



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# American mink species management plan (PA7)

Template

## When to use this plan

Use this plan template to create a 10-year plan to manage American mink on your holding that are either:

- causing a problem to priority species
- at risk of causing a problem to priority species

You should:

- get your plan template approved by Natural England and make any changes they recommend
- update your species management plan regularly – it will be considered a live document from day one

As a voluntary action, you may want to record any activities you undertake as part of your plan on a national database, such as [Mink](#) [MApp](#) or [iRecord](#). These free applications can be used to record the presence of invasive species and confirm their identification.

Find full details about the [American mink control and management action](#), and associated capital items.

## Your details

Species management plan reference number or name

The reference number or name is assigned to you by either:

- the Rural Payments Agency when you applied for your capital grants plan
- Natural England, if you are using the plan without a funded capital grants item agreement

Applicant name

Email address

Telephone number

Single business identifier (SBI) number

If you are a member of a Facilitation Fund or other collaborative group that supports coordination, please list other SBI numbers whose actions are linked to yours

Holding address

Total size of your holding in hectares

Agent name (if used)

Agent email address (if used)

Agent telephone number (if used)

## Changes to your plan

Use this table to record any changes to your plan. Complete the first 2 columns only.

Natural England will complete the final 3 columns when you send your plan for approval. They may recommend changes to your plan. It is your responsibility to make these changes and update your plan accordingly.

Date of changes	Changes you made	Changes recommended by Natural England	Adviser name	Date of review

## Habitats where you will manage American mink

Total number of metres that you intend to undertake control of on your holding across all habitat types.

For each habitat type, indicate the number metres you intend to undertake control on and any designations.

Designations are areas of land that are protected because of their natural or cultural importance. They include sites of special scientific interest (SSSI), special areas of conservation (SAC) and scheduled monuments. Find [protected areas of countryside](#).

Habitat type	Total area of the habitat on your holding	Area you intend to undertake control on	Give details of any designations
Rivers, streams, ditches, and other flowing water (metres)			
Lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water (metres if edge measured)			

If you intend to conduct control on other habitats not listed above, give the habitat type, area and any designations.

Habitat type	Total area on your holding	Area you intend to undertake control on	Give details of any designations

## Map where you will manage American mink

You must create a map of 1:25,000 scale of the area that you intend to manage American mink. The map must:

- have a suitable title
- clearly display the location and boundaries of any habitats and features
- indicate parcel boundaries and give parcel IDs
- show the intended location of any management activity give a unique reference number to each trap or raft and mark where it is on your map
- show the intended location of any monitoring activity

You can provide a map using any method. We have provided guidance on how to print a map using the [Rural Payment service](#).

### Print a map using the Rural Payment Service

You can print a map of your land parcels using the [Rural Payment service](#).

1. Sign in to the [Rural Payment service](#).
2. From the 'Business overview' screen, click 'Land' then 'View land'.
3. To view individual land parcel details, select the land parcel you need.
4. The 'Parcel details' screen shows you a digital map and details of the land parcel.
5. Press 'Print'.



## Impact of American mink on your holding

Estimate the:

- number of American mink present or within 5km of your holding – use the [NBN Atlas](#) or find your [local environment records centre](#) to help you estimate the maximum number present within the last 10 years
- native priority species whose numbers may be impacted by the presence of American mink

<b>American mink and other key species</b>	<b>Estimate the maximum number on your holding at any one time (number of individuals per metre of watercourse or water body)</b>	<b>Estimate if the number is increasing, decreasing or staying the same</b>
<b>American mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>)</b>		
<b>Water voles (<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>)</b>		
<b>Breeding waders and seabirds</b>		

If there are other priority species being impacted by American mink, give details in the table, otherwise leave blank.

Name of species	Estimate the maximum number on your holding at any one time (number of individuals per metre of watercourse or water body)	Estimate if the number is increasing, decreasing or staying the same

Give the level of impact American mink are having on your holding.

What is being impacted	Level of impact (choose none, low, medium or high)	Is the impact increasing, decreasing or staying the same	Give details of the impact
Priority species (including water voles and breeding waders and seabirds)			

## Control and monitoring actions

Provide information about the control and monitoring actions you intend to undertake.

You should aim for approximately 1 American mink trap per 200 metres.

You should allocate approximately 6 hours per trap per year.

<b>Control and monitoring method</b>	<b>Estimate the total hours you will use this method</b>	<b>Provide further detail on the method (for example, time of year, number and type of trap to be used, inspection and maintenance schedule)</b>
<b>Live trapping (rafts)</b>		
<b>Other control method not listed above</b>		
<b>Trail camera monitoring</b>		
<b>Other monitoring method not listed above</b>		

## Management activity

Use the table to record the activity you have undertaken during your agreement. You may be asked for this information at any time during your agreement. You should update it regularly. Use one row for each activity. This includes if:

- more than one trap was set in the same location
- more than one mink was caught and culled on the same day

Use these instructions to help you to complete each column in the table.

The [American mink control and management action](#) has guidance on identifying, trapping and dispatching American mink, including what to do if a non-target species is captured.

### Parcel ID

Give the unique parcel ID (2 letters and 8 numbers), which was assigned to you when you registered the land with the Rural Payments Agency.

### Describe the location

Give a detailed description of the location of the trap. Include the trap or raft reference number. For example, Raft L12, which is at confluence between side-stream and river X.

### Signs of mink

Signs of mink that led you to undertake activity in this location. This could include mink sightings, scats or tracks.

### Date trap deployed

The date you deployed a mink trap. Use a new row for each trap set.

### **Non-target species captured**

If a non-target species was captured, what was it? Enter the species. You should reset the trap and start a new row. You do not need to fill in the rest of the table.

If you did not capture a non-target species, leave this column blank.

### **Date mink captured**

If a mink was captured, on what date did this happen. If no mink was captured, leave this column blank.

### **Sex of mink**

Enter if the mink captured was male (m), female (f) or if the sex is unknown (u). If no mink was captured, leave this column blank.

### **Age of mink**

Enter if the mink captured was juvenile (j), adult (a) or if the age is unknown (u). If no mink was captured, leave this column blank.

### **Date trap removed**

The date you removed the trap, so it is no longer present on the land parcel.

Parcel ID	Describe the location	Signs of mink	Date trap deployed	Non-target species captured	Date mink captured	Sex of mink (m, f, u)	Age of mink (j, a, u)	Date trap removed

## Approval of the plan

Do not complete this section. Natural England will sign to approve your plan.

In signing below, it means:

- Natural England has approved the general intention of the plan
- the plan can be used to support a claim for a capital grants plan application

Approval of the plan by Natural England does not negate the need to gain SSSI consents or licenses to deliver activities within the plan. Consents and licences should be sought separately, after which you may need to update this plan to reflect any requirements.

Natural England adviser signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date