Hunting in Denmark

SURFACE AREA

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>43,032 km²</th>
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<td>Woodland</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Farmland</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>Wetlands</td>
<td>Coastline : 7000 km, approx. 25,000 km² shallow seas areas. App. 90% of the country.</td>
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<td>Huntable area</td>
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HUNTER / POPULATION

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<th>Inhabitants</th>
<th>5,390,000</th>
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<td>Number of hunters</td>
<td>163,000</td>
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<td>% hunters</td>
<td>3.3% (1/31)</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
<td>93,000</td>
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<td>Density</td>
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Socio-economic profile of the Danish hunter

- workers: 34%
- salaried employees: 28%
- pensioners: 17%
- students/apprentices: 13%
- farmers: 4%
- traders, self-employed: 4%

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<td>40-59 years</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>21-39 years old</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>60 years old and over</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>21 years old and younger</td>
<td>6%</td>
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4% hunters are women

Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008
EXPENDITURE GENERATED BY FIELDSPORTS

An annual turnover of 400-530 million EUR is generated by hunting in Denmark.

HUNTING ADMINISTRATION

Responsible authorities

1) Miljø- og energiministeriet (Ministry of the Environment)
   4 Højbro Plads, S-1200 København K
   Tel: +45-33.92.76.00

2) Skov- og Naturstyrelsen (Forest and Nature Agency)
   53 Haraldsgade, S-2100 København Ø
   Tel: +45-72.54.20.00 – Fax: +45-39.27.98.99
   (Hunting permit: +45-72.54.24.24 - Fax: +45-39.27.39.29)

Hunters’ association

1) DANISH HUNTERS’ ASSOCIATION
   Headquarters:
   56 Højnæsvej, DK-2610 Rødovre
   Tel +45 88 88 75 00 – Fax +45-36.72.09.11
   e-mail: info@jaegerne.dk
   http://www.jaegerne.dk

The Danish Hunters’ Association has approximately 93,000 members who are organised in some 900 local hunters’ clubs spread throughout Denmark. The purpose of the Association is to ensure Danish hunting/shooting interests and game availability and to promote the reputation of hunters in general.

The Danish Hunters’ Association is represented in the Wildlife Management Council - the Danish Ministry for the Environment's advisory committee for matters regarding hunting and wildlife.

Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008
Other organisations represented in the Wildlife Management Council include the Danish Society for the Conservation of Nature (Danish National Trust), the Danish Ornithological Society and various agricultural organisations.

Through joint effort and mutual understanding, these organisations ensure that future generations in Denmark will be able to enjoy natural landscape variety and large numbers of species of wildlife and that hunting/shooting can continue to be a natural feature of Danish cultural activities.

In addition to the FACE membership, The Danish Hunters' Association is a member of the C.I.C. - the international hunting council. In Scandinavia the DHA is a member of the Nordic Hunters' Co-operation organisation.

**LEGISLATION**

**Hunting system**

National Hunting Act - *Lov om jagt og vildtforvaltning* - of 6 May 1993, amended on 28. January 1997, also includes basic hunting regulations: open seasons (revised every 3 years, hunting methods, hunting firearms and ammunition, regulation/control, trade, protected areas. All regulations are national except open seasons where local seasons exists in Islands and other defined areas. Certain administrative details are devolved to regional bodies under the National Forest and Nature Agency and to the Danish Hunters' Association.

**Other legal provisions**


**Hunting methods**

Normal hunting practices are shooting (driven game), wildfowling (waterbirds on flight), stalking (rifle) etc. Other forms:

- BOW permitted (special test).
- HOUNDS forbidden
- TRAPPING forbidden (exceptions for certain types of regulation)
- FALCONRY forbidden (banned in 1967)

Source: *Danish Hunters’ Association*, 2008
Hunting territory

The hunting right belongs to the landowner, and can be leased to third parties for a maximum of 30 years. Leases of waterbird hunting rights (excluding woodcock and released mallard) must last 1 year at least.

SHOOTING EXAMINATION, HUNTING LICENCE

Hunting examination

Mandatory examination, covering species, game biology, firearms, safety, hunting, regulations, and shooting test for rifle hunting. Mandatory firearms course.

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Hunting Permit

Mandatory. Annual permit, valid for both shotguns and rifles, price (year 2007): 68 EUR.

Conditions:  
• Passing examination  
• Minimum age: 16 years  
• Character reference from police authority  
• Hunting insurance

Visitor’s permit

Foreigners are permitted to hunt in Denmark in accordance with their right to hunt in their own countries. A foreign hunting permit can be converted to a Danish permit (must apply at least two weeks in advance). The annual fee per person is (year 2007) 68 EUR including mandatory insurance.

