

## **Methodology**

Data on game management are taken from the Annual questionnaires on hunting grounds, game stock and hunting (covering period from 1 April of the given year to 31 March of the following year). The published data cover the entire Czech Republic, i.e. included are units with reporting duty to statistical surveys of the Ministry of Agriculture (Annual questionnaire on hunting grounds, game stock and hunting Mysl (Mze) 1-01) and Ministry of the Environment (Annual questionnaire on hunting grounds, game stock and hunting in national parks Mysl (MŽP) 2-01).

The questionnaire is divided into four sections. „Basic data on hunting grounds“ include, e.g., area and type of hunting grounds, organization of hunting grounds, number of hunting dogs, number of facilities for game feeding and holders of valid hunting licenses. The section „Classification of hunting grounds – normed and minimum game stocks and area of hunting grounds by quality classes“ gives information on normed and minimum game stocks per unit of area of hunting ground. „Results of game management“ provide data on hunting and death loss of game, restocking and spring stock of game. The last sections of the questionnaire „Occurrence and hunting of the other game species if a dispensation was granted“ and „Hunting of the other animals“ are related to the preceding part. Also protected game species are included there.

The importance of the data is obvious – e.g. stocks of game give information about game species overabundance or endangerment, stocks of game are related to damages in agricultural and forestry sectors, occurrence of dangerous diseases etc. The data are useful for state authorities of game management administration for officiating, development and decision-making in game management section, for wildlife protection institutions, veterinary medicine, research institutes and schools.

Note (symbols used in the tables):

. data not available or not reliable  
x not applicable