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CHAPTER 11
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- Article 1. Hunting Regulations.
- Article 2. Special Either-Sex Deer Hunting Regulations.
[Repealed]
- Article 3. Trapping for Domestication Only.

ARTICLE 1
HUNTING REGULATIONS - GENERAL

SOURCE: Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations Title 16, Div. IV, Ch. 1 (Feb. 15, 1975) (§§ 15300 - 15308), amended Dec. 31, 1983 (§§ 15300 - 15329). Amended and re-designated as Title 9 GAR, Div. 2, Ch. 11, Art. 1 (1997); the present amended rules and regulations were filed with the Legislative Secretary on Sept. 30, 1999 and became effective by the affirmative legislative decision to not act upon them pursuant to 5 GCA, Ch. 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law on Dec. 30, 1999.

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§ 11100. Authority.

The following regulations are promulgated under the authority vested in the Director of Agriculture by 5 GCA § 63127, and in accordance with the rule-making procedures prescribed by 5 GCA §§ 9300-9311. These regulations become effective twenty working days following their adoption.

Hunting General

§ 11101. Definitions.

As used in these regulations:

(a) *Game* means all native or introduced species of wild birds or wild animals;

(b) *Bag limit* means the maximum number of a game species that may be legally taken in one day;

(c) *Season limit* means the maximum number of a game species that may be legally taken during an entire season;

(d) *Hunter-orange* means daytime fluorescent or “blaze” orange;

(e) For the purposes of this section, *controlled substance* is defined under 9 GCA § 67.12;

(f) *Hunting under the influence* means any person hunting under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance or a combination thereof, when as a

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result of consuming such alcoholic beverage or controlled substance or the combination thereof, his or her physical or mental abilities are impaired to such a degree that he or she no longer has the ability to hunt with the caution characteristics of a sober person of ordinary prudence, under the same or similar circumstance, and includes any person hunting who has eight one-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood.

§ 11102. Legal Shooting Time.

It shall be legal to hunt wild game in season from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

§ 11103. Hunting License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, trap, kill, wound, or shoot any protected wild mammal or bird without first obtaining a general hunting license from the Government of Guam, Department of Agriculture, or any authorized licensing agent. The license is valid for the period October 1 to September 30, inclusive, of the fiscal year for which it is issued.

§ 11104. Hunting License Fee.

The fee for a hunting license shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Only a single hunting license may be purchased each fiscal year by any one person.

§ 11105. Altering, Borrowing, Lending, or Transferring License.

No person shall at any time alter, change, borrow, lend, or transfer to another, any hunting license or tag issued in accordance with the law.

§ 11106. License to be in Possession.

Every hunter and/or trapper shall have on his person, while in the field, a valid Guam Hunting License.

§ 11107. Deer Tag Required.

A hunter may purchase up to three (3) either-sex deer tags

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each fiscal year at the Department of Agriculture in Mangilao or at authorized vendors. Each tag may be purchased for ten dollars (\$10.00). All persons hunting deer must have a valid deer tag in their possession while taking or attempting to take deer.

§ 11108. Tagging Deer.

Upon taking a deer, the deer tag must be attached immediately to the carcass so it remains visible at all times and it must remain with the carcass until consumed. Tags must be inserted through any leg ligament upon taking of deer.

§ 11109. Duplicate License and/or Tag.

If a license and/or tag becomes lost, destroyed, or stolen, a duplicate license and tag may be issued by the Department of Agriculture for a ten dollar fee (\$10.00), upon completion of an affidavit by the licensee.

§ 11110. Safety Clothing.

A hunter-orange hat and vest, shirt, jacket or similar exterior garment, visible from front and rear, must be worn above the waist by all hunters or anyone accompanying a hunter while pursuing game. "Orange- camo" designs may not be used.

§ 11111. Hunter Report Cards.

All persons obtaining a hunting license shall complete a harvest report questionnaire at the time they purchase the license. In addition, all licensed hunters shall participate in random telephone or mail surveys if selected.

§ 11112. Inspection of License and Game Bag.

The hunting license and game bag or kill are subject at all times to inspection by any Peace Officer of the Territory or Biologist of the Department of Agriculture. Hunters are obliged to stop at any check station established for that purpose and are subject to random field checks conducted for this purpose.

