

## Hunting Enclosures and Grounds

The term “hunting enclosure”<sup>TM</sup> (or *enclos de chasse* in French) for a forest is defined by article [L.424-3 of the Environment Code](#). It is “a property adjoining a dwelling and surrounded by an unbroken, continuous fence impeding connections with the neighboring properties and preventing the passage of game animals or people”<sup>TM</sup>.

Enclosed game is seen as “*res propria*”<sup>TM</sup>, i.e. property of the enclosed property’s<sup>TM</sup> occupant.

### THE HUNTING ENCLOSURE

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In France, a hunting enclosure must meet all of these conditions:

- The property includes a dwelling
- The land must be adjoining the dwelling
- The property must be entirely enclosed, compliant with certain specifications

### Purpose of the hunting enclosure

- Organizing and selling game hunts with quality trophies and/or in return for the payment of a fee

- > The breeding of individuals that are genetically fit for introduction
- > Monitoring of and research into game
- > The breeding of rare species
- > Public education

## Benefits of the hunting enclosure

- > By making it possible to keep large numbers on a small surface area, it enables the observation and differentiation of individual specimens, even over several years.
- > It makes hunting relatively easy and faster.
- > Game can be hunted all year round, thus making it possible to eliminate individual specimens of no interest for breeding
- > If necessary, the game animals can be treated fairly quickly
- > It makes it easier to conduct studies and research work into wildlife species and game species in particular

## Drawbacks of the hunting enclosure

- > It requires the installation of high-quality fencing that needs inspecting regularly.
- > A high density of game requires artificial feeding.
- > The game require certain technical installations (feeding and water troughs, salt blocks, observation stands, etc.)
- > The enclosure requires special facilities for hunting (pastureland, plantations)
- > The concentration of animals is often the cause of health problems that require veterinary care
- > Proper breeding requires the presence of a highly qualified professional

## DEFINITION OF HUNTING GROUND

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Hunting enclosures and grounds may be similar

According to hunting regulations in France, a hunting ground is a space that is automatically fenced. It may be fenced all the way round, but there is one main difference with a hunting enclosure.

For a hunting ground, there are no special arrangements: hunting is strictly limited to the regulatory hunting season dates.

There is therefore a clear difference between the hunting enclosure and the hunting ground, the characteristics of which are described in the French hunting regulations. Seek advice from ForÃ¢t Investissement when making the choice of a hunting enclosure or ground to match your style of hunting.

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