



# ***HUNTER'S ACTIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL KILLING IN MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE***

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**Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats -  
Recommendation No. 155 (2011) on the Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade of  
Wild Birds**

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Develop and support national communication strategies, promoting dialogue between all relevant interest groups, and noting cultural sensitivities. These strategies should be aimed to the conservation of bird population and based on the following principles:

- (i.) this is about illegal killing of birds, **not legal hunting**;
- (ii.) **zero tolerance** of illegal killing of wild birds;
- (iii.) recognition of legal hunting and sustainable use.





# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

Distribution: General

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16

Original: English

## THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Quito, 4-9 November 2014)

*Acknowledging* the role of legal and sustainable hunting of birds in sustainable livelihoods and conservation of habitats and the role of the hunting community in promoting and encouraging compliance with the law and sustainable hunting practices;





# Non-Binding Charters & Codes of Conduct

## Bern Convention charter on Hunting and Biodiversity (2007)

In particular the principles;

- No. 2 - Ensure that regulations are **understandable and respected**;
- No. 3 - Ensure that harvest is ecologically sustainable;
- No. 8 - **Empower local stakeholders** and hold them accountable;
- No. 11 - **Encourage cooperation** between all stakeholders

Partly targeted at hunting tourism to ensure it stays within the boundaries of legality/wise use.





# Mediterranean Region

- **Italy, Greece, Spain, partially France, Portugal, Malta, Cyprus, Croatia etc.**
- **Hunting activities: strong tradition on bird hunting and trapping, particularly migratory birds**
- **Important breeding sites for endangered raptors es. Lanner falcon and Bonelli's Eagle.**





# Actions of Hunters

- **Communications**

- Press releases
- Awareness-raising
- Education: Campaigns; Look alike species;

- **Monitoring**

- Stronger collaboration between local communities and law enforcement bodies
- Proper warden system
- Some hunting associations training authorities on IK





# ITALY

- **Italian Hunting Federation (FIDC) participates in the National Action Plan on Illegal Killing, suggesting actions and IK typologies**
- **FIDC provides 2712 voluntary guards that give surveillance of whole territory, cooperating with authorities**
- **FIDC condemn all illegal killing events**







**ITALY: FIDC supported Geronticus eremita reintroduction project, starting a surveillance system with proper guards, in strict cooperation with Waldrappteam**







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# Look-alike species: how to recognize them in the FIDC magazine: six number with pages dedicated.



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*In volo*



moretta tabaccata maschio



Moretta tabaccata maschio

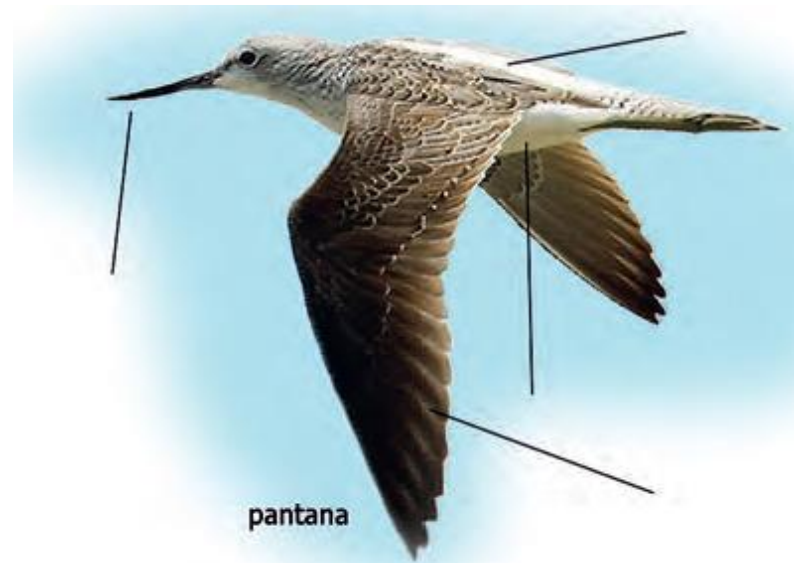
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# Federación Andaluza de Caza

Más de 25 años defendiendo la caza social

## Medio Ambiente aprobará un protocolo de colaboración entre sus agentes y los guardas de coto de caza

Federación Agenda Servicios Sala de Prensa Documentación Competiciones

En una Orden que la Consejería de Medio Ambiente publicará en los próximos días referida a los guardas de coto de caza, se prevé la aprobación de un Protocolo de Colaboración entre los Agentes del Medio Ambiente y los Guardas de Coto de Caza que establecerá un marco de actuación que permita la articulación de fórmulas de cooperación que faciliten el trabajo de los guardas de coto de caza, potenciando, de esta manera, la colaboración y coordinación entre ambas figuras de la vigilancia cinegética.



