

CoRAC

Collectif du **Rassemblement pour l'Abolition de la Chasse**
The abolishment of hunting:
advancing civilization



Since 2002, the « **RA**ssemblement pour l'abolition de la Chasse » is a national association advocating the **abolishment** of all kinds of hunting and entrapment in France. Today, in the 21th century, we need to **dedicate ourselves to the protection of nature** and set up the relevant facilities enabling a peaceful and harmonious coexistence with the fauna of our country.

Our refusal of hunting

Hunting is **ethically, ecologically and socially** reprehensible:

- **Ethics**

Hunting is a leisure activity, a source of entertainment, a playful activity, which consists in tracking down, uncovering and killing an animal. In the framework of this activity, bringing death to a living being gives its practitioners a feeling of pleasure and gratification, although we are well aware of the fact that animals are sensitive to stress and pain.

Hence, carrying out this form of leisure implies negating the emotional universe, and sensitive aspect of these creatures, the latter which are considered objects that can be used and abused.

Hunting is the school of violence. A young person can, with sophisticated weapons such as a gun, a rifle or a bow, learn from the age of 15 years old to kill "for real".



- **Ecology**

There is a lot to say about the ecological prejudice caused by this activity, which is regularly denounced by wildlife protection associations and scientists.

Hunting organises nature according to itself. It kills around 40 million animals, of which 20 million originate from cynegetic breeding farms. The numbers of boar and deer populations have been and are still being artificially increased, through releases, feedings and genetic cross-breeding.



Since the 1980s, the boar populations' expansion is welcomed and sustained by the hunters themselves (according to the ONCFS, it multiplied by **12.9 in the course of 40 years** - in 1976, 60,000 boars were killed, whilst in 2016, 700,000 were killed, and numbers are on the rise). These practices amply demonstrate **the imposture of the prime pretext used by hunters** to prove their necessity that is when they claim that hunting is a matter of "regulation". There is no legitimacy in proclaiming 91 species hutable.



Migratory birds should not be prey to the greed of a few destructive individuals. The inconvenience and more specifically the stress generated by acts of hunting cause heavy prejudice to animal species, thus weakening their survival and breeding capacities. Furthermore and over the years, hunting, unlike natural predation, has proceeded to the "selection" of individuals by favouring the more fearful and nervous ones with abnormally high creepage distances and weaker demographic dynamics. Last but not least, if hunters chose to preserve some natural areas, the aim has always been to benefit their practice.

**- The societal aspect - monopolised and unsafe natural areas
Hunting takes place in a natural environment, which belongs to everybody.**

It disrupts, sometimes heavily so, the environment of rural populations by creating a warlike climate of din and fury. It disturbs and even prevents non-violent nature activities from taking place. Each year, around 200 people are wounded and about twenty die periodically, the latter of whom are not hunters. As the cynical lobbyist Thierry Coste put it: "*every year, millions of bullets are fired to kill and all of them are made to kill...*"

Animals do not wish us harm, they don't seek to hurt us, they only try to fulfil their basic needs. **For all of these reasons, we request that all shapes and forms of hunting and entrapment be banned, for these are practices of another time and era.** We also request the setting up of facilities **in favour of a peaceful and harmonious coexistence with the fauna.** We need to protect it, whilst preserving the interests of human activities. The point is to replace brutality with intelligence.

What kind of France without hunting do we wish for?

We offer a societal model based on the will to live together, as well as the preservation of integrity and the interests of animal populations and human activities.

Thereby, we don't offer to manage the fauna, as the hunting world claims to be doing, **but the interactions between the fauna and human activities (agriculture, forests, traffic routes, city outskirts, cities, health, security, etc.)**

As soon as there is any sign of some kind of disturbance, nuisance, prejudice, deterioration or sense of insecurity, non-aggressive suitable solutions need to be put forward. In fact, these interactions concern very few species: large ungulates and some bird species.

The details of this societal model can be found in our publication: "Pour une France sans Chasse" (For a France without hunting).

Because hunting is a cruel leisure activity disrespecting life, because it generates considerable ecological damages and prevents protecting biodiversity efficiently, because it endangers the life of others, because it monopolises natural areas, because we need to ban backward traditions, because we need to protect society from all types of violence and teach respect for life in all its forms.

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