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HUNTING IN 2022

The number of hunters-in-training increased

In 2022, the total number of hunters increased by 1.8%. The number of members of associations also increased by 1.8%, while the number of hunters-in-training, that is, future hunters increased by 5.5% compared to 2021.

The kill of wild boars decreased

In 2022, the kill of deer increased by 11.3%, with 7 080 heads killed, while the kill of roe deer amounted to 17 897 heads, which was a decrease of 0.4%. The kill of hares remained at approximately the same level, while the kill of common pheasants increased by 8.2% compared to 2021.

In 2022 compared to 2021, the kill of wild boars decreased by 6.7%, with 48 893 heads killed, while the kill of water fowls decreased by 1.7%. The kill of other birds decreased by 4.3%.

1 HUNTERS

	2021	2022	Indices 2022 2021
Hunters – total	64 245	65 402	101,8
Members of associations ¹⁾	63 594	64 715	101,8
Trainees	651	687	105,5

1) Members of the Croatian Hunting Federation as well as external hunters who are not members, but are registered with the Federation.

2 GAME KILL

	Total		Indices 2022 2021
	2021	2022	
Deer (all types)	6 359	7 080	111,3
Roe deer	17 957	17 879	99,6
Wild boar	52 381	48 893	93,3
Hare, '000	27	27	100,0
Common pheasant, '000	61	66	108,2
Water fowls, various types, '000	59	58	98,3
Other birds, '000 ¹⁾	69	66	95,7

1) In accordance with applicable regulations in the field of hunting.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data for the Annual Report on Hunting in 2022 were taken over from the Ministry of Agriculture – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry and the Croatian Hunting Federation for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (hunting year).

Since 2006, the Ministry of Agriculture – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry has taken charge of keeping the records on the management of hunting grounds and game. The management includes breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts.

Data on killed game are given on the basis of the central hunting register.

Coverage and comparability

Reporting units are legal entities and parts thereof as well as natural persons engaged in the activity of breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts. Reporting units were taken over from databases of the Croatian Forests, the Croatian Hunting Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry.

Definitions

Hunters are persons who passed the testing for hunters and are engaged in basic missions concerning hunting: breeding, protection, hunting and using of game and its parts, provided that they respect hunting customs and ethics.

Hunting year is the period lasting from 1 April of the current year to 31 March of the following year.

Abbreviations

'000 thousand

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