

EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE OF MANAGING THE HUNTING INDUSTRY: PROSPECTS FOR UKRAINE

Negative trends in the hunting economy development actualize the ways search to improve the efficiency of its operation, in particular based on the systematization and generalization of the European experience of hunting management. In this aspect, the study of the main trends in the hunting economy development by leading European countries is of great practical importance.

Within the article, the current state and features of the hunting economy development in some European countries are highlighted. Peculiarities of the hunting industry organization are analyzed, available species of animals, their number and volumes of extraction are considered. Experience of hunting management by leading European countries shows that hunting can be both a lucrative occupation, and a full-fledged sector of the national economy.

Taking into consideration geographical and national characteristics of European countries, three models of hunting management are identified and characterized: Eastern European, Western European and Northern European. It should be noted that characteristics of the hunting industry in European countries are: profitability, high number of wild animals, a large number of hunting farms, as well as a significant role of public hunting organizations (primary hunting groups), which are the main users of hunting grounds.

International hunting organizations, such as the International Council for Hunting and Wildlife (CIC) and the Federation of Hunting and Conservation Associations (FACE) make a significant contribution to the hunting development and wildlife protection in Europe. Unfortunately, Ukraine is not represented in these influential international hunting organizations at the state level.

Given natural-climatic, socio-economic and mental features, it can be concluded that at the present stage for Ukraine, the reference is the Eastern European model (Poland, Slovakia and Hungary).

Keywords: hunting industry; primary hunting team; hunting grounds; foreign experience in hunting.

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