§ 11113. Hunting Age.

Only persons 13 years of age or older may hunt. Persons between 13 and 17 years (prior to their 18th birthday) of age shall

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be accompanied by a licensed hunter 18 years of age or older. Persons between 13 and 17 years of age who are hunting with firearms shall in addition be accompanied by a parent or guardian possessing a valid firearms identification card as required by 10 GCA § 60121 (g) (2).

§ 11114. Hunting on Private Property.

Prior to hunting on private property, hunters must obtain written permission from the landowner or the owners agent in accordance with 9 GCA § 70.41 (d)(1-4).

§ 11115. Influence of Alcohol and Drugs.

(a) It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or under the combined influence to hunt or accompany a person who is hunting. For the purposes of this section, controlled substance is defined under 9 GCA § 67.12.

(b) Any person who is hunting or any person accompanying hunter shall be subject to random sobriety tests. Failure to submit to a sobriety test shall be *prima facie* evidence of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

(c) It is unlawful for any person who has eight one-hundredths of one percent (0.08%), or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood, to hunt or to accompany a person who is hunting.

(d) It is unlawful for any person to have in his possession an open container of any alcoholic beverage as defined by 11 GCA § 3104 while hunting or accompanying any person who is hunting.

§ 11116. Hunting From a Vehicle or Beast of Burden Prohibited.

No person shall hunt, pursue, catch, molest, kill, or destroy any wild animal or bird at any time from an automobile, power-propelled vehicle, or other mechanical contrivance, or from an animal's back. Vehicle includes every description of carriage or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on the land.

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§ 11117. Use of Lights and Fire Prohibited.

The use of fire or artificial light of any kind as an aid to the taking of game is prohibited (5 GCA § 63125).

§ 11118. Areas Closed to Hunting.

The firing of any gun or bow and arrow (for the taking of wildlife) within fifty (50) yards of any occupied dwelling, building or other structure without the prior consent of the owner thereof or his agent or of the person in lawful possession thereof (9 GCA §70.43), or within twenty-five (25) feet of a public road is prohibited.

§ 11119. Purchase and Sale Prohibited.

The purchase or sale of wild mammals or birds or their eggs, or parts thereof, except as authorized by these regulations, is prohibited.

§ 11120. Picking Up Live Wild Animals or Birds.

Taking or holding live wild animals or birds is unlawful with the exception of the Unprotected Wild Animals or Birds listed in 5 GCA §§ 63118 and 63119. Any wild animals or birds found abandoned or injured should be reported immediately to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources.

§ 11121. Use of Dogs.

Dogs may be used to hunt and retrieve game birds during the legal bird seasons only. They shall not be used to hunt, pursue, or kill any other game.

§ 11122. Taking of Deer, Wild Pigs, and Wild Goats.

Only the following weapons are authorized for the taking of deer, wild pigs, and wild goats:

(a) Shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 410 gauge, using rifled slugs or buckshot may be used.

(b) Muzzle loading rifles or shotguns with percussion or flint type firing mechanisms of .45 caliber or greater may be

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used with single bullet or round ball only.

(c) Centerfire rifles of .223 caliber or greater may be used only in the Bolanos Conservation Reserve. Only commercial bullets of the expanding type may be used. Ammunition using military bullets either altered or unaltered, is not allowed.

(d) Crossbows and bows & arrows may be used provided:

(1) Long bows, recurved bows or compound bows must have a minimum draw weight of at least 40 lbs. and crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 100 lbs.

(2) Arrows and crossbow bolts must be fitted with arrowheads that measure no less than seven-eighths (7/8) of an inch at the widest point or that have no fewer than two sharp cutting edges.

(3) Arrows and crossbow bolts may not be poisoned, drugged or explosive.

(e) Handguns of .357 bullet diameter or larger only may be used to take deer, wild pigs and goats. Other game may not be taken with handguns. Handguns must have a minimum 4" barrel length and must use bullets of the expanding type.

§ 11123. Taking of Game Birds.

(a) Lawful Hunting Weapons and Ammunitions. Only shotguns, including muzzle loading shotguns, no larger than 10 gauge, using shot no larger than No. 4, may be used for the taking of game birds.

(b) Hunters must keep the fully feathered head and one wing attached to the carcass as evidence of sex and species while being transported.

