

# Summary of National Hunting Regulations: Lithuania



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## HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

**Name of main legislation:** 2002 m. June 27d. Nr. 258 The Republic of Lithuania Law on hunting

**Year of publication:** 2002

**Supporting legislation:** Hunting Rules (Order of the Minister of Environment)

**Legislation updates:** Latest update on Law 258 was in 2016 April

**Hunting legislation (weblink):** <http://www.lmzd.lt/lt/medziokle/teise/medziokles-istatymas/>

**Authority in charge of controlling hunting (weblink):** Officers of Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania - <http://www.am.lt/VI/en/VI/index.php>

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

**Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention):** Most frequent derogations in Lithuania are: to prevent serious damage to forests and fisheries (Great Cormorants hunting - as one of measure for population regulation - at fishponds and lakes); for the protection of fauna (permits to regulate number of Crows and Rooks). Few other species for scientific purposes.

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
<b>Hunting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hunting in Lithuania is permitted only with rifles. All the other methods, like: limesticks, nets, traps, bows, automatic weapons, electrical devices, hunting from air, moving vehicles or motor boats are forbidden.</li><li>• Falconry is permitted only with special permits proved on legally acquired birds and with special permits to keep birds in captivity.</li><li>• Hunting not fully grown juvenile birds is forbidden.</li><li>• Licensed hunting is permitted in certain seasons and for certain species (see below).</li><li>• Hunting wild birds without dogs is forbidden (except for Crows)</li><li>• Hunting at cemeteries, populated areas, strict nature reserves is forbidden (Except Hooded Crows and Rooks hunting in National Nature Reserves)</li></ul>	
<b>Trapping</b>	Any kind of birds trapping on purpose to take or kill the bird is illegal in Lithuania.	

## HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

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Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
15 August - 15 December	Mallard, Common Pochard, Common Teal, Garganey, Common Goldeneye, Canada Goose	
1 September - 15 December	Bean Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose	
15 September - 15 December	Tufted Duck, Common Coot	
1 September - 1 December	Common Snipe, Eurasian Woodcock, Common Woodpigeon	
1 September - 1 May	Common Pheasant	Introduced species
1 July - 1 March	Rook, Hooded Crow (Carrion Crow subspecies)	
All-year round (with special permit)	Great Cormorant	There are no special hunting terms for this species. Hunting is allowed according to special permits issued by Environmental Protection Agency under the Ministry of Environment Only at fishponds and lakes

## TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

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

## TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
PREKYBOS LAUKINIAIS GYVŪNAIS TAISYKLĖS (Rules for wild animal trade) 2002 m. gruodžio 21 d. Nr. 658/831/743	There weren't any case of real trade of wild birds in the Lithuania.
Legislation on "pest species"	Notes
"Pest species" populations could be regulated under the legislation, approved by the Minister of the Environment in 2010 15 July, legislation number Nr. D1-622	Usually it is Great Cormorant, Rook, White Stork (nest on electricity poles).

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