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# Big game hunting

Big game hunting estates can be found on the market all over France. Big game hunting is the most frequently enjoyed type of hunting in the country.

Big game means red deer, fallow deer, wild boar, ibex, roe deer, mouflons, sika deer, chamois and Pyrenean chamois, as well as foxes and wolves under highly regulated conditions. Then there is the lynx, a species protected from hunting.

### WILD BOAR HUNTING IS ENJOYED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Lorraine, Haut-Rhin, Haute Marne and Sologne have all seen their boar populations increase in recent years. However, the rise has been most significant in the Mediterranean garrigue over the last decade. Big game hunting estates are a venue for the  $\hat{a} \in \tilde{b}$  beat $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ , the most commonly practiced hunting technique for big game.

Beaters and their dogs drive the game towards a firing line where the hunters are in position. This kind of hunt requires scenthounds (Bruno du Jura, Grand Griffon Vendéen, etc.) or small-footed dogs (fox terrier, dachshund, etc.). Big game hunting estates can also be found on sale in Corsica, where there are close on 17,000 hunters, all active beaters.

A variant of the beat is stalking. This is also practiced on the big game hunting estates. The stalkers move forward in silence, without dogs, until they  $\hat{a} \in a$  and their shotguns  $\hat{a} \in a$  come face to face with the animals.

## Hound hunting



This type of hunting can also be practiced on the big game estates: Dogs are released to chase game animals such as foxes, roe deer, red deer and wild boar, with the huntsmen posted near game crossing points. This is both a kind of venery and beat.

The sale of big game hunting estates first and foremost attracts specialists.

#### Scenthound: The beagle

Big game hunting often involves hunting from a hide. The hunters hide in areas in which animals are known to be present (red deer, roe deer, wild boars, foxes), often in a tree stand, at daybreak or sunset.

### Stalking

Or â€~pirsheâ€<sup>™</sup>. This kind of hunting is common on the big game hunting estates in the south of France. Big game – roe deer, red deer, Pyrenean chamois, chamois, mouflon – are found in the mountainous areas. On foot, hunters move in on the animal. They explore an area alone, in silence. The acquisition of a big game hunting estate can give you access to a property in an exceptional environment with some stunning landscapes!



Hunting contributes to the protection of forest ecosystems.

It regulates the constantly growing populations of big game such as red deer, roe deer and wild boar. The sale of big game hunting estates is therefore to be encouraged. ForÃ<sup>a</sup>t Investissement selects and values estates, setting them at the right price, and can guarantee a secured transaction.

### Economic view

We can assist you if you wish to buy or sell a big game hunting estate.

In France, there is a myriad of big game hunting estates but we recommend a minimum 150 hectares if you want to enjoy this kind of hunting.

Stalking requires an even larger area – count on at least 600 hectares, usually in the mountains. Prices range between €6,000 and €10,000/hectare for big game hunting estates and €3,000 and €6,000 for an estate on which to enjoy stalking in the mountains.