

Unit 3: Joint Management

Norwegian Jaktvald



Description

“Jaktvald” in Norway are hunting management areas. Like in most of Europe, hunting rights in Norway belong to the landowner. But because most private properties are too small to receive permission to shoot large game such as moose - i.e., the minimum area required for one moose permit is larger than most properties - it is typical for multiple landowners to combine their properties into a single management area, which they manage together.

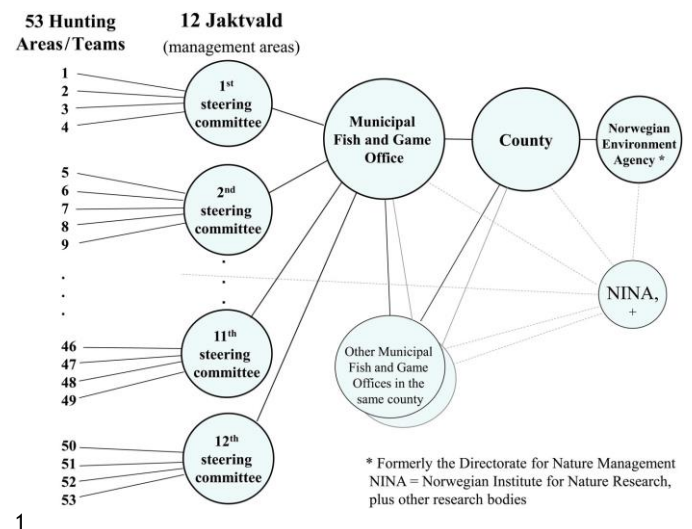
Moose hunting in Norway is done in teams, and it has long been the practice for multiple neighbouring land owners to form a team, together with other local hunters, and for this team to hunt in an area including the property of all the participating landowners.

When the permit system for moose was instituted in the 1950s and the minimum area required for one permit was larger than most individual properties, this reinforced the need for formal cooperation in management between neighbours.

Originally, each combined management area was the hunting ground for one team, centred on a group of neighbours. More recently, these smaller joint management areas have been encouraged to combine into larger management areas, each of which contains multiple hunting grounds.

Goals

The scaling up of hunting management areas was achieved by increasing the area required for an approved management plan. Without an approved management plan, landowners don't have permission to shoot animals. The local authorities' purpose in encouraging this scaled-up joint management is to bring moose management to an appropriate scale for an animal that ranges over large distances and for reconciling multiple interests in the wider landscape - including those of forest owners who experience browsing damage. It was also a goal to keep management as local as possible. The nested structure - with each team sending a representative to a steering committee for the larger management area - enables local participation in management at the same time as scaling up.



Websites

¹ Article describing Norwegian jaktvald
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1523908X.2016.1188371>

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