



Minimum calibres approved for use during C&WM activities

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Species	Minimum calibre	Comments
Birds	.410	Refer; DEWNR - <i>Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Birds by Shooting</i> . Additional calibres/firearms may be used where permitted under permit.
Rabbit	.17HMR / .22 rimfire	Suggested range up to 100 m - .17HMR, up to 75 m - .22
	.410	No. 4 or heavier, suggested range up to 25m
	12g	No. 6 or heavier, suggested range up to 40m
Hare	.17HMR / .22 rimfire	Suggested range up to 100 m - .17HMR, up to 75 m - .22
	.410	No. 4 or heavier, suggested range up to 25 m
	12g	No. 6 or heavier, suggested range up to 40 m
Cat	.17HMR / .22 rimfire	Suggested range up to 100 m - .17HMR, up to 75 m - .22
	.17Rem	
	12g	No. 2 or heavier, suggested range up to 40 m
Fox	.17HMR / .22 rimfire	Suggested range up to 100 m - .17HMR, up to 75 m - .22
	.17Rem	
	12g	No. 2 or heavier, suggested range up to 40 m
Wild Dog	.222	
	12g	No. 2 or heavier, suggested range up to 20 m
Kangaroos; Red, Western & Eastern Grey	.222	Refer; <i>National code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos and wallabies for non-commercial purposes</i> . If euthanizing sick/injured animals or dependant young, refer to Part C of code.
Kangaroos; Euro	.204	
Goat	.222	Permitted when spotlighting, taking head shots from a stationary, supported position; range limited up to 100 m.
	.243	
	12 g	SSG or heavier, suggested range up to 20 m
Pig	.222	Permitted when spotlighting, taking head shots from a stationary, supported position; range limited up to 100 m.
	.243	
	12 g	SSG or heavier, suggested range up to 20 m
Deer; Hog, Fallow, Chital	.222	Permitted when spotlighting, taking head shots from a stationary, supported position; range limited up to 100 m.
	.243	
Deer; Red, Rusa, Sika, Sambar	.270	
Donkey	.308	
Horse	.308	
Camel	.308	

- Correct calibre and projectile selection for the species and activity is essential.
- Calibre/cartridge combinations having the muzzle energy equal to, or greater than the suggested minimum calibre (as per factory load data) recommended for a species are permitted for use, unless stipulated by legislation.
- Always ensure correct shot placement to take the animal humanely.
- Calibre variations or limitations may be applied when requested by a Government Department due to species or site conditions.
- Codes of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife in South Australia can be found at; http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/plants-and-animals/Animal_welfare/Codes_of_practice/Codes_of_practice_for_the_humane_destruction_of_wildlife