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More game shot and game losses in the 2021/2022 hunting season

A total of 739 500 game shot in the past hunting year (+1.1 %); 1.4 % more game losses; with +26.8 % significantly more guest hunting permits issued

Vienna, 2022-10-12 – In the hunting year 2021/2022, the total number of game shot amounted to 739 500, as Statistics Austria reports. Compared to the previous season, this represents an increase of 1.1 %. Thereof, the number of furred game shot rose by 1.5 % to 637 400, while on the other hand the number of game birds shot declined by 1.3 % to 102 100.

Hoofed game shot increased

Among **furred game**, 417 600 head **hoofed game** (+4.7 %) and 219 800 head **other furred game** (-4.1 %) were shot. Within hoofed game, 285 600 roe deer (+/-0.0 %), 56 300 red deer (+3.8 %), 51 800 wild boars (+49.8 %) and 19 500 chamois (-4.4 %) were hunted down, while mostly hares (89 300; -4.9 %) and foxes (69 900; +2.1 %) were shot among other haired game.

Within **game birds**, mostly pheasants were shot (46 700 head; -9.4 %) in comparison to the previous season. Beyond that, the shooting of wild ducks (35 500 head; +16.8 %), wild pigeons (12 900 head; -13.3 %), partridges (1 800 head; -17.5 %), wild geese (1 500; -7.8 %) and black grouses (1 500 head; +92.7 %) was also reported.

Slightly more game casualties

Game may suffer losses due to road traffic, unfavourable weather conditions or diseases. For the hunting year 2021/2022, 123 800 **losses** of all kinds were reported (+1.4 % compared to 2020/2021), including among others 72 100 head roe deer (+5.8 %), 25 800 hares (-8.9 %) and 8 400 pheasants (-6.4 %).

Significantly more guest hunting permits

With a total of 133 000, the number of valid **annual hunting permits** slightly increased (+2.4 %). Furthermore, 10 700 **guest hunting permits** (+26.8 %) were released.

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#).

Table 1: Game shootings in the hunting year 2021/2022

Game shootings	2020/2021	2021/2022	Change in %
Game shootings in total	731 633	739 479	+1.1
Thereof furred game	628 165	637 395	+1.5
Thereof feathered game	103 468	102 084	-1.3

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, hunting statistics, federal province offices.

Table 2: Game losses in the hunting year 2021/2022

Game losses	2020/2021	2021/2022	Change in %
Game losses in total	121 999	123 757	+1.4

Game losses	2020/2021	2021/2022	Change in %
Thereof furred game	111 191	113 464	+2.0
Thereof feathered game	10 808	10 293	-4.8

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Information on methods, definitions: Hunting in Austria is regulated by legislation at federal province level, defining the hunting year, which varies from region to region. In Carinthia, Lower Austria, Salzburg and Vienna it corresponds to the calendar year, while the hunting year in Burgenland lasts from 1 February to 31 January and in the remaining four federal provinces from 1 April to 31 March.

Hoofed game shot (except wild boars) is negotiated and defined territory-related between the district authorities concerned, hunting provision or hunting holder as well as a body representing the interests of the hunters. This is issued by the ordinance of the federal provinces. For all other game species, a hunting plan is generated; however, it is not under any legal regulation. Furthermore, hunting seasons and closed seasons are prescribed.

Tasks and goals of the game law focus in particular on game keeping, the hunting and biotope protection as well as sustainable utilisation of wildlife, all in all on an improvement of the quality of life respectively the living conditions of diverse wildlife species. Additionally, stocks regarded as excessive – in view of agricultural and forestry interests – are reduced by hunting.

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