§ 11124. Recovery of Game.

In accordance with 5 GCA § 63117, it shall be unlawful for

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any person to kill, maim or injure any game without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the game and to include it in his or her daily bag.

§ 11125. Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits.

	Species	Daily Limit	Annual Limit	Season
(a)	Deer (either-sex)	3	3	Oct. 1 - March 31
(b)	Wild Pig	No Limit	No Limit	Year-round
(c)	Wild Goats	No Limit	No Limit	Year-round
(d)	Black Francolin	5	No limit	Year-round
(e)	Philippine Turtle-Dove	0	0	Season Closed

§ 11126. Special Designated Hunts.

The Director of Agriculture may, from time to time, authorize special hunts for the purpose of controlling wildlife populations that cause economic hardship, environmental damage or that present a danger or safety hazard to man. The Director may specify locations, times and duration, methods of take, species, sex and bag limits for such special hunts. Such hunts may be open to the public on a first come, first serve basis, or by lottery at the Director's discretion. Such hunts will be announced by news release to the print and electronic news media at least 10 working days prior to the hunt. This section repeals and supercedes "Special Either-Sex Deer Hunting Regulations" promulgated by the Director of Agriculture on July 26, 1984.

§ 11127. Special Regulations.

The Director of Agriculture may shorten or close hunting seasons or close certain areas to hunting or to specific types of weapons, when in his/her opinion it is necessary for the protection of natural resources or for the public safety and welfare. Such

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closure shall take effect upon release of a public notice through a news release to the print and electronic news media.

ARTICLE 2
SPECIAL EITHER-SEX DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

SOURCE: These Rules and Regulations were filed with the Legislative Secretary on February 11, 1987 and later repealed by rules (§ 11126 of this chapter) filed with the Legislative Secretary on September 30, 1999 which became effective pursuant to a letter dated December 23, 1999 from then Legislative Secretary Joanne M.S. Brown to then Compiler of Laws, Charles H. Troutman, stating the rules became effective by the affirmative legislative decision to not act upon them pursuant to 5 GCA, Ch. 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law.

ARTICLE 3
TRAPPING FOR DOMESTICATION ONLY

SOURCE: These Rules and Regulations were filed with the Legislative Secretary on August 8, 2003 and became effective by the affirmative legislative decision to not act upon them pursuant to 5 GCA, Ch. 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law. Promulgated as §§ 20001-20028. Renumbered by Compiler to harmoniously fit this chapter.

- § 11301. [Untitled Section].
- § 11302. Definitions.
- § 11303. Trapping License Required.
- § 11304. Altering, Borrowing, Lending, or Transferring License.
- § 11305. License to be in Possession.
- § 11306. Trapping Age.
- § 11307. Trapping Assistants.
- § 11308. Duplicate License.
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- § 11310. Trapping for the Purposes of Domestication Only.
- § 11311. Immediate Report of Trapped Game.

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- § 11312. Semiannual Report of Trapping Efforts.
- § 11313. Depredation Permitees.
- § 11314. Inspection of Trapping License, Traps and Trapped Game.
- § 11315. Trapping on Private Property.
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- § 11320. Non-Commercial Trapping License Fees and Bag Limits.
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- § 11322. Authorized Trapping Methods.
- § 11323. Authorized Trapping Areas.
- § 11324. Special Regulations.
- § 11325. Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- § 11326. Penalty.
- § 11327. Influence of Alcohol and Drugs.
- § 11328. Special Regulations.

§ 11301. [Untitled Section].

The following regulations are promulgated under the authority vested in the Director of Agriculture by 5 GCA § 63127, and in accordance with the rule-making procedures prescribed by 5 GCA §§ 9300-9311. These regulations become effective ten working days following their adoption.

Trapping General

§ 11302. Definitions.

