



## ~ Methodology ~

### ANNUAL REPORT ON HUNTING

#### LEGAL BASIS

The survey is carried out on the basis of the Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics for 2026, in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026-2029 ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 4/26) and Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 85/03).

#### METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

##### Aim and content

The main aim of this survey is to present data on number of game, number of employees in reporting units, hunting buildings and facilities, square area of hunting grounds, and number of members.

##### Observation units/Reporting units

Reports are submitted by hunting associations, business organisations and bodies that have their own hunting grounds and game farms.

##### Coverage

All the above mentioned entities on the territory of Republika Srpska are covered.

##### Method and period of data collection

Collection of data within this survey is carried out using the reporting method. The periodicity of the statistical activity is annual.

##### Protection of confidential data

Aggregate data are published. Individual data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

##### Definitions of main features – indicators

**Number as on 1<sup>st</sup> April** of the previous year represents the actual number of game in hunting grounds and it is determined through counting or estimating. This number provides data on number of game as on 1<sup>st</sup> April at the end of hunting year, i.e. the year in which the report is submitted. It represents the real state referring to the game that had wintered.

**Employed staff** covers data on employed workers, i.e. data on number of employees working on a permanent or on a temporary basis, as well as the structure of employed staff in hunting organisations.

**Other buildings and facilities** – this data presents data on number of hunting lodges, administrative and residential buildings (offices or flats), pheasant farms, pheasant shelters, shelters for other game, feeding sites for feathered game, feeding sites for furred game, as well as square area of these sites, expressed in m<sup>2</sup>.

**Hunting grounds and hunters** – this data represents an indicator of number of hunting grounds, square area of hunting areas (hunting, non-hunting and areas of hunting grounds under forest) and data on number of hunters (members or trainees).

## **IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION**

### **Authorities implementing the statistical survey**

Collection of data is carried out in the regional offices of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, while entry and processing of data are the responsibility of the Division for Production Statistics of the Institute. Data are collected using the reporting method. Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

Data entry and processing, in accordance with the criteria of logical and computation controls, are performed in IST application.

### **Obligation to provide data**

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

### **Implementation frequency**

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until 15<sup>th</sup> April for the previous year.

Data are published annually (1<sup>st</sup> October).

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### **Questionnaire**

The questionnaire “Annual report on hunting – LOV-11” is used to carry out this survey.

### **Instructions for completing the questionnaire**

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

## **PUBLISHING**

Data are published for the level of Republika Srpska, in the “Statistical Yearbook” and in the “Forestry Bulletin”, as well as at the website of the Institute.

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