

# Summary of National Hunting Regulations: *Serbia*



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## HUNTING AND TRAPPING LEGISLATION/ RESOURCES

**Name of main legislation:** Zakon o divljacilovstvu, SluzbeniGlasnikRepublikeSrbije br. 18/10 (Law on game and hunting, Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 18/10)

**Year of publication:** 2010

**Supporting legislation:** Pravilnik o proglašavanjulovostajemzasticenihvrstadivljaci, SluzbeniGlasnikRepublikeSrbije 9/12 (Regulation on proclamation of game species protected by closed hunting season, Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 9/12, No. 18/10)

**Legislation updates:** N/A

**Hunting legislation (web link):**

<http://www.parlament.gov.rs/upload/archive/files/lat/pdf/zakoni/2010/3548-09%20lat.zip>

[http://www.zzps.rs/novo/kontent/stranicy/propisi\\_podzakonski\\_akti/p\\_o\\_lovostaju\\_2012.pdf](http://www.zzps.rs/novo/kontent/stranicy/propisi_podzakonski_akti/p_o_lovostaju_2012.pdf)

**Authority in charge of controlling hunting (web link):**

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Department for Forestry  
<http://www.mpzss.gov.rs/kontakti/uprave?lang=lat>

2. Provincial Secretariat for the Agriculture, Department for Hunting and Fisheries  
<http://www.psp.vojvodina.gov.rs/Page.aspx?id=496>

**Major inconsistencies or loopholes detected (if yes please describe):**

Although The Law on Game and Hunting grants protection to all species during the rearing season or during the various stages of reproduction, as well as protection for migratory species during the period of reproduction or during their return to their rearing grounds, Regulation on Proclamation of Game Species Protected by Closed Hunting Season effectively denies it with its opening and closing dates (e.g. closing dates for waterfowl are more than a month late in that respect).

There is little or no consideration of wise use (some species, like Quail or Turtle Dove are hunted in spite of negative population trends for more than a decade), the risk of disturbance (some species like Great Cormorant, Grey Heron and several corvid species are hunted all year round) and the risk of confusion (e.g. hunting season on Pochard coincides with migration of Ferruginous duck).

Regulation also directly confronts the Law in the means of hunting Northern Goshawk - the Law states that it can be hunted only on facilities for production of game birds, but Regulation expands it to whole hunting grounds - which also leads to risk of confusion with other raptor species.

**Derogations (on EU Birds Directive and/or Bern Convention):** Goshawk is allowed for hunting in Serbia. The former Ministry of Agriculture in 2010 asked for derogation.

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## HUNTING AND TRAPPING: METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

	Legal methods/restrictions	Notes
<b>Hunting</b>	License to hunt is granted to people with licence (professional officials performing management of hunting ground, hunting wardens), and people that meet the requirements of regulations governing weapons and ammunition and got a permission from the owner of hunting ground to hunt.	
<b>Trapping</b>	Trapping is illegal in Serbia	

## HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES

Open Hunting Season	Legally huntable species	Notes
01.10-28.02	Bean Goose	
01.09-28.02	Eurasian Wigeon	
01.09-28.02	Eurasian Teal	
01.09-28.02	Mallard	
01.09-28.02	Garganey	
01.09-28.02	Common Pochard	
15.10-30.11.	Grey Partridge	Hunting suspended until 31 Mar 2015
01.10-31.01	Common Pheasant	
01.09-28.02	Common Coot	
01.10-31.01	Eurasian Woodcock	"Species is protected as 'species protected by closed season' only in areas up to 500 meters above sea level – lowlands" (above which is 'strictly protected' i.e. no hunting is allowed)
01.08-28.02	Wood Pigeon	
01.10-28.02	Greater White-fronted Goose	
01.08-30.09	Common Quail	
01.09-28.02	Common Moorhen	

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01.08-28.02	Collared Dove	
01.08-30.09	European Turtle Dove	
01.08-28.02	Eurasian Jay	
01.01-31.12	Magpie	"Species on which hunting is allowed exclusively in order to prevent damage in hunting grounds registered on fisheries, and on regular hunting grounds in accordance to yearly management plans"
01.08-28.02	Rook	
01.01-31.12	Great Cormorant	"Species on which hunting is allowed exclusively in order to prevent damage in hunting grounds registered on fisheries, and on regular hunting grounds in accordance to yearly management plans"
01.01-31.12	Northern Goshawk	"Species on which hunting is allowed exclusively in order to prevent damage in hunting grounds registered on fisheries, and on regular hunting grounds in accordance to yearly management plans"
01.01-31.12	Grey Heron	"Species on which hunting is allowed exclusively in order to prevent damage in hunting grounds registered on fisheries, and on regular hunting grounds in accordance to yearly management plans"
01.01-31.12	Hooded Crow	"Species on which hunting is allowed exclusively in order to prevent damage in hunting grounds registered on fisheries, and on regular hunting grounds in accordance to yearly management plans"

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## TRAPPING SEASONS AND SPECIES

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

## TRADE AND PEST SPECIES

Legal trade	Notes
No	We don't know about this issue
Legislation on "pest species"	Notes
No	There is no such legislation in Serbia. Certain species are mentioned only as predatory.

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