



## Implementation of the Hunting Laws in Carinthia, Salzburg and Tyrol

### Summary

The condition of the forests in the provinces of Carinthia, Salzburg and Tyrol has deteriorated despite the objectives defined by the hunting laws aiming at preventing damage to the forests caused by game. The authorities and entities charged with the enforcement of the hunting laws failed to fulfil the legal stipulations. They were unable to reduce the stock of game to a level appropriate to the forests by ecological planning and the enforcement of the respective stipulations.

The allocation of tasks and the enforcement of the hunting laws differed in the audited provinces and led to different approaches and to outcomes that partially displayed objectively not justifiable differences.

While the enforcement of the hunting laws in Salzburg and Tyrol was covered entirely by the hunting toll, Carinthia would have to cover the staff costs entirely via the provincial budget in order to comply with the law that defines the allocation of the hunting toll.

The Spatial Plan for Wildlife Ecology enacted by the Carinthian Hunting Community did not obey the hunting law. None of the audited provinces created “quiet zones” for game, even though Carinthia and Salzburg were legally equipped to do so.

Overarching hunting plans focusing on the wildlife habitats were in place only in Salzburg. Furthermore the enforcement of hunting decrees was insufficient in all of the provinces; the average compliance rate in the case of red deer reached 88.3% in Carinthia, 93.8% in Salzburg and 78.1% in Tyrol. Consequently the condition of the forests deteriorated in all of the audited provinces.

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