



Game & Fish Department  
Extract From  
The Game Laws

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Regulations

1970 - 1971

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1. Hunting and fishing in any form or manner is subject to the purchase of a license from the Game and Fish Department's central office in Tehran or any of its Provincial branches or offices.

2. Hunting is to shoot at birds, mammals or reptiles or to kill, capture or chase them in any form or manner.

3. Fishing is to kill or capture any aquatic animals in any form or manner.

4. Animals which are subject to the Game Law and termed «game animals,» are indicated below:

#### **a) Mammals**

Red Deer, Roe Deer, Fallow Deer, Indian Axis Deer, Wild Ass, Wild Sheep, Wild Goat ( Ibex ) Goitered Gazelle, Jebeer Gazelle, Bear, Leopard, Jungle Cat, Otter, Wolf, Fox, Jackal, Hyaena, Wild Pig, Hare, Porcupine, Cheetah, Tiger, and Badger.

**b. Birds:**

Crane, Stork, Thrush, Quail, Lark,  
Woodcock, Snipe, Pheasant, Black  
Partridge, Rock Partridge, Grey Partridge,  
Caspian Snow Cock, See-see Partridge,  
Houbara Bustard, Great Bustard, Little  
Bustard, Sandgrouse, Rock Dove, Wood  
Pigeon, Starling, Sparrow, Crow, Magpie,  
Woodpeckers, wildfowl and shorebirds  
(such as: geese, ducks, coots, pelicans,  
purple gallinule, Ibis, rails, cormorants,  
gulls, etc.), birds of prey (such as: eagles,  
buzzards, falcons and vultures).

**c) Reptiles:**

Crocodiles, Verana Lizzard.

**d) Aquatic Animals:**

All marine and freshwater fish.

5. The following animals are termed  
vermin: wolf, jackal, wild pig, hare,  
porcupine, cormorant, magpie, crow.

## 6. Protected Game-

The animals enumerated below are declared protected game. The hunting or fishing of such animals is prohibited unless a Special License is obtained from the Game and Fish Department of Iran:

Tiger [Babr], Cheetah [Yooz Palang], Fallow Deer [Gavazn Zard], Indian Axis Deer [Cheetal or Gavazn Khaldar], Wild Ass [Goor Khar], Goitered Gazelle [Ahu], Jebeer Gazelle [Jebeer], Red Deer [Maral], Roe Deer [Shuka], Pheasant [Gharghavol], Black Partridge [Dorraj], Grey Partridge [Jeerofly], Swan [Ghoo], Houbara Bustard [Houbareh], Great Bustard [Mish Morgh], Flamingo [Flamingo], Pelican, Salmon [Mahi Azad], Trout [Ghezelala], Crocodile [Temsah].

### Licenses

7. Hunting and fishing licenses are divided into three categories: Ordinary, Special, and Commercial. Licenses are

not transferable.

8. Ordinary Hunting and Fishing Licenses are valid until the end of the Iranian calendar year in which they are issued.

9. Special and Commercial Licenses are valid for the periods stipulated on the licenses.

10. The fees for Ordinary Hunting and Fishing Licenses during the year 1349 [1970—1971] will be as follows:

- a) Bird and vermin (except wild pig) License: Rls. 850
- b) General Hunting License:  
(Birds and Mammals) Rls. 1750
- c) Fishing License: Rls. 750

11. The holder of an Ordinary Hunting License may at no time during a hunting trip or otherwise shoot, or be in possession of, the carcasses of more than two Wild Goats (Ibex), and/or Wild Sheep

and, of these, only one may be a female.

Similarly, such hunters may not shoot, or be in possession of, the carcasses of more than one leopard and one bear.

12. Special Licenses for the hunting and fishing of protected species and for hunting or fishing in Protected Regions will be issued in accordance with the dictates of game management.

13. Special Daily Licenses will be issued for fishing in Protected Rivers.

14. Commercial Licenses will be issued for the purchase and sale, export and import, the capture or trapping as well as the raising and hatching of all animals.

15. The conditions for issuing Special and Commercial Licenses and the validity and prices are set forth separately and can be obtained at the central office of the Game and Fish Department in Tehran.

16. Farmers and shepherds desiring

to rid their lands of vermin, may do so providing they use rifles with barrels not exceeding 40 centimeters in length (Par. 2, Article 8. of the Game Law). no license is required.

17. The responsible authorities will issue or renew Arms Licenses only to applicants who are in possession of valid hunting licenses. Persons applying for, or in possession of an Arms License for a rifle must procure a General Hunting License.

### **SEASONS AND HOURS**

18. The hunting of the following game animals is prohibited (except where a Special License is obtained) during the seasons indicated below:

a) All game animals and birds from the first of Farvardin to the end of Khordad ( 21 March' 21 June ). An exception is made for vermin which, however, may

only be shot on private estates, game farms or hatcheries during this season .

b) Hunting and fishing [excluding vermin] is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

c) Wild Sheep and Goats(Ibex) from 15 Bahman to the end of Tir (4 February-22 July).

d) Rock Partridge, Common Partridge, See-see Partridge from 1 Esfand to the end of Mordad [20 February-22 August].

e) All waterfowl and shore birds 1st of Farvardin to the end of Shahrivar (21 March – 23 September).