Insurance

Third party hunting insurance (price = 4 EUR. Included in hunting permit). Max. coverage for person damage: 805,000 EUR, for material losses: 268,000 EUR.

Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008
**FIREARMS, CALIBRES & AMMUNITIONS**

**Legal calibres & ammuniti ons**

- **Shot:** . 12-, 16- and 20-bore most common. (Max bore = 12)
  Max. legal shot diameter: 4 mm.

- **Non-toxic shot:** Lead shot prohibited since 1996.

- **Bullet:**
  Red, Fallow, Sika deer:
  - weight = 9 g. (139 gr) / $E_{100} = 2700$ J or
  - weight = 10 g. (154 gr) / $E_{100} = 2000$ J.

  Roe deer:
  - weight = 3.2 g (50 gr) / $E_{100} = 800$ J.

**Travel in/out with firearms**

EU hunters visiting Denmark may bring any hunting firearm and the necessary ammunition provided the firearms are recorded on the *European Firearms Pass* (EFP). Danish hunters wishing to visit other EU Member States should have their firearms registered in their EFP.

**Information:**

Det Danske Justitsministerium  
*Minnstry of Justice*
Administrationsafdelingen
10 Slotsholmsgade, DK- 1216 København K
Tel: +45-33.92.33.40 – Fax: +45-33.93.35.10

*Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008*
### Game & Hunting Seasons

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<th>Species</th>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Annual bag (2005)</th>
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<td>Red deer</td>
<td>Male: 01/09 - 31/01</td>
<td>4.000</td>
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<td>Female + calf: 01/10 - 31/01</td>
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<td>Fallow/sika deer</td>
<td>Male: 01/09 - 31/01</td>
<td>Fallow: 4.300</td>
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<td>Female + calf: 01/10 - 31/01</td>
<td>Sika: 300</td>
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<td>Roe deer</td>
<td>Male: 16/05 – 15/07</td>
<td>107.000</td>
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<td>Male, Female, calf: 01/10 - 15/01</td>
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<td>Hare</td>
<td>01/10 – 15/12</td>
<td>60.000</td>
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<td>Fox</td>
<td>01/09 – 31/01</td>
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<td>Grey partridge</td>
<td>16/09 – 30/10</td>
<td>31.000</td>
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<td>Pheasant</td>
<td>Male: 01/10 – 31/01</td>
<td>707.000</td>
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<td>Female: 16/10 - 31/12</td>
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<td>Wood pigeon</td>
<td>01/10 – 31/01</td>
<td>347.000</td>
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<td>Dabblins ducks</td>
<td>01/09 – 31/12</td>
<td>670.000</td>
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<td>97.000</td>
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<td>Diving ducks</td>
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<td>Geese</td>
<td>01/09 – 31/12</td>
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<td>Woodcock</td>
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<td>Snipe</td>
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### Research Centres

Danmarks Miljøundersøgelser  
(National Environmental Research Institute, University of Aarhus)  
12 Grenåvej, DK-8410 Rønde  
Tel: +45-89.20.17.00 – Fax: +45-89.20.15.14

Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008
Travel in/out with hunting trophies

Veterinary import licence is not necessary for dried trophies from "normal" European trophy species. Note: Other regulations should be observed.

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GUNDOGS

Several specialist clubs federated in Dansk Jagthundeudvalg (Danish Gun Dog Committee). Special register of tracker dogs must be called for in case of wounding of hoofed game. About 160 registered dogs are scattered around the country and the hunter without payment can request their assistance.

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Dansk Kennel Klub  
1 Parkvej, DK-2680 Solrød Strand  
Tel: +45-56.18.81.55 or 56.18.81.00  
Fax: +45-56.14.81.86

CULTURE

Hunting press

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JÆGER (distributed to all members, 11 issues per year)  
56, Højnæsvej, DK-2610 Rødovre  
Tel: +45 88 88 75 00, fax: +45-36.72.09.11

Source: Danish Hunters’ Association, 2008
Hunting museum

Jagt og Skovbrugsmuseet
(Hunting and Forestry Museum)
15-17 Folehavevej, DK-2970 Hørsholm
Tel: +45-42.86.05.72

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES run by hunters

Through its membership of - among other organisations – *Wetlands International*, the DHA contributes to the conservation of north/south migratory birds. In addition, the association supports nature conservancy projects in several countries and operates under government financing in a game conservancy project in Tanzania.