As used in these regulations:

(a) *Game* means all native or introduced species of wild birds or wild or feral animals with the exception of the Unprotected Wild Animals or Birds listed in 5 GCA §§ 63118 and 63119;

(b) *Trap or trapping* means to catch, capture or seize game by the use of any trap, snare, deadfall, or other device

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commonly used to capture game, and includes the lesser acts such as placing, setting, staking, or monitoring such traps, snares, deadfalls, and other devices, whether or not such acts result in the capture of game, and every attempt to capture and every act of assistance of any other person in capturing or attempting to capture game with traps, snares, deadfalls, or other devices;

(c) *Registered* game means any game that has been legally branded with a brand that is registered with the Department of Agriculture;

(d) *Bait* means any substance used to attract game EXCEPT gland lure;

(e) *Foot snare* means a snare that is designed to capture game for which it is set by the foot or leg;

(f) *Killing snare* means a snare that is designed to capture game for which it is set by the neck;

(g) *Trap season limit* means the maximum number of a game species that may be legally trapped during an entire trapping season;

§ 11303. Trapping License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to trap any game without first obtaining a trapping license from the Government of Guam, Department of Agriculture, except as authorized by regulations made under 5GCA § 63122. The license is valid for the period October 1 to September 30, inclusive, of the fiscal year for which it is issued.

§ 11304. Altering, Borrowing, Lending, or Transferring License.

No person shall at any time alter, change, borrow, lend, or transfer to another, any trapping license issued in accordance with the law.

§ 11305. License to be in Possession.

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Every trapper shall have on his person, while in the field, a valid Guam Trapping License.

§ 11306. Trapping Age.

Only persons 18 years of age or older may purchase a trapping license.

§ 11307. Trapping Assistants.

Trappers possessing a non-commercial trapping license may utilize no more than 3 persons to assist with trapping efforts. Trappers possessing a commercial trapping license may utilize no more than 5 persons to assist with trapping efforts. The licensed trapper must be present with the trapper's assistants at all times while trapping for game. At no time may an assistant trap game without being accompanied by the licensed trapper.

§ 11308. Duplicate License.

If a trapping license becomes lost, destroyed or stolen, a duplicate license may be issued by the Department of Agriculture for a ten dollar fee (\$10.00), upon completion of an affidavit by the licensee.

§ 11309. Safety Clothing.

A hunter-orange hat and vest, shirt, jacket or similar exterior garment, visible from front and rear, must be worn above the waist by all trappers or anyone accompanying a trapper while trapping for game. "Orange-camo" designs may not be used.

§ 11310. Trapping for the Purposes of Domestication Only.

All game trapped under these regulations shall be trapped for the purposes of domestication only. Licensed trappers must have their livestock brand registered with the Department of Agriculture prior to trapping. Game trapped for purposes other than domestication will be confiscated and the trapper's license will be revoked.

§ 11311. Immediate Report of Trapped Game.

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All game legally trapped under these regulations must be reported to the Department of Agriculture no later than two working days following the capture of the game. At the discretion of the Director, the Territorial Veterinarian may inspect the captured game and subsequently register the game as livestock in accordance with 5 GCA § 62104.1. Game shall not be slaughtered until officially branded and registered as livestock. Failure to report any trapped game will be in violation of these regulations and trapping license revocation shall be warranted.

§ 11312. Semiannual Report of Trapping Efforts.

All licensed trappers shall submit a semiannual report of all trapping efforts, whether or not any game was trapped. The report shall include the dates, times and locations traps were set and sex, weight, species and location where game was captured. Reports must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture on March 31 and September 30 of the fiscal year for which the license was issued, regardless of when the trapping license was first purchased. Failure to submit the report will be in violation of these regulations and trapping license revocation shall be warranted.

§ 11313. Depredation Permitees.

Any game trapped under 5 GCA § 63122 and not terminated within two days after capture must be registered as livestock at the Department of Agriculture. Persons wishing to register game trapped under the Depredation Permit must purchase a trapping license, if not already purchased.

§ 11314. Inspection of Trapping License, Traps and Trapped Game.

The trapping license, traps and any trapped game are subject at all times to inspection by any Peace Officer of the Territory, Territorial Veterinarian, or Biologist of the Department of Agriculture.

§ 11315. Trapping on Private Property.

Prior to trapping on private property, trappers must obtain written permission from the landowner or the owner's agent in accordance with 9 GCA § 70.41 (d)(1-4).

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§ 11316. Use of Lights.

The use of artificial lights to check and/or set traps only is permitted. The use of artificial light to aid in the active capture of game is prohibited. In addition, the use of artificial lights and possession of a firearm while trapping is prohibited. Possession of a firearm and artificial light in an area where game is found shall be prima facie evidence.

