

Summary of National Hunting Regulations: Sultanate of Oman



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HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

Name of main legislation: Royal Decree No. 114/2001: The Law on the Conservation of the Environment and Prevention of Pollution (RD 114/2001).

Year of publication: 2001

Supporting legislation: Ministerial Decision No. 101/2002 concerning the ban on killing, hunting, or catching of wild animals and birds (MD 101/2002).

Legislation updates: None

Hunting legislation (web link): RD 114/2001 available online (<http://meca.work/en/module.php?module=pages&CatID=2>), MD 101/2002 not available online.

Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link): Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs (<http://meca.work/en/index.php>).

Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe): Article 1 of MD 101/2002 states that 'exempt of the ban on killing, hunting and catching, are wild animals and birds that prove to bear or cause diseases, or that pose a real danger to individuals or property. Under these circumstances, the Ministry is permitted to kill or hunt these species, or to grant permits to do so for specialised entities (unofficial translation from Arabic).

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

HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
Hunting	No legal hunting permitted.	Ministerial Decision No. 101/2002 (Article 1) states that the catching or killing of animals or birds that bear or cause diseases or that pose a danger to individuals or property, will be allowed to be killed only by Ministerial action or permit (unofficial translation from Arabic). Royal Decree 114/2001 (Article 33) states that 'Whoever harms or spoils (...) wildlife (...) by poaching or killing or in any other manner shall be punished with the following: a) Imprisonment for a term not less than 6 months and not exceeding 5 years and with fine not exceeding RO 5000 and not less than RO 1000 or with any of these two penalties in the event of killing or poaching

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		<p>animals or birds of the first category according to the (...) appendix no. 1.</p> <p>b) Imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months and with fine not than RO 100 and not more than RO 1000 or with any of these two penalties in the event of killing or poaching animals or birds of the second category according to the (...) appendix no. 2.</p> <p>c) Imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and with fine not less than RO 10 and not more than RO 500 or with any of the two punishments in the event of cutting trees or poaching animals or birds not mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) above.</p> <p>(...) In all cases seized animals, birds, tools and instruments used in committing the violation shall be confiscated and the Minister may order that seized items be used or disposed in the manner he deems fit'. (Official translation from Arabic).</p> <p>MD 114/2001 - Appendix No. 1: Birds of the first category include: Houbara Bustard (<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>).</p> <p>MD 114/2001 - Appendix No. 2: Birds of the second category include: All falcon, owl, vulture, eagle, flamingo, pelican, gull and tern species.</p>
Trapping	No legal trapping permitted.	Same as above.

HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
Hunting of wildlife prohibited.	None.	Ministerial Decision No. 101/2002 (Article 1) states that the catching or killing of animals or birds that bear or cause diseases or that pose a danger to individuals or property, will be allowed to be killed only by Ministerial action or permit (unofficial translation from Arabic).

TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
Trapping of wildlife prohibited.	None.	Ministerial Decision No. 101/2002 (Article 1) states that the catching or killing of animals or birds that

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TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
No trade in wildlife permitted.	No direct mention of trade found in the reviewed legislations.
Legislation on “pest species”	Notes
No specific legislation.	No direct mention of pest species found in the reviewed legislations.

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