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# A historic victory for the animal protection movement

*The Sicilian Regional Administrative Court immediately suspends the new hunting calendar and halts hunting throughout the region*

**Palermo, 11 November 2026** – In a ruling of extraordinary significance and timeliness, the **President of the Regional Administrative Court of Sicily** has upheld the appeal for interim relief *prior to the main proceedings* (pursuant to Article 61 of the Code of Administrative Procedure) lodged by the National Pro Natura Federation APS and LEAL (Anti-Vivisection League ETS), with the support of Green Impact, AGR and CABS, ordering the **immediate suspension of the Regional Councillor for Agriculture's Decree No. 282/Gab of 10 November 2026**. With this decision, **all hunting activities across the entire territory of Sicily** are **prohibited with immediate effect**.

The Regional Administrative Court has fully rejected the regional administration's attempt to reopen hunting just a few hours after the C.G.A.R.S. had dismissed the appeal for interim relief (Regional Decrees Nos. 398/2026 and 399/2026 of 9 November 2026), thereby confirming the **central importance of the precautionary principle** and the **primacy of wildlife protection**.

Lawyers **Aurora Rosaria Loprete**, **Mariachiara Giovinazzo** and **Luca D'Agostino**, representing the applicant organisations, expressed their deep satisfaction with the decision handed down by the Administrative Court:

> *"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the interim injunction granted today. The Sicilian Regional Administrative Court has firmly restored respect for the rule of law and judicial decisions, strongly criticising the actions of the Sicilian Regional Government. The approval of the new hunting calendar so shortly after the rulings that had already confirmed its suspension represented a blatant attempt to circumvent the effectiveness of the Regional Administrative Court's judgement (No. 2953/2026), in open contravention of the constitutional principles of the separation of powers and the effectiveness of judicial protection.*
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> *The judge recognised without hesitation that the general and overriding interest of all in safeguarding the environment and wildlife must take precedence over the secondary interest of a few in practising hunting. This immediate suspension ensures the full protection of Sicily's wildlife and the integrity of the region's natural heritage. We will ensure that the Administration implements the Court's ruling immediately and effectively."*
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> **— Aurora Rosaria Loprete, Solicitor; Mariachiara Giovinazzo, Solicitor; and Luca D'Agostino, Solicitor**


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