



# Co-operation between the Airports and Hunters' Organizations in preventing Birds and Game Animals from the Aerodromes

Hunters' Central Organization

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# Organizations and Authorities in Game Management

## **”The Hunters’ Organization:**

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Dep. of Fisheries and Game
- Hunters’ Central Organization;
- 15 Game Management Districts; authorities in regional level
- 298 Game Management Associations; local level  
= 1-4 counties/cities
- 304 105 Hunters (2006); =GMA members



# Voluntary Organizations

The Finnish Hunters' Association;

- 16 districts, 2500 Hunting clubs (members), 130 000 hunters

The Finnish Hunters' and Fishermen's Union;

- 10 districts, Hunting and Fishing clubs (members), 13 000 hunters and fishermen

The Finnish Bowhunters' Union; - 2000 bowhunters

Totally about 4 500 Hunting clubs in Finland

(hunting area 3000-4000 ha, members 20-100, (lot of variation!))



# Co-operation can be done in several levels

- National (HCO)
- Regional (GMDs)
- Local (GMAs, Clubs)

Most important is to work together with local hunting clubs

Local authorities (GMAs) are useful tools;

-information, education, local circumstances



# Preventing methods

- Fences, hunting, feeding, scaring...
- What can hunters do?
- What do they want to know and why?
- Different animals:
  - Mammals (cervidae, large carnivores, small game...)
  - Birds (hunnable species; geese, black grouse...)



# Preventing methods...questions

- Hunting practices near the airport; beaters, dogs, traps...
- Using of firearms (rifles), shooting places; posts, high seats, directions...
- Feeding places for deer –how far?
- Wintering areas for moose – dispersation
- Fences; right places, directions, weak points, not creating capturing devices!



# Yearly meetings or appointments?

- Local hunters want to know "The Neighbour"
- better understanding (both sides)
- not unnecessary regulations, what is necessary/wanted?
- not "Game Paradises"
- suitable densities of cervidaes, local populations, their behaviour (routes near fences)
- local game management authorities involved
- other cooperation possibilities (shooting ranges?)
- good fences can make cooperation unnecessary –but is it good for the future?