

Summary of National Hunting Regulations: Romania



Updated in June 2016

HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

Name of main legislation: The law of hunting and the protection of the hunting resources nr. 407/2006 with subsequent amendments and supplements

Year of publication: 2006

Supporting legislation: The emergency decree of the Government nr. 57/2007 concerning protected areas, conservation of natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, approved with amendments and additions by Law nr. 49/2011

Legislation updates: Hunting law was updated by L nr. 197/2007; L nr. 215/2008; O.U.G. nr. 154/2008; L nr. 80/2010; O.U.G. nr. 102/2010; L nr. 187/2012; L nr. 149/2015; O.U.G. nr. 60/2015; L nr. 34/2016

Hunting legislation (web link): <http://www.mmediu.ro/articol/legislatie/38>

Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link): <http://www.mmediu.ro/categorie/vanatoare/26>

Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe): N/A

Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention): only scientific capture and for airports protection.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
Hunting	<p>Licensed hunting is permitted in certain seasons and for certain species (see below). For every species, every season and every hunting ground, there is a limit for the numbers of exemplars hunted. The document can be downloaded with detailed information http://www.mmediu.ro/app/webroot/uploads/files/2016-05-24_Centralizatoarele_Cotelor_de_recolta.xls</p> <p>It's permitted: Hunting by rifle Hunting at night for some species Hunting with live decoys Hunting with approved traps Hunting in Natura2000 sites</p> <p>Restrictions: Hunting by bows or other similar devices</p>	<p>Hunting at night is permitted for: Common Snipe, Western Capercaillie, Greylag Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Common Coot, Mallard, Common Teal, Eurasian Wigeon, Common Pochard, Tufted Duck, Common Goldeneye, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Greater Scaup and Eurasian woodcock</p> <p>Approved traps are described in an additional law: http://lege5.ro/Gratuit/gmztonbxgu/ordinul-nr-44-2013-pentru-aprobarea-caracteristicilor-tehnice-ale-curselor-si-capcanelor-care-se-folosesc-in-scopul-capturarii-exemplarelor-din-speciile-de-fauna-de-interes-cinegetic.</p>

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	<p>Falconry</p> <p>Using greyhounds and related breeds</p> <p>The use of calling devices, mirrors</p> <p>The use of mutilated/blinded live decoys</p> <p>Using light producing devices, car lights, or infrared vision devices for night hunting.</p> <p>Using toxic substances</p> <p>Hunting in National Parks and Nature Reserves</p>	<p>There are two types of traps for birds at the end of the law.</p>
Trapping	<p>Trapping as separate activity doesn't exist in Romania. You can hunt with approved traps, but it is considered as hunting.</p>	

HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
(no open season stated in the law)	Western Capercaillie	
1 June - 31 March	Hooded Crow (Carrion crow subspecies) and Black-billed Magpie	
10 July - 20 March	Eurasian Jackdaw	
15 August - 15 February	Greylag Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Common Pochard, Gadwall, Common Goldeneye, Northern Shoveler and Greater Scaup	
15 August - 28 February	Common Starling and Eurasian Collared-dove	
15 August - 30 September	European Turtle-dove	
15 August - 31 January	Rook and Northern Pintail	
15 August - 31 October	Common Quail	
1 September - 10 February	Common Coot, Common Woodpigeon, Stock Dove, Common Teal and Garganey	
1 September - 15 February	Mallard	
1 September - 28 February	Common Snipe, Jack Snipe, Fieldfare, Eurasian Jay, Common Moorhen, Eurasian Woodcock, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush and Redwing	
15 September - 10 February	Tufted Duck	
15 September - 31 October	Eurasian Skylark	

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15 September - 30 November	Hazel Grouse	
15 September - 31 December	Grey Partridge	
1 October - 28 February	Common Pheasant (introduced species)	
15 October - 15 February	Greater White-fronted Goose	

TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Trapping Season	Legally trapped species	Notes
N/A	N/A	See hunting notes

TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
There are game species for which trade is permitted: Mallard, Grey Partridge, Common Pheasant and Common Woodpigeon.	It is regulated by OUG57/2007 which is the law implementing Bird Directive in Romania. The Ministry of Environment is responsible of its implementation
There are game species for which trade is permitted in special conditions (i.e. special authorisation from Ministry of Environment): Greater White-fronted Goose, Greylag Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Common Teal, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Common Pochard, Tufted Duck, Greater Scaup, Common Scoter, Western Capercaillie, Common Coot, Eurasian Golden Plover, Jack Snipe, Snipe and Eurasian Woodcock.	Hunting and wildlife trade are regulated by different laws, hence some discrepancies. For example Eurasian Golden Plover is mentioned in the trade law, not in the hunting law.
Legislation on "pest species"	Notes
The legal background for pest species is not coherent or concentrated in a piece of legislation.	For the bird species that affect airports, there are special derogations issued under the EU Birds Directive in order to chase or kill birds. Also, derogations are issued for crows, in cities.

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