



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Deer species management plan (PA7)

Template

When to use this plan

Use this plan template to create a 10-year plan to manage native and non-native deer on your holding that are either:

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

You should:

- get your plan template approved by a deer officer at your local Forestry Commission area office 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 [INNSMapper](#) or [iRecord](#). These free applications can be used to record the presence of invasive species and confirm their identification.

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

Your details

Species management plan reference number

The reference number is assigned to you by either:

- the Rural Payments Agency when you applied for your capital grants plan
- Forestry Commission, 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.

The deer officer 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 the Forestry Commission	Deer officer name	Date of review

Habitats where you will manage deer

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

For each habitat type, indicate the number of hectares you intend to undertake control on and any designations. Payment will be limited to the habitat types agreed and approved in this plan.

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
Woodlands (hectares)			
Agroforestry, wood pasture and orchards (hectares)			
Grasslands and arable land (hectares)			
Moorland and uplands (hectares)			

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

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

Map where you will manage deer

You must create a map of 1:25,000 scale of the area that you intend to manage deer. 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
- 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 Payments 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 deer on your holding

Estimate the species of deer present on your holding.

Deer species	Estimate the maximum number on your holding at any one time (number of individuals per square kilometre)	Estimate if the number is increasing, decreasing or staying the same
Red deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)		
Sika deer (<i>Cervus nippon</i>)		
Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)		
Roe deer (<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>)		
Muntjac deer (<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>)		
Chinese water deer (<i>Hydropotes inermis</i>)		

Give the level of impact deer are having on your holding.

What is being impacted	Level of impact (type none, low, medium or high)	Is the impact increasing, decreasing or staying the same	Give details of the impact
Priority habitat (including woodland and uplands)			
Priority species (including animal, plants and fungi)			
Crop (including agricultural and timber crops)			

Control and monitoring actions

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

You should achieve approximately 3 hours of effort per hectare within the agreement. You should prioritise the control of female deer between 1 November and 31 March regardless of other land uses. The exception is muntjac deer which can be controlled at any time.

How you will control deer

Control method	Total number of outings you intend to use this method (multiply the number of outings by the number of people for group or team activities)	Give details of the method (for example, time of year)
Individual deer shoot		
Group or team shoot within your holding		
Group or team shoot across multiple holdings		
Night shoot (requires deer licence)		

Close season (out of season) shoot (requires deer licence)		
Other control method not listed above		

How you will monitor deer

Monitoring method	Total number of hours you intend to use this method	Give details of the method (for example, time of year)
Habitat impact assessment		
Other monitoring method not listed above as agreed with the Forestry Commission, including exclosure plots		

Management activity

Use the table to:

- estimate the number of deer you will manage for each year of your agreement
- record the actual activity you have undertaken during each year of your agreement

You may be asked for this information at any time during your agreement. You should update it regularly.

Red deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			
Year 1 actual cull			
Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			
Year 4 expected cull			

Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			
Year 6 expected cull			
Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			
Year 8 expected cull			
Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			
Year 10 actual cull			

Sika deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			
Year 1 actual cull			
Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			
Year 4 expected cull			
Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			
Year 6 expected cull			

Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			
Year 8 expected cull			
Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			
Year 10 actual cull			

Fallow deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			
Year 1 actual cull			

Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			
Year 4 expected cull			
Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			
Year 6 expected cull			
Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			
Year 8 expected cull			

Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			
Year 10 actual cull			

Roe deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			
Year 1 actual cull			
Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			

Year 4 expected cull			
Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			
Year 6 expected cull			
Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			
Year 8 expected cull			
Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			

Year 10 actual cull			
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Muntjac deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			
Year 1 actual cull			
Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			
Year 4 expected cull			
Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			

Year 6 expected cull			
Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			
Year 8 expected cull			
Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			
Year 10 actual cull			

Chinese water deer culls

Expected and actual cull per year	Females	Males	Total
Year 1 expected cull			

Year 1 actual cull			
Year 2 expected cull			
Year 2 actual cull			
Year 3 expected cull			
Year 3 actual cull			
Year 4 expected cull			
Year 4 actual cull			
Year 5 expected cull			
Year 5 actual cull			
Year 6 expected cull			
Year 6 actual cull			
Year 7 expected cull			
Year 7 actual cull			

Year 8 expected cull			
Year 8 actual cull			
Year 9 expected cull			
Year 9 actual cull			
Year 10 expected cull			
Year 10 actual cull			

Approval of the plan

Do not complete this section. Your local Forestry Commission deer officer will sign to approve your plan.

In signing below, it means:

- the Forestry Commission 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 the Forestry Commission 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.

Forestry Commission deer officer signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date