#### **RESTRICTIONS ON FIREARMS AND CATCHING DEVICES**

19. Use of the following means and methods are prohibited:

a) Hunting with automatic and semi automatic weapons.

b) All weapons whose caliber is less than 6 mm (or 0.240 inches) and all muzzle loading arms for all mammals.

c) All shotgun shells as well as buckshot for the hunting of all mammals (with the exception of vermin) .

d) Any sort of poisons, explosives or narcotics.

e) Creation and erection of dams and other barriers in streams for the purpose of catching fish.

f) Traps and nets of any type and variety, except for the catching of ducks.

g) Aerial nets for the purpose of catching wildfowl and other birds.

h) Motorized boats for the pursuit and hunting of all wildfowl and shorebirds.

i) Motorized vehicles for the pursuit and hunting of all game animals

j) Organized drives for the hunting of all game animals.

k)The despoiling and/or stopping up of springs and water holes.

l) The creation of an electrical field using generators and all similar devices to obtain fish.

20. The destruction or removal of the eggs of game birds

21. The capturing of all live game animals is prohibited unless a Special License is obtained.

22. Shooting and hunting from all main roads, including a marginal distance of 50 meters on either side of such roads.

#### **Trout Fishing**

23. Trout fishing is only permissible with rod and line.

24. The use of natural bait such as worms, meat, grasshoppers, etc., for fishing in Protected Rivers is prohibited.

25. No person may catch or be in possession of more than twenty trout

per day .

26. The open trout season runs from Farvardin to the end of Mordad (21 March – 2 August).

27. In the various Protected Rivers, trout fishing is not permissible with an Ordinary Fishing License and requires the purchase of Special Licenses [item 13] which are sold by Game and Fish Department officials at sites located on the respective rivers.

28. The open season for trout fishing in the Protected Rivers will be set forth separately and can be obtained from the central Game and Fish Department office.

#### **WILDLIFE PARKS AND PROTECTED REGIONS**

29. Hunting and shooting in Wildlife Parks is prohibited, unless Special Licenses are obtained from the Game and Fish Department. These are issued only exceptionally and in accordance with the

dictates of game management.

30. Hunting, shooting and fishing in the Imperial Reserves is absolutely forbidden.

31. Hunting, shooting and fishing in Protected Regions and private reserves without a Special License is prohibited .

32. The Wildlife Parks and Protected Regions are as listed below:

a) The Mohammad Reza Shah Wildlife Park (Almeh and Tange Gol) in the districts of Bojnourd, Gorgan and Shahrud.

b) Dasht-e-Naz Wildlife Park in Mazandaran.

c) Dez Wildlife Park in Dezful

d) Lake Rezaiyeh and all its uninhabited islands, in the provinces of West and East Azarbaijan.

e) The Central Alborz Protected Region in the districts of Noshahr and Karaj.

f) The Protected Region of Khohs

Yeilagh in the district of Gorgan and Shahrud.

g) The Protected Region of Dez in the district of Shush.

h) The Protected Region of Kharkheh in the district of Shush.

i) The Protected Region fo Bamou in the district of Shiraz.

j) The island of Khark including Kharko in the Persian Gulf.

k) The Protetcted Region of Kolah - Ghazi in the Province of Esfahan.

l) The Protected Region of Mooteh in the Province of Esfahan.

m) The Protected Region of Kavir in the provinces of Esfahan and Tehran.

n) The Protected region of Parvar in the Province of Mazandaran and the district of Semnan.

o) The Protected Region of Marakan in the Province of West Azarbaijan .

p) The Protected Region of Bisotoun in the Province of Kermanshahan .

q) The Protected Region of Siahke sheem in the Province of Gilan.

r) The Protected Region of Hamoun in the Provinces of Sistan and Baluchistan.

s) The Protected Region of Tandoureh in the Province of Khorassan.

t) The Protected Region of Bakhtegan in the Province of Fars.

u) The Protected Region of Bazman in the Province of Sistan and Baluchistan.

v) The Chaloos River and its tributaries, from their sources to the Caspian Sea, located in the district of Noshahr.

w) The Karaj River and its tributaries, from their sources to Karaj Bridge located in the district of Karaj.

x) The Jajrud River from its sources to the Latian Reservoir in the district of Tehran.

y) The Lar - Haraz River and its tributaries, from their sources to the village of Gazaneh located in the district of Amol.

z) All marshes, wetlands waterways and bays along the Caspian Sea and all rivers in the Provinces of Gilan and Mazandaran that enter these waters or the Caspian Sea, are declared protected, insofar as fishing is concerned

a-1) The Imperial Reserves of Varjeen and Farahabad - Jajerud in the district of Tehran and all private reserves officially posted by the Game and Fish Department.  
**Purchase and Sale, Export and Import, Raising and Hatching.**

33. The purchase, sale, hatching, raising, transporting or exporting of all animals or parts of them without a license is absolutely forbidden.

34. The transport or possession of

killed game animals, or part thereof, obtained legally is permitted - but not if kept, or displayed for sale, at stores, shops and similar places.

35. Game animals or fish hatched or raised commercially or mounted as trophies, are exempted from the restrictions cited in articles (33) and (34).

36. The Importation of all wild animals, wild birds or eggs of birds requires a certificate of health for the animals from the country of origin and a Special License from the Game and Fish Department of Iran.

37. Hatching and raising of all game animals including fish, requires a license from the Game and Fish Department.

38. To release any game animals or fish, without permission from the Game and Fish Department is forbidden.