New Era for Finnish Wildlife & Game Administration



The purpose of the Finnish Wildlife Agency is to

- promote sustainable game management,
- support the activity of local game management associations,
- see to the implementation of wildlife and game policy, and
- manage the public administration tasks laid down for it.



Mission of Finnish Wildlife Agency: CONTROL OF GAME CONFLICTS

Finnish wildlife and game administration has entered a new era. The Finnish Wildlife Agency, as the core organ of public game management and administration, is the answer to solving conflicts caused by game in our pluralistic society.

Game is nowadays regarded in many different ways. People's diverse attitude to game is bound to create conflicts. Our ambition is to avert such problems by listening to interest groups and citizens and encouraging them to participate in preparing the wildlife and game policy.

Objectives for social impact of wildlife and game administration

Wildlife and game administration is set with objectives for social impact, with a balance between sustainable game animal populations, ethical and responsible hunting, and manageable game conflicts and damages caused by game animals.

Game management plans provide a central instrument in this new wildlife and game policy. They aim at taking into account the varied expectations concerning the management of game animal populations.

The Finnish Wildlife Agency is responsible for preparing and updating the management plans and the National Wildlife Council for providing opportunities for comprehensive and systematic participation of interest groups in preparing management plans and other wildlife and game policy aspects.

The voluntary work done by game management associations is the foundation on which wildlife and game administration is built. The Finnish Wildlife Agency has an important task in supporting this contribution.

Ethical and responsible hunting and game management

Objectives for social impact

Man's relationship to game animals:
 hunts
 benefits from
 suffers from
 uses
 enjoys
 fears
 observes
 protects

Damages caused by game animals remain reasonable, and conflicts manageable

Game animal populations remain viable

The public administration tasks of the Finnish Wildlife Agency are:

- 1) tasks laid down in the Hunting Act (615/1993) and Act on the Game Management Fee and Hunting Licence Fee (616/1993):
- acquisition and maintenance of the validity of a group insurance for hunters and sufficient insurance cover for the staff it has appointed to game management associations relating to the management of their tasks;
- appointment, steering and supervision of the hunting wardens of game management associations;
- 4) appointment, steering and supervision of the examiners of the hunter's examinations and shooting tests;
- 5) appointment, steering and supervision of the representatives of game management associations working in field inspections referred to in Section 25 of the Game Animal Damages Act (105/2009); and
- 6) other public administration tasks that fall within the scope of its activities under the Wildlife and Game Administration Act (158/2011) or other law.



Constitutional provisions gave rise to restructuring of wildlife and game administration. Public administration tasks were separated from the other activities.

Two lines of action in wildlife & game policy

Influencing wildlife & game policy

Executing wildlife & game policy

Regional meetings of game management associations, 15 regions

METHODS FOR PARTICIPATION

298 game management associations

15 Regional

INTEREST GROUPS

Wildlife Councils

National Wildlife Council

sustainable wildlife management management services

MANAGEMENT AND DATE TASKS

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The other tasks of the Finnish Wildlife Agency are:

- promoting sustainable game husbandry and supervision of the public interest relating to game husbandry;
- monitoring the status, development, sustainability and viability of game animal populations and development of activities relating to these together with research;
- promoting game management and management of game habitats;
- preparation, drawing up and updating of management plans concerning game animal species and the management of their habitats;
- 5) promoting the prevention of damages caused by game animals;
- 6) promoting sustainable, safe and ethically acceptable hunting;

- 7) promoting the activity of game management associations and training of the staff of game management associations;
- 8) producing expert, training and advisory services relating to hunting, game husbandry and game animals;
- 9) information and communication;
- 10) maintaining and developing joint information systems, information resources and information services of the Finnish Wildlife Agency and game management associations and participating in the development of joint information systems, information resources and information services of the sector;
- 11) participating in international cooperation; and
- 12) other tasks laid down and assigned to it which do not involve the use of public power.

The Finnish Wildlife Agency

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Laitiala centre

Regions

South Tavastia

South Savonia

Southeast Finland

Kainuu

Central Finland

Lapland

Oulu

Ostrobothnia

North Tavastia

North Karelia

North Savonia

Coast Ostrobothnia

Satakunta

Uusimaa

Southwest Finland

The Finnish Wildlife Agency has a staff of approx. 65 employees.

Approx. 180 elected representatives in voluntary organs.





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