Game species in the Czech Republic



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Chamois (Rupicapra rupicapra) Not indigenous sp. - Alps, Tatry - Slovakia Hunting bag 30 animals hunting season - 1st Oct. - 30th Nov. 2 populations in Jeseníky Mts and Lužické hory Mts Problems with low reproduction and high mortality Problems with botanists due to damages in mountains

White-tailed deer (Odokoileus virginianus) Not indigenous species – North America Hunting bag 50 animals hunting season – 1st Sept. – 31st Dec. Only in game preserves 2 populations



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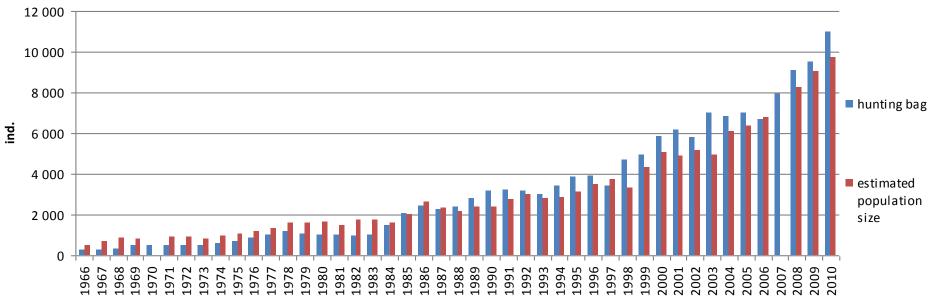
- Goat (Capra aegagrus) Not native Only in in game preserves
- Low importance



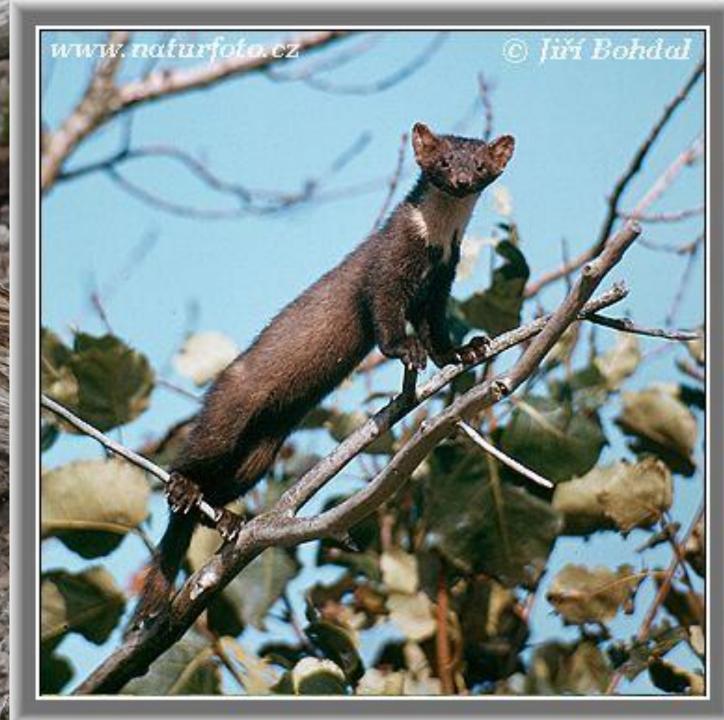
Sika deer (Cervus nipon)

Not native species (.Tapan)

Sika deer (Cevus nippon)



year







Muskrat (Ondatra zibetica) Not native species Hunting bag 2.000 animals hunting season – 1st Nov. – 28th Feb. Decreasing numbers

Polecat (Mustela putorius) Native species Hunting bag 10 animals Brown hare (Lepus europaeus) Native species Hunting bag 110.000 animals hunting season – 1st Nov. – 31st Decreasing numbers

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Ducks (Anas platyrhynchos) Hunting bag 330.000 animals hunting season - 1st Sept. - 30th Nov. Annually is released 210.000 ducks



Other species not hunted Carnivores: Brown bear, European lynx, Wolf

Birds: Beast of prey, woodcock, partridge, tetraonidae, Damages caused by the game on forests and agriculture lands

Important factors affecting game damages

High density of animals
High feeding attractiveness of trees
Low quality of environment for herbivores
Turism and other stress factors

