recent legislative changes may not be reflected. The content of these factsheets is for information only and is not intended as legal advice. If official legal documentation of national legislation is required it should be sought from the relevant national government authority. If you would like to contribute any additional information to these factsheets, please contact: science@birdlife.org.

HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
Unknown	Houbara bustard	No detailed available yet about regulations under development by Abu Dhabi

TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
unknown		Derogations issued punctually for falcons trapping

TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
Federal Law No 11 for the Year 2002 on regulating and Controlling International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	
Legislation on “pest species”	Notes
Existing legislation mainly concerns plant species related to agriculture	The Ministry of Environment and Climate change is currently working on reviewing Invasive Species issues in UAE that should result in the preparation of new laws and regulations in coming years.

NGO: EWS WWF (Emirates Wildlife Society-WWF)

Contact Person: Jacky Judas

Disclaimer: The information found in these factsheets prepared by the BirdLife Partnership was updated in November 2016. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure that the information presented is current and accurate at this time, but recent legislative changes may not be reflected. The content of these factsheets is for information only and is not intended as legal advice. If official legal documentation of national legislation is required it should be sought from the relevant national government authority. If you would like to contribute any additional information to these factsheets, please contact: science@birdlife.org.