



Field Sports Policy

Introduction

“Field Sports” is defined here as, “the catching or killing of vertebrate animals, land or water based, for pleasure e.g. fox, birds, fish.”

“Hunting” is defined here as, “the pursuit of a vertebrate animal, land or water based, with the aim of capturing or killing it for sport or pleasure.”

Policy

1. The Trust will not permit field sports or hunting on its reserves. The only exceptions to this are where the Trust does not control the sporting rights (e.g. under management agreements for certain reserves).
2. The Trust strongly supports all protective wildlife legislation and will assist law enforcement agencies in the investigation of alleged contraventions of wildlife legislation. Where the agencies fail to act the Trust may take proceedings against individuals or bodies who are alleged to have taken part in illegal activities.
3. The Trust respects the right of others to carry out legal field sports in the wider environment. However when or where these are shown to threaten the survival of local or national populations of wild animals, the Trust in such circumstances opposes that activity and may support efforts to provide legal protection for those populations.

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