§ 11317. Use of Dogs Prohibited.

Dogs may not be used to pursue, catch or capture any wild or feral animal under these regulations.

§ 11318. Traps Owned by Others.

It is unlawful to destroy, disturb or remove any traps belonging to others. If a licensed trapper finds traps that are thought to be in violation of these regulations, the trapper must report the location of the suspected traps to the Department of Agriculture for further investigation. At no time should the suspected traps be disturbed in any way.

§ 11319. Purchase and Sale of Unregistered Trapped Game Prohibited.

The purchase or sale of unregistered trapped game is prohibited. Trapped game that has been branded and registered as livestock with the Department of Agriculture can be purchased or sold as livestock.

§ 11320. Non-Commercial Trapping License Fees and Bag Limits.

Non-commercial trapping license fees and bag limits shall be as follows:

Maximum number of traps shall not exceed 15 traps.

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	Species	Fee	Season	Season
(a)	Deer (Cervus mariannus)	\$100.00	Year-round	3
(b)	Feral Asiatic water buffalo (carabao) (Bubalus bubalis)	\$250.00	Year-round	2

Only a single, non-commercial trapping license may be purchased each fiscal year by any one person.

SOURCE: These Rules and Regulations were filed with the Legislative Secretary on August 8, 2003 and became effective by the affirmative legislative decision to not act upon them pursuant to 5 GCA, Ch. 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law. Amended by P.L. 35-106:5 (Oct. 30, 2021).

§ 11321. Commercial Trapping License Fees and Bag Limits.

Commercial trapping license fees and bag limits shall be as follows:

Maximum number of traps shall not exceed 40 traps.

	Species	Fee	Season	Season
(a)	Deer (Cervus mariannus)	\$1000.00	Year-round	Unlimited
(b)	Feral Asiatic water buffalo (carabao) (Bubalus bubalis)	\$1000.00	Year-round	Unlimited

Only a single commercial trapping license may be purchased each fiscal year by any one person.

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Administrative Adjudication Law. Amended by P.L. 35-106:5 Oct. 30, 2020).

§ 11322. Authorized Trapping Methods.

The following methods are authorized to trap deer, pigs and carabao:

- (a) Foot snares;
- (b) Box traps;
- (c) Baits may be used to attract subject animals;
- (d) Chemical immobilization may be performed only when supervised by licensed veterinarian.

(1) All trappers using chemical immobilization must submit a written authorization signed by a licensed veterinarian, verifying that the licensed veterinarian will be supervising all chemical immobilization activities.

*It is unlawful to use killing snares or traps that maim the animals at any time.

§ 11323. Authorized Trapping Areas.

All Government of Guam property and private property, with landowner permission, may be trapped.

§ 11324. Special Regulations.

The Director of Agriculture may shorten or close trapping seasons or close certain areas to trapping or to specific types of trapping methods, when in his/her opinion it is necessary for the protection of natural resources or for the public safety and welfare. Such closure shall take effect upon release of a public notice through a news release to the print and electronic news media.

§ 11325. Wildlife Conservation Fund.

In accordance with 5 GCA § 63130, all license fees collected under these regulations shall be deposited into the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

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§ 11326. Penalty.

Persons violating any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by fine of not less than Fifty (\$50), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

§ 11327. Influence of Alcohol and Drugs.

(a) It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence alcohol or any controlled substance or under the combined influence to trap or accompany a person who is trapping. For the purpose of this section, controlled substance is defined under 9 GCA § 67.12.

(b) Any person who is trapping or any person accompanying a trapper shall be subject random sobriety tests. Failure to submit to a sobriety test shall be prima facie evidence of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

(c) It is unlawful for any person who has eight one hundredths of one percent (0.08%), or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood, to trap or accompany a person who is trapping.

(d) It is unlawful for any person to have in his possession an open container of any alcoholic beverage as defined by 11 GCA § 3104 while hunting or accompanying any person who is trapping.

§ 11328. Special Regulations.

The Director of Agriculture may add, modify, amend or eliminate methods used for trapping animals when in his/her opinion it is necessary to protect natural resources or for public safety and welfare. Such modifications to the trapping regulations shall take effect upon release of a public notice threw a news release to the print and electronic news media.
