

# New Era for Finnish Wildlife & Game Administration



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FINNISH WILDLIFE AGENCY

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.



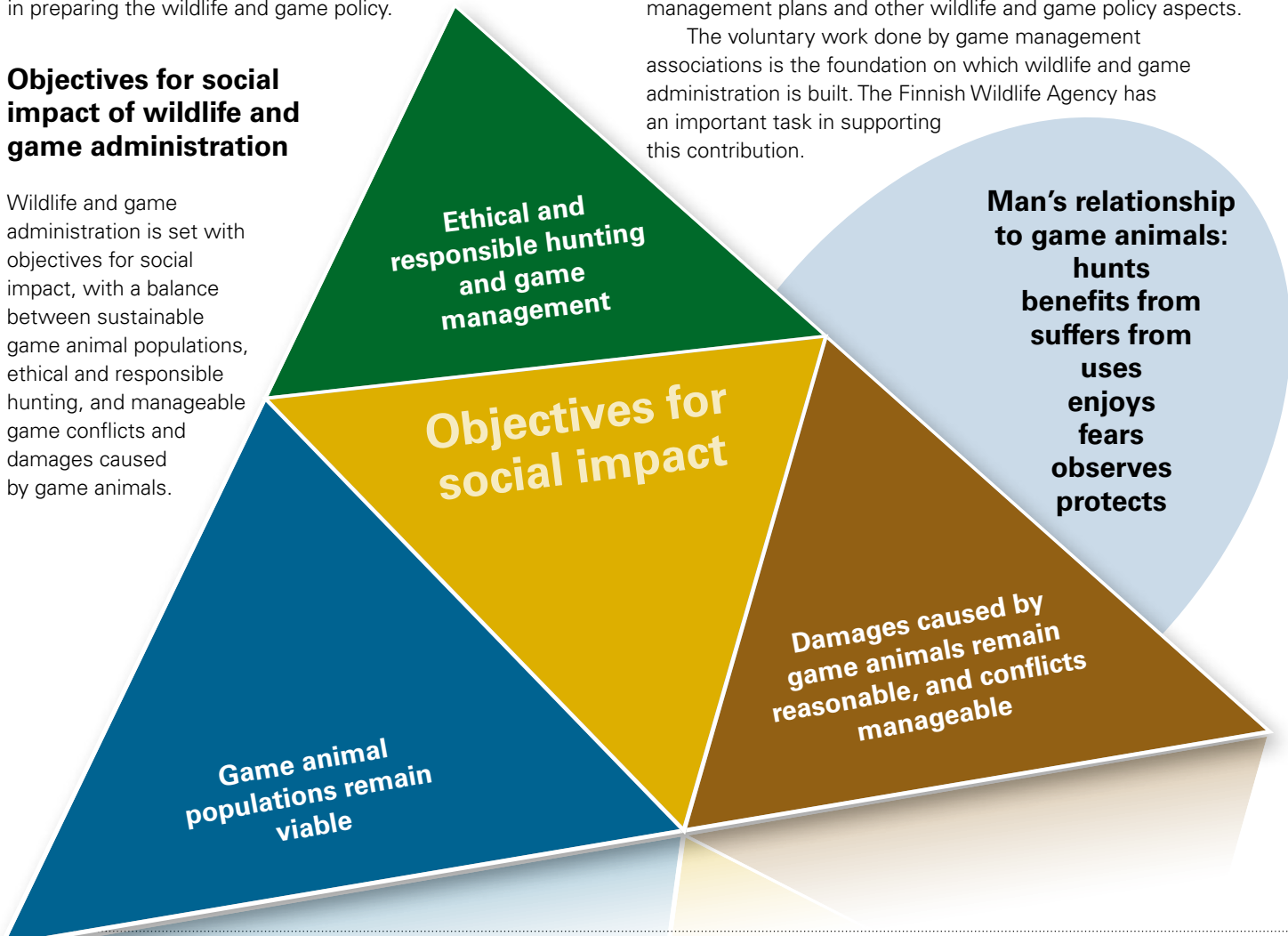
# Mission of Finnish Wildlife Agency: CONTROL OF GAME CONFLICTS

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.



