



## Vladimir Melnikov

Vladimir has established ProfiHunt Ltd together with his father, Vladislav Melnikov. His family has strong hunting traditions both from his father's and mother's side. His farther Vladislav spent a lot of time at research expeditions; he was votary of hunting and started to take Vladimir and his elder brother out hunting with him from the very childhood. Having finished the school in 1982, Vladimir worked at Aktyubinsk State Commercial Hunting Department as Saiga field hunter that was the time when he took the final decision to follow his father and to choose a game manager profession.

Vladimir graduated from the Game Management Department of Irkutsk State Agricultural Academy. During his study at the Academy he worked at Taimyr Commercial Hunting Department as Caribou field hunter, during fishing season he worked at Sakhalin Regional Consumers Association, he worked even as free diver (trepanng craft).

After graduation Vladimir worked as game manager (foreign tourism) at the Irkutsk regional hunting and fishing society. Soon he has established an outfitter company together with his father and started his career in international hunting business. He also continued his education and scientific research.

He has a degree of Doctor of Biology. The name of his scientific work is "The Hunting Tourism Impact on Game Populations and the Problems of its Development".

Most of all Vladimir loves wing shooting and mountain hunts.

In 2004 the Hunting Department of the Agricultural Ministry of Russian Federation was abolished. The absence of control authority resulted in drastic deterioration of hunting economy Federal regulation, as consequence, Spring Brown Bear hunting season was disrupted throughout Russia. Hunters were deprived of the rights, outfitters bore considerable financial losses.

Vladimir took active participation in attempts to solve this problem. He managed to report about these problems to the Russian Government, and Fall/Winter Brown Bear hunt took place.

In 2006 Vladimir accepted the invitation to hold an appointment of the Head of the newly created Hunting Division of the Agricultural Ministry of Russian Federation.

Due to Vladimir's persistent efforts, control authority of hunting economy - THE HUNTING DEPARTMENT - was reestablished in Russia.

Vladimir is facing a new difficult problem - hunters, specialists and executive authorities have been waiting it to be decided already for 15 years - till the moment there does not exist Federal Law "About the Hunt and Hunting economy" in Russia, and without it, it is not possible to develop the rational game management within the country.

