# Deer Management

# Plan

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| Estate Name: |
| Address: |
| SBI number: |
| Date of initial version: |

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| Version Number | Review Date |
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Where appropriate this plan conforms with UKFS and UKWAS requirements. A Deer Management Plan (DMP) may be required as part of a WD2 grant and is compulsory for WS1 supplementary deer grant. Where an element of the WS1 DMP requires data submission, that element is highlighted in this document with an \*.

### 1. Contacts

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| **Contacts** | **Name** | **Contact details** |
| **Owner:** |  |  |
| **Agent/Manager:** |  |  |
| **Other Contacts:** |  |  |
| **Deer stalker(s):** |  |  |
| **Plan written by:** |  |  |
| **Are deer culling rights held by the estate/ applicant?**  **If not, are concurrent rights held?** | |  |

### 2. Location and area of holding

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| **Central Map Ref, postcode or Lat/Long, nearest town** |  |
| **Area (Ha) of woodland being entered or in CS WD2 / WS1** |  |
| **Area (Ha) of woodland creation** |  |
| **Total (Ha) area of all woodland** |  |
| **Total area of arable/crops** |  |
| **Other (grass / marsh etc.)** |  |
| **Total area of holding** |  |
| **Grant scheme(s) and landscape designations to which this plan relates** |  |

### 3. Deer – Current situation and trends

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| **Species** | **Est. Activity**  **Insert: High, Mod, Low** | **Trend** | **Likely to appear in next 5 years?** | **Current Estimated numbers if known** | **Comments / Census method** |
| **Insert**  **→ ↑ ↓** |
| **Red** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sika** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Fallow** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Roe** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Muntjac** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CWD** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other e.g. Boar** |  |  |  |  |  |

### 4. Current obstacles and challenges to effective deer control

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| **Obstacles to effective deer management** | **How does this affect deer management?** | **How will obstacle be addressed?** |
| **Unpredictability of deer movements** |  |  |
| **Public access / Recreational Activities** |  |  |
| **Game shoot limits deer stalking until end of game season** |  |  |
| **Poaching** |  |  |
| **Lack of High seats** |  |  |
| **Insufficient stalker time available** |  |  |
| **Lack of collaboration with neighbours**  **(Boundary Factors)** |  |  |
| **Lack of sightlines/ glades/ ride management** |  |  |
| **Logistics of carcass handling or sale e.g. extraction, larder facilities, venison price or marketing** |  |  |
| **Requirement for stalker training or experience** |  |  |
| **Other (state)** |  |  |

### 5. Land Management Objectives (copy **P** into appropriate cell)

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| **Objectives** | **Impacts at Start** | | | **Impact Target** | | | **Comments** |
| **Low** | **Mod** | **High** | **Low** | **Mod** | **High** |
| **Ground Flora** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Shrub and sub-canopy** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Coppice management** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Woodland Natural regeneration** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Woodland Creation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Forestry Crop Damage** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Landscape features e.g. hedges** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Agricultural Crop Damage** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Deer Vehicle Collisions** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other (state)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6. Overall Deer Management Objectives

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| **Objectives** | **Targets:**  **(Reduce/ Maintain/ Increase)** | **Comments** |
| **Overall deer population** |  |  |
| **Overall deer cull numbers\*** |  |  |
| **Deer health** |  |  |
| **Venison (adding value)** |  |  |
| **Syndicate, client, let stalking** |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |

### 7. Cull strategy by species (place detailed numbers in 8.)

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| **Deer Species strategy** | |
| **Red** |  |
| **Fallow** |  |
| **Sika** |  |
| **Roe** |  |
| **CWD** |  |
| **Muntjac** |  |

### 8. Annually reviewed cull / trend summary (cull year 1st May to end April, written as 20xx/20xy)

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| Cull | Year |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual | Expected cull | Actual |
| Red | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fallow | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sika | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roe | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CWD | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Muntjac | Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trend (copy trend arrows into Deer numbers and DVC cells)  → ↑ ↓  Scores (H, M, L for impact/ activity) | Deer numbers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deer impact |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deer Activity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DVC's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 9. Deer Management Effort\*

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| **Deer Management method** | **Calculate the est. No of stalkers multiplied by the No of days for the year** | **Comments** |
| **Individual Stalker (s)** |  |  |
| **Team shooting within boundary** |  |  |
| **Collaborative culls with neighbours** |  |  |
| **Night shooting (Under Licence only)** |  |  |
| **Out of season culling. (Under licence or Sect 7 only)** |  |  |
| **Deer Mgt. Group meetings** |  |  |
| **Stalker training or Skills Development** |  |  |

### 10. Deer Monitoring\*

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| **Monitoring method** | **Frequency and monitoring period** | **By whom** | **Comments** |
| **Cull data\*** |  |  |  |
| **Habitat Impact Assessment\*** |  |  |  |
| **Exclosures\*** |  |  |  |
| **Deer counts** |  |  |  |
| **Nearest Neighbour crop assessment** |  |  |  |
| **Arable crop impacts** |  |  |  |
| **Quadrat Surveys** |  |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |  |

### 11. Physical protection/infrastructure to support deer culling

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| **Protection Method** | **Number or estimated Area (Ha)** | **Description** |
| **Deer fencing** |  |  |
| **Tree guards** |  |  |
| **Chemical Protection**  **(Taste/Smell/**  **Palatability)** |  |  |
| **High seats** |  |  |
| **Shooting sight lines** |  |  |
| **Deer glades** |  |  |
| **Other (state)** |  |  |

## 12. Additional elements (discussed with Deer Officer/Woodland Officer)

## Appendices

**NOTE:** For WS1 a full set of Appendices is not required during the application process however, if you have existing relevant records/data that you would like to submit then please do so, a boundary map is particularly useful. The compulsory elements (marked \*) must be in place before the end of year 1

E.g.

* Boundary Map
* Habitat Impact assessments Year 1, 3, and 5\*.
* Past Impact assessments (before the start of this plan, if available)
* Map of exclosures\*
* Monitoring results for exclosures at years 1, 3, and 5, with photographs\*
* Cull and cull effort records from start of this plan\*
* Past cull data (before start of this plan, if available)
* Deer stalking and associated risk assessments
* Formal Stalking Agreement or Contract, if applicable.