

## Order # 512 of the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia

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On the Approval of Regulations on the Animal Objects, the Rules of their Hunting According to the Species, Terms and a List of Weapons and Equipment Permitted for their Hunting

### Chapter I. General Provisions

#### Article 1. The Subject of the Regulations

The present Regulations regulate the animal objects, the rules of their hunting according to the species, terms and determines a list of weapons and equipment permitted for their hunting.

### Chapter II. Means and Rules of Hunting

#### Article 3. Rules of Hunting

1. The right to amateur and sport hunting shall be granted only to the persons having the hunting licence.
2. The dates of hunting shall be defined by the decree of the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia “On the Starting and Completion Dates of Hunting and Fishing”.
3. Hunting shall be permitted only in the territories specially designated for it (except for migratory birds) – in cases established by law.
4. The quantity of animals to be caught shall be defined by the terms of the issued licence.
5. The hunting licence shall be issued under the law by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia or its local agencies. Hunting is prohibited in those agricultural plots of land, fields, gardens, vegetable gardens where the harvest is not taken in.
6. In order to avert damage to agricultural activities and natural environment, to prevent domestic animals' diseases, to protect health and lives of the population and for sanitation and epidemiological purposes, the quantity of some species of wild animals shall be regulated by the resolution of the Ministry.
7. Over a period of the whole year there shall be prohibited hunting of those species that are not on the list of “The Animal Objects belonging to Hunting Objects”.
8. Hunting shall be prohibited within the 5 km. zone around the protected territories of Georgia.
9. Hunting shall be prohibited around the following cities and holiday resorts of Georgia: Tbilisi, Sokhumi, Kutaisi, Batumi borders and within the 5 km. zone from the borders, Gudauta, Ochamchire, Chiatura, Rustavi, Gori, Tqibuli, Zestaponi, Gagra, Akhali Atoni, Tsqaltubo, Kobuleti, 2km. radius zone from the Ureki border; in the whole territories of Borjomi and Bakuriani forestry.
10. Over a period of the whole year it is prohibited to apply the following methods during hunting:
  - a) to burn reed, moor grass, sedge grass and other types of ferulaceous plants;
  - b) gathering and selling of eggs of wild birds;
  - c) to take nests of birds, destroy lies or other habitation places of animals;
  - d) mass means of hunting animals – factory or hand-crafted nets (except for the permitted cases of hunting game birds of prey), traps, pits, loops, chip flakers, poisons, reflectors mounted on hunting weapons, explosive devices
  - e) chasing on snow while hunting, stripping animals on the ice, in deep snow, on the cut reed or moor grass;
  - f) making night bonfires while hunting, hunting incubating wild birds (on water, wires, bushes and trees), hunting lying wild animals;
  - g) hunting at night from airmobile, motorcycles, boats and other means of transport by means of turned on headlights and searchlights;
  - h) hunting animals prostrated (overcome, lost coat, hungry) during the natural calamities (floods, fires, big snow, etc.) as well as hunting when animals cross the water or overcome some other difficulties – while trying to avert natural calamities among them;
  - i) dislodging animals from their dens by means of smoke or flooding them or by digging holes;
  - j) hunting animals without a firearm, chasing them by car, motorcycle, aircraft, helicopter, boat and other means of transport and carrying them off to exhaustion;
  - k) hunting with the use of means provided for in the previous paragraph and with the use of arms;
  - l) hunting wild waterfowl from the motorboats and cutters with their engines on (hunting by chasing);
  - m) hunting while moving in rows;
  - n) hunting any type of wild animals or birds by means of rounding them up;
  - o) hunting large hoofed mammals by means of small-caliber rifles and shot

#### Article 4. A List of Weapons and Means Permitted to be Used while Hunting the Animal Objects

Hunting the animal objects shall be permitted by using the following weapons and means:

- a) smoothbore hunting weapon (single-barrel, twin-barrel, multi-round);
- b) hunting rifles (semi-automatic carbines, carbines – in the event there is a special licence permitting to purchase a weapon);
- c) combined hunting weapons (smoothbore and rifles, with any number of barrels and any combination);
- d) game birds of prey;
- e) greyhounds.

#### Article 5. A List of Weapons and Devices Prohibited to be Used while Hunting the Animal Objects

1. It is prohibited to hunt any type of animal object any time by using:
  - a) any combat automatic rifle or any other weapon;
  - b) sniper rifles;
  - c) the so-called “night-vision” devices;
  - d) any altered guns (that do not meet the standard manufacturing requirements);
  - e) air guns.
2. It is prohibited to use a wad made of inflammable materials (cotton, duster, paper)
3. Hunting without a relevant licence, within the prohibited period of time, in the prohibited territories, by means of prohibited (including unregistered weapons and past-due registration) hunting weapons, methods and devices, is considered an illegal hunting.

#### Article 19. Liabilities for Violating the Requirements of the Regulations

Violation of the requirements defined in the present Regulations shall result in the amenability provided for in the Georgian legislation.