

Hunting and wildlife observing

Location

Country: Slovenia

Scale: local

Region: /



The Special Purpose State Hunting Grounds managed by Slovenia Forest Service.

Compensated /improved ecosystem services

- Hunting
- Tourism - wildlife observing

Management

Republic of Slovenia (RS) have implemented payments for hunting licences and special purpose hunting grounds for hunting and wildlife observing. In Slovenia, there are 411 hunting grounds managed by hunting clubs, and 12 special purpose hunting grounds. Ten of these grounds are managed by the Slovenia Forest Service, two by the Triglav national park.

Hunting clubs are responsible for sustainable game management in hunting grounds managed by Slovenia Forest Service. A key principal activity of special purpose hunting grounds is the hunting tourism where tourists and guests pay for hunting. Each hunter or non-hunter needs to be accompanied by a hunter with a valid hunter licence. Last year, special purpose hunting grounds made over 1 mio € from hunting tourism (hunting and observing) and hosted over 1,900 hunting guests, some of them several times. Tourists pay for the wildlife observing, hunting allowance, and for the trophies.

Wildlife observing is also organized by individual hunters and anglers' clubs or privately owned companies, respecting the Forest Act and under supervision of the forestry inspection. In case of wildlife observing (especially brown bears observing), cooperation with special purpose hunting grounds (Jelen) is strongly encouraged in order to ensure safe and proper experience.

Legal backgrounds for this action are [Forest Act](#) (article 46, Official Gazette of RS, 77/16), [Act on Game and Hunting](#) (Official Gazette of RS 31/18), and [Decision on the organisation and establishment of the Slovenian Forestry Service](#) (Official Gazette of RS 18/15).

Stakeholders

Sellers or service providers:

- Managers of special purpose hunting grounds (Slovenia Forest Service)
- Individual hunters' and anglers' clubs
- Private companies

Buyers and beneficiaries of services:

- Tourists (paying for wildlife observing, hunting, renting huts and houses owned by Slovenia Forest Service)

Knowledge providers:

- Slovenia Forest Service
- Biotechnical Faculty
- Hunters' and anglers' clubs
- Private companies

Timeline

Establishment year: 2004

Time horizon: long term

Status of PES: active scheme

Availability of economic data

Annually payments for ecosystem services related to hunting can be found in annual financial reports of Slovenia Forest Service (in Slovene only).

References / Source of information

References:

- FOREST EUROPE/UNECE/FAO Questionnaire on Pan-European Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management
- <https://www.lpn.si/en/>
- [financial reports](#) (in Slovene) .

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