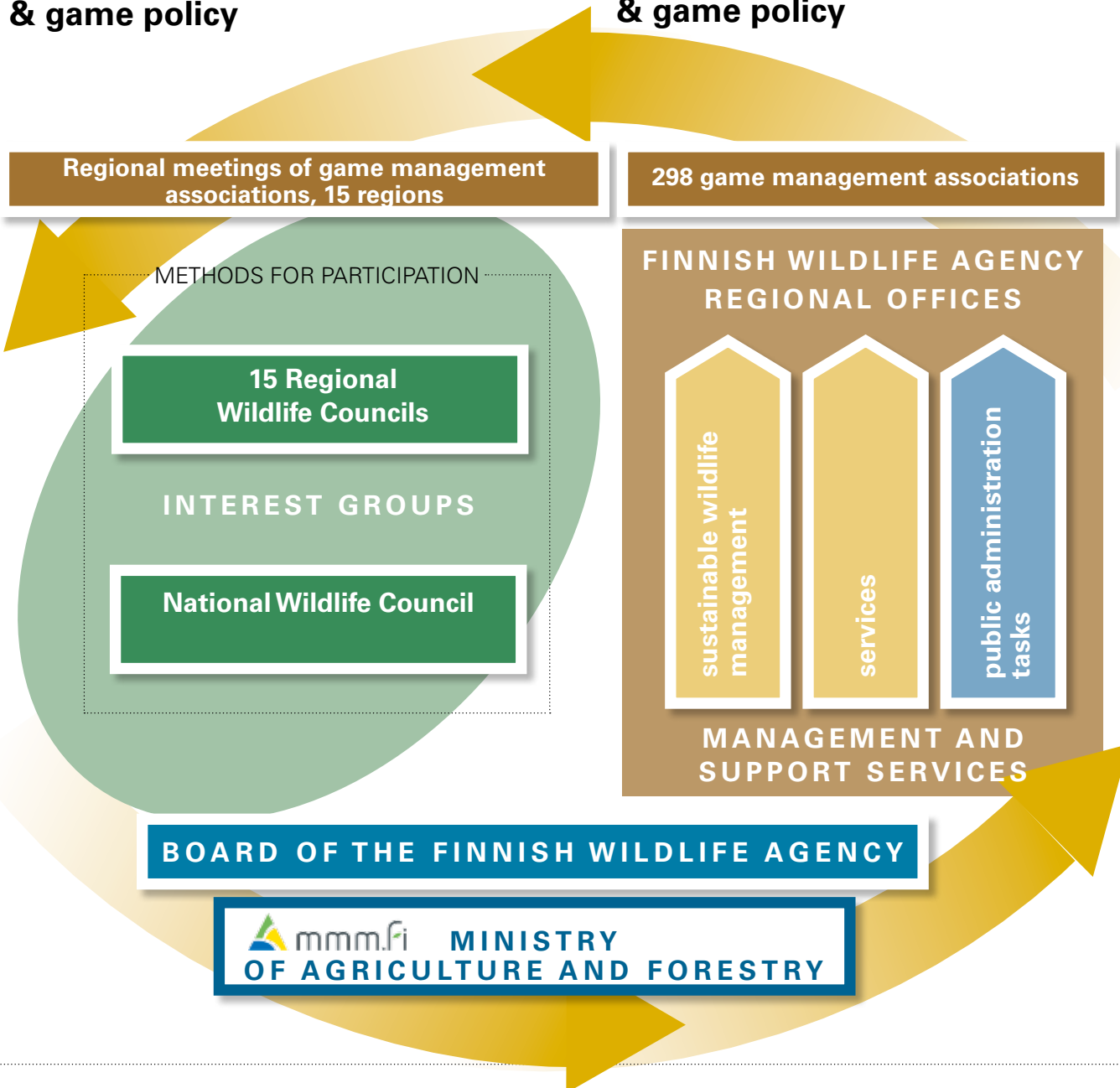
## The public administration tasks of the Finnish Wildlife Agency are:

- 1) tasks laid down in the Hunting Act (615/1993) and Act on the Game Management Fee and Hunting Licence Fee (616/1993);
- 2) 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;
- 3) 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.

# Two lines of action in wildlife & game policy

## Influencing wildlife & game policy

## Executing wildlife & game policy



### The other tasks of the Finnish Wildlife Agency are:

- 1) promoting sustainable game husbandry and supervision of the public interest relating to game husbandry;
- 2) monitoring the status, development, sustainability and viability of game animal populations and development of activities relating to these together with research;
- 3) promoting game management and management of game habitats;
- 4) 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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South Tavastia  
South Savonia  
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Central Finland  
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North Tavastia  
North Karelia  
North Savonia  
Coast Ostrobothnia  
Satakunta  
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