Shoots browsin on coniferous and deciduous trees



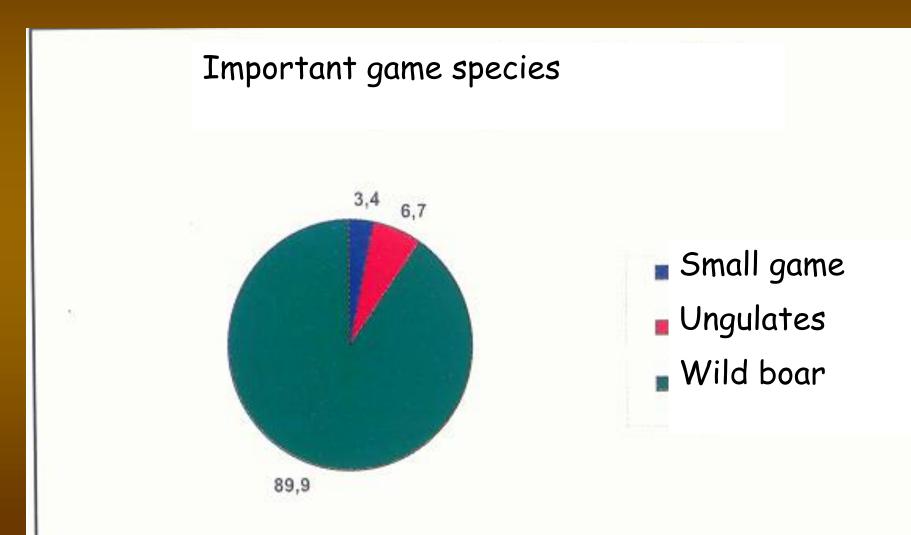
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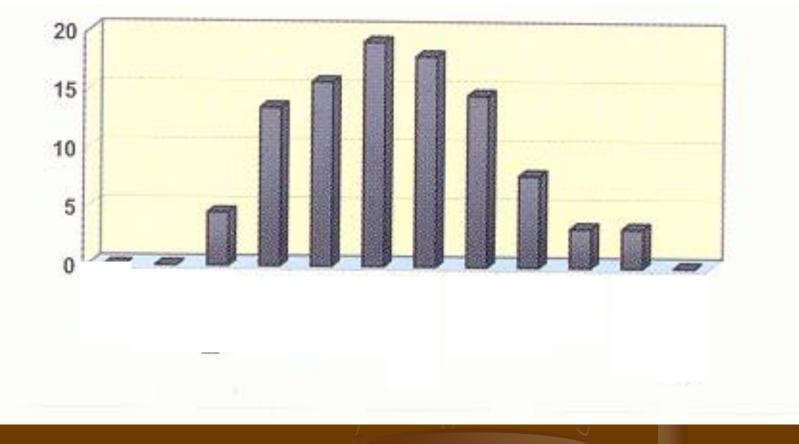
Other damages



Damages on fields and meadows



Damages on fields during the year



Meadows and pastures – main problem is rooting by wild boar



Browsing on winter rape and cereals during winter



Spring browsing on leaves







wild boar damages to agriculture crops



 Hunters are responsible for damages which on forests and crops caused by game and by hunting activities

 Both landowners and hunters shoud protect trees and crops by possible measures

Hunters does not pay damages:

- outside hunting areas
- on grapes without protection
- on not fenced gardens
- on trees outside the forests
- on crops of high value
- on crops which were not harvested in time
- on crops stored on the ground without protection against game damages
- on trees in forests which are protected by the fence
- of trees browsed only on side shoots (damage is only when is browsed the terminal shoot)
- caused by protected game species (wolf, moose, bear, lynx, beaver) are paid by the goverment

A – biological measures

Density regulation
Social structure of game populations
Protection against stress
Care of food supply

B - technical measures

Mechanical – fences, individual protection Chemical – repelents (optical, scent)



C - other measures

- additional feeding of game
- wintering preserves for large herbivores
- meadows and fields for game
- system of agricultural measures
- intensive shooting on fields

Vintering game preserves Fenced area about 5-20 ha it is possible to care of 20-50 animals. intensive feeding (low natural food supply) - 1 preserve protect about 1-2 ths. ha of forest animals are released in spring after starting the natural vegetation starts





Intensive game keeping in the Czech Rep.

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The main reason for their existence is hunting (killing) animals.

There are several categories according to intensity of care of animals and fenced area.

Intensive game keeping – we miss the main argument for game management – regulation of natural populations -Game preserves for ungulates

-Game preserves for pheasants

Preserve for ungulates must be fenced and min. area is 50 ha. (500 ha for normal area).

Max. density of game in 1 red deer per 2 km^2 .

There is about 180 preserves for large game species and 270 for pheasants in the CR (5500 of other areas).

Average area of preserve is 250 ha (normal hunting areas are in average 1200 ha).

Annually is released about 500 000 of pheasants in the reserves and about 600 000 is shot in autumn.

Game preserves profit from shot animals (hunters must pay for value of trophy (antlered or mouflons) or for one killes pheasant.

There are specific regulations of hunting in preserves (long hunting season)

Many thanks for your staying power and attention!

