

Wildlife management and hunting in Denmark

Hunting i Denmark



- We are 175.000 hunters in Denmark
- 82.000 hunters are organized i Danish Hunters' Association
- 3% of the Danish population are hunters
- A new hunter must be 16 year old and the average for new hunters are 35 year old
- The total annual bag per year: 2.700.000, approx. 3.400 ton game meat per year

Wildlife management









• Organizing voluntary local deer management





Challenges to Deer

- We want older and bigger deer
- Field damages made by deer should be handled
- The wolf are now i Danmark
- The wild boar are coming



Our focus in Deer



- Management Plan for
 - Red Deer (fallow deer in the future)
 - Wildboar
- Our primary focus is

 Hunting policy
 (Very little on habitat)



Small game



 Organizing voluntary local small game (Partridges and Hare) management



Challenges to Small game



• Habitats are under pressure



Our focus in Small game



- We have Management Plans for:
 - Brown Hare
 - Partridge
- Our primary focuses are:
 - habitat improvements
 - Establish cooperation between hunters, farmers, bird watchers



Migratory species



- The first European adaptive flyway management plan for the Svalbard population of pink-footed geese.
- Hunting is a management tool.



Challenges to Migratory species



- The population of geese are growing
- A need for better habitats for breeding and resting birds
- Other NGOs are interested in migratory birds.....
- Seals are on the national political agenda at the moment

Our focus in Migratory species



- Focus species:
 - Snipe
 - Eider
 - Barnacle Goose
- Our primary focuses are:
 - Habitat improvements
 - Human activities
 - Hunting policy
 - More international cooperation





Our vision in the Danish Hunters' Association

Hunting and Nature: as much as possible!

More international cooperation



It's anchored on local level...

- International Management Plans for species in decline or causing problems
- Game bag statistics in relation to flyways
- One united vision for migratory species in Europe
- Local Management leads to common goals



But we need a united vision...