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Junto a esta novedad, esa futura Orden normaliza u oficializa un modelo de denuncia por presunta infracción de la normativa de caza u otras de naturaleza medioambiental efectuadas por los Guardas de Coto de Caza al objeto de facilitar su labor de vigilancia y la de la autoridad medioambiental que debe decidir sobre la iniciación y tramitación de los correspondientes expedientes sancionadores.







# Communication

## Fédération nationale des chasseurs

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# COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

## Un Gypaète barbu abattu au Pays

La Fédération Nationale des Chasseurs porte plainte





# Enforcement

## Best example: Malta

- MEPA, Wild Birds Regulation Unit, police & armed forces & others (voluntary)
- High intensity of inspections
- High penalties for infringements

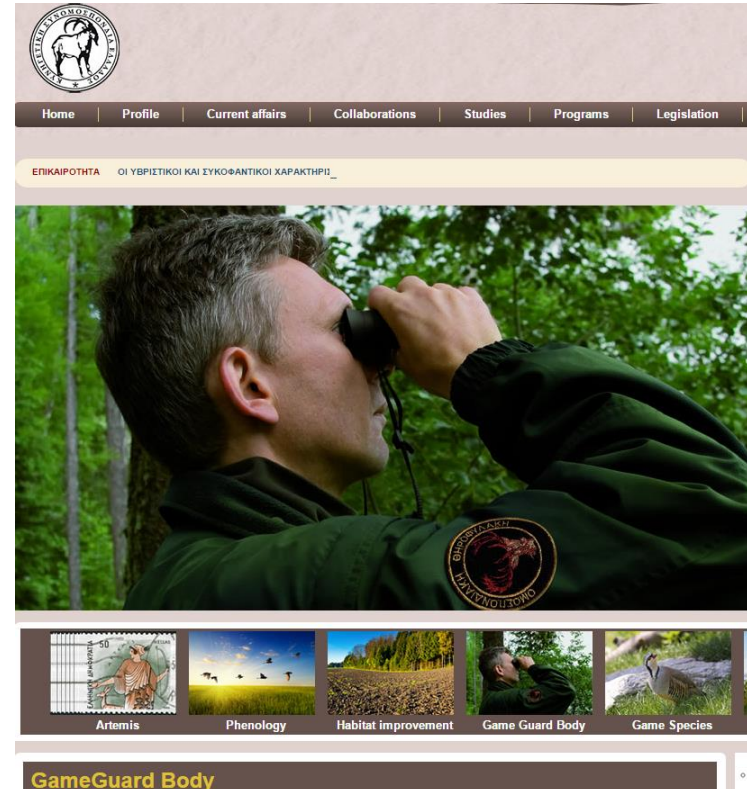




# National action on wildlife crime

## Greece – Game Guard Body

- In cooperation with Hellenic Hunters Confederation (FACE Member)
- In last 10 years more than **1,000,000 inspections** have been carried out and in excess of **18,000 violations** - continuous decrease in offenses over the years
- Hunting licences contribute to all of the **costs of 7 million euro annually** – including salary of 400 game guards







# Recommendations

- Legal & Institutional Issues
  - Greater enforcement;
  - Not necessarily stricter regulations :
- Conservation & Monitoring
  - Stronger collaboration between local communities and law enforcement bodies
  - Some hunting associations training authorities on IK
  - Focusing on commercial binding to illegal killing
- Education & Awareness Raising
  - Communication is key
  - Awareness-raising: Hunter-driven/Self-imposed ethics
  - Education: Campaigns; Look alike species;





# Future actions

- **Monitoring**

- Stronger collaboration between local communities and law enforcement bodies
- Some hunting associations training authorities on IK

- **Research**

- Recommendations for future research on illegal killing:  
cooperation with hunter's association
- Med Region/FACE future work on/approaches to illegal killing

**USE REALISTIC - NOT EMOTIONAL APPROACH**





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