## **Market Maker Traps Two #4**

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DEFINITION of 'Stop Hunting' by Investopia.com

'Stop hunting is a strategy that attempts to force some market participants out of their positions by driving the price of an asset to a level where many individuals have chosen to set their <u>stop-loss orders</u>. The triggering of many stop losses generally leads to high <u>volatility</u> and can present a unique opportunity for investors who seek to trade in this environment.'

'Slippage refers to the difference between the expected price of a trade and the price at which the trade is actually executed. Slippage often occurs during periods of higher volatility when market orders are used, and also when large orders are executed when there may not be enough interest at the desired price level to maintain the expected price of trade.'

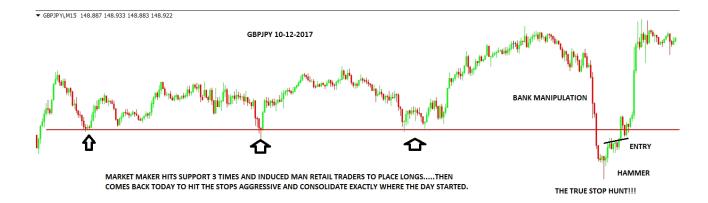
Contrary to popular belief "Stop Hunting" is not a conspiracy theory.

The notion that banks, institutions, and big hedge funds are "out to get you" does not encompass the true meaning and understanding to the neophyte retail trader as to why stop hunts occur. Stop hunts are a necessary evil for Institutions to be able to make massive transactions without 'slippage' occurring in the financial market. Also in order for you to make money in this business you must TAKE money; meaning that there must be enough orders on the opposite side of that transaction...resulting in a loss in order for you to gain.

In order for you to go 'long' on EURUSD another trader somewhere in the world has to go 'short'. Therefore, if there are not enough orders on the opposite side of that transaction...it will never be filled. Institutional traders that trade massive amounts of liquidity for a client constantly have a problem with filling in these huge orders. It is a known gift and curse within this industry; the gift is that they have a lot of money but the

curse is that it can be challenging to participate in the market effectively trying to fill such massive orders at once.

Banks or the elite traders popularly known as the "Market Makers" manipulate price and trap traders because it is the only way to make massive transactions at a current price level that is desired. "Stop Hunting" a long holder triggers a Sell order because you have to sell in order for you to get out of that trade. While "Stop Hunting" a short holder triggers a buy order because you have to buy in order for you to get out of that trade to protect your account.



Long orders that are stop hunted are "Forced Sellers" and short orders that are "stop hunted" are forced buyers. If you observe the markup above, you will notice how the Banks accomplish stop hunting by manipulating price around a critical "support" or "resistance" level to accumulate enough stop losses below the support or above the resistance. Usually the stop hunt is 25 to 50 pips long depending on some pairs. Once the "support" level is broken and stop losses are hit; the banks then manipulate price to

retouch that perceived "support" now as a perceived "resistance" ... inducing traders to go short.



The first group of trapped traders are "Forced" out of their position when the stops are triggers. The second group of traders are now willfully selling because they believe price has now broken structure and will continue going the opposite way. The banks have now accumulated enough opposite orders to make that massive transaction at the desired price level without slippage occurring. They split the massive transaction into increments of small orders so that they can cover their tracks. However, if the they have not accumulated enough orders; they will continue to work that level and trap traders till the massive transaction is complete. SOME ORDERS ARE SO HUGE THAT IT CAN TAKE MONTHS TO PLACE ONE TRANSACTION TO FULFIL THE WISH OF A CLIENT.

So this is why stop hunts have many different variations and it all depends on enough orders being accumulated before the banks TAKE OFF with the trend. They cannot allow the retail world to see what they are doing. So many times the stop hunts will not be so obvious as others.

Institutions understand the trading strategies that all retail traders use and they use these tools to their advantage to stop hunt. Just as they use support and resistance levels; they also trap traders at trendlines and the famous 61.8 fib retracement (the "Golden Ratio") can be used as another trap. Below are examples..









It is highly suggested to the neophyte trader to use these tools the same way the banks use them. In other words you must think like a Market Maker; hunters and gatherers would hunt prey while the one being preyed upon was preying on something else. For example if they were hunting a leopard... they would wait until the leopard would hunt a lesser prey. This validates that the attention of the leopard would not be fixed on them but rather its own goal to feast. Making the hunting much more easier.

So when you see price action hit a known level multiple times and not really moving; understand that this is bait for retail traders and smaller hedge funds (smaller institutions are also prey to the bigger fish as retail traders only make up 20% of the forex market). While the Market Maker is fishing; essentially throwing his 'bait' out in the sea... you as the Adept aware trader

waits patiently until they catch the bait and go the same way the retail world was hoping to bank on.

This PDF is not a booklet filled with words; its simply a book of markups pointing out where banks have manipulated price. The most important skill of them all is not technical indicators in and of themselves but it is to "Reverse Engineer" the trading strategies of the retail traders to pin-point where the accumulation of orders are occurring the most. You need to be a critical thinker in this business because you are going up against the biggest institutions on the planet that prey on inexperienced traders.

This book encompasses over 200 different variations of stop hunts shown on the 15 min chart. The second volume of "Stop hunt Mastery" will feature Macro Stop hunts on higher timeframes for swing trading. However you will notice that the macro does the same as the micro. Many traders use the 15 min chart as an entry point which is why these stop hunts are featured in the 15 min timeframe.

This PDF is written and constructed together to help traders that simply do not understand how this market truly moves and the sharks involved in this business. Forex will "Make you or Break you". Before I am titled as a "Trader" I am a human being and I do recognize that we all do have one thing in

common and that is to be FREE and live a more meaningful life. We all work towards our Sovereignty in different ways and The financial markets is usually a skillset that many want to acquire to free them from financial debt or unfulfilled servitude in the "rat race",

Hope the Markups helps something to "click" on your journey to being an "Adept" trader.

With Love and Light,

Mark English

"May all beings everywhere be happy and free and may the thoughts, words and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and to that freedom for all."





