

# Poaching/illegal hunting

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# Content

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- What is poaching? What is illegal hunting? What is the difference?
- Background for poaching/illegal hunting.
- Tools for controlling
- Adaptive management – is self-control an option?

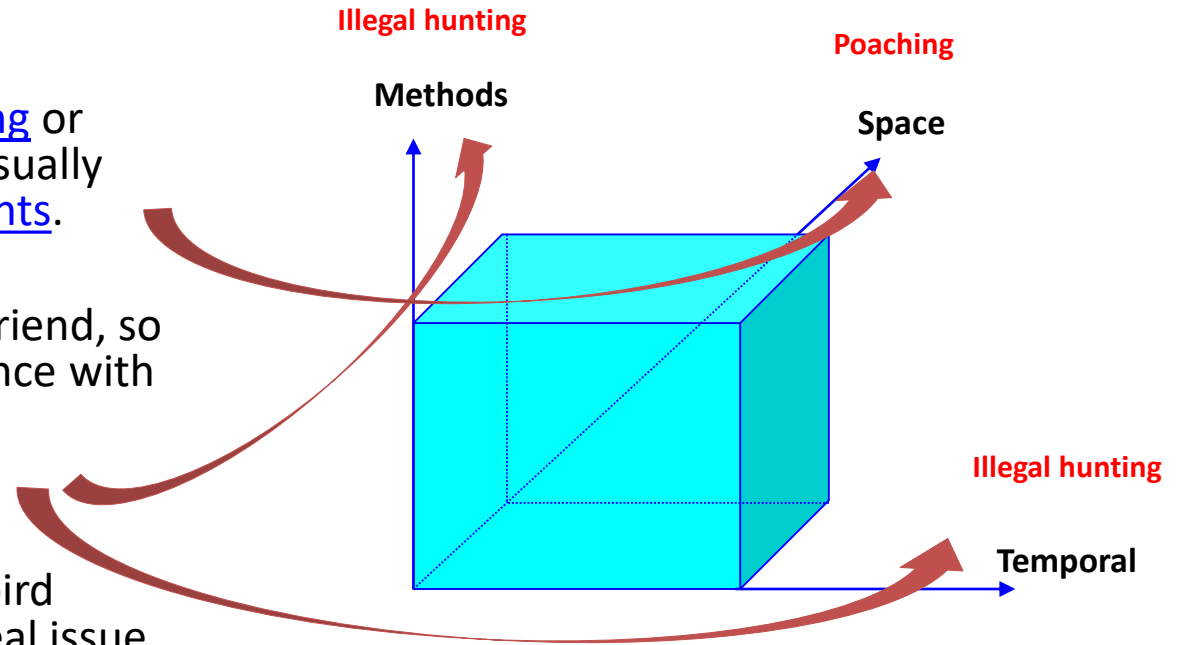
# Ask a "friend"

Here: WikipediA:

**Poaching** = the illegal [hunting](#) or capturing of wild [animals](#), usually associated with [land use rights](#).

**Illegal hunting** (no helping friend, so my suggestion) = Disobedience with common legislation.

**My assessment:** In a waterbird context, poaching is not a real issue. Illegal hunting is the right word.



# Illegal hunting

Deliberate breaking the law:

- Anarchy
- No control risk
- Corruption and income generation
- Ignorance
- Need of food/economical motivation
- Frustration

Accidental violation of regulations:

- Poor information
  - Poor on-site knowledge of regulations
- Poor education
  - Species knowledge
  - Look-alike risks

# Law enforcement tools

Systems in different countries:

- Special "hunting" police (rangers) controlling hunters on site (often hot spots). Poorly financed and non-systematic.
- Normal police controls. Even lower prioritized in most countries.
- This applies particularly to waterbird management.



# Adaptive management

A tool to motivate hunters to self-control

A question of extending the annual todo-wheel.

