

Fauna

Introduction

Wild
Animals

Wild
Birds

Domestic
Pets

Association
"Srna" (Deer)

Environment OF Macedonia



Fauna in Macedonia

Mankind endangers animals in the following way: by changing the natural conditions of the environment and by destroying their habitat, by genetically changing the natural traits of certain species and by hunting and fishing without control for their meat, skin, bone, feathers etc.

As a result, many animal species have become extinct or they have adjusted to the new conditions of life. Many water ecosystems have dried out and in the process many species have disappeared. With the development of cities, many birds vanished, while the ones that remained had to adjust to the conditions. Also, some insects, like the cockroaches, became present in the homes and cellars.



The most present and harmful chemical substances for the living creatures on Earth are the insecticides - DDT and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals - from which very dangerous are mercury, cadmium and lead. These hazardous substances are more present in the soil, in the organs of the plants, and through the plants in the animals, as well as in the water ecosystems. The hazardous substances remain in the organisms of animals blocking the operation of some systems and causing changes to their metabolism.



Forests are very important for the wild life living in them. Most of the wild life is protected. A total of 64 species (8 furry, 56 feathery species) are protected, 46 species (5 furry, 41 feathery) are prohibited for game and 22 species are unprotected. There 132 hunting areas in forests and 137 game associations in the Republic of Macedonia. About 4,000 hectares are designated for breeding wild life and there is one pheasant farm.

Game area and number of animals				
Kind of animal	Usual number	Current situation		Area
		Number	%	
Deer	3.018	200	6.6	247.976
Roebuck	43.484	5.400	12.4	940.207
Chamois	4.309	700	16.2	77.702
Wild boar	14.032	3.600	25.2	668.207
Bear	250	69	24.1	250.000
Wild rabbit	189.000	38.000	20.1	1.050.000
Partridge	239.200	34.000	14.2	400.000
Kamewarka part.	58.800	9.000	15.3	280.000
Pheasant	42.000	10.000	25.4	150.000



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