

HUNTING OF WILD ANIMALS BY NON OWNERS OF THE LAND

Hunters who are not the owners of land where they intend to hunt, have similar restrictions as the owners for **Specially Protected & Protected species** for which **permits are always required** excluding farms with valid exemption permits. For wild animals classified as **Game** the following rules count:

Game - open season

- Hunter requires a **hunting license** and the **prior written permission** of the land owner
- Hunters are required to make sure about open or closed seasons

Game - closed season

- Hunter requires a **special permit** issued only on prior written application of the land owner.

Game also includes certain bird species.

Exempted farm

Hunter must always obtain the prior written permission of the holder of the exemption .

Unclassified animals

For hunting **unclassified wild animals**, only the prior written permission of the land owner is required.



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Hunting Information

LIMPOPO



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Hunting information for land owners - Limpopo Environmental Management Act, 7/2003

OWNER

When we consider hunting by a landowner on his own property it is firstly important to note how the term “owner” is defined in terms of the current applicable legislation in Limpopo. The reason for this is that there are many different categories of ownership and this complicate issues in terms of the jurisdiction of a person when certain acts such as hunting takes place.

“Owner” normally refers to the person in whose name the land is registered in the deeds office, but many other scenarios of land held in trust or co-ownership etc exist and for the purpose of this brochure the definition is not provided in full but in short we can say that in such cases a legal person needs to be nominated and then approved by the Department enabling such person to be regarded as the owner.

FAMILY

With regard to a private individual being the owner, the family that shares some of his/her privileges are restricted to the spouse, parents, children, stepchildren, children-in-law, grand children, foster children & adopted children.

For the purpose of Limpopo Environmental legislation, no other person is deemed family.

HUNT

Similarly we need to understand that hunt also includes the following actions: to **search for, lie in wait for, to bait, pursue, shoot at, set a snare or trap or disturb with the intent to kill** a wild or alien animal; or to **dart or immobilise** a wild or alien animal by any means or method **for trophy purposes**; or to **collect or destroy** the **egg** of a bird or reptile.

WEAPON

A “weapon” means –

- a fire-arm;
- the ammunition for a fire-arm;
- any other weapon or implement with which a projectile can be so propelled that it can kill, injure or immobilize a wild or alien animal;
- any projectile for use in connection with such other weapon or implement; or
- any chemical or preparation for use in connection with such projectile.

PROHIBITED WAYS OF HUNTING

The following methods of hunting is further not allowed without a permit:

- By means of a snare, gin trap, trap-cage, pit-fall, boma or similar method
- A bow and arrow or similar weapon discharging an arrow
- A semi automatic or automatic gun
- a fire-arm which discharges a rim-fire cartridge of a calibre of 5,6 mm or smaller;
- A set gun, an aircraft, an airgun
- A shotgun—except for bird/hare hunting
- A dog - except for bird hunting
- At night (1/2 hour after sunset - 1/2 hour before sunrise)
- Falconry hunting—except by a registered & permitted falconer.

CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS

The classification of the specific species intended in the hunt, is further very important.

Specially protected—the hunter must always be in possession of a permit.

Protected species also requires a permit unless it is listed on the exemption permit of the land owner.

Game - Open season

Owner and “family” can hunt without permit but only during daytime. “Family” needs the prior written permission of the owner.

Game - Closed Season

Owner and family require permit to hunt and this is only available on written application by the owner to the local Service Center. Unless it is an exempted farm.

Exempted farms

Any person must obtain the prior written permission of the holder of the exemption.

Unclassified species:

Any species that does not fall in any specific category are still regarded as wild animals and the owner may hunt these at any time. The family of the owner however still requires the prior written permission of the owner.

It is further important to remember that **birds & reptiles** are also included in the lists of species mentioned above!

See the Exemption Brochure for more info on exemptions and ask an officer for list of species included in above categories.