
Overview

This standard deals with the competence required by individuals who are involved in managing game habitat in support of game shooting activities. It can be applied to any game habitat on any area of land used for game shooting. This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis, and can be applied to any sporting estate.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

1. plan game habitat management to support game and planned sporting activities
2. monitor habitat and habitat usage
3. maintain habitat in support of game and game shooting activities.

This standard relates to the following applications or context:

Make contributions to the management of habitat to cover and supervise the following habitat:

Management activities:

habitat monitoring

habitat creation

habitat maintenance

Identify and deal the impact of the following influences:

environmental condition

resource availability

land usage

legislation

human influences

Maintain the use of the following resources within known constraints:

people

materials

equipment

time

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Contribute to the development of habitat management plans

- P1 determine requirements of the game habitat management through the accurate analysis of game needs and sporting activity requirements
- P2 identify how influences which may affect habitat management apply on the sporting estate
- P3 make contributions to the habitat management plan in accordance with ongoing estate management regimes and the requirements of legislation
- P4 gain feedback on contributions to habitat plans from shoot manager
- P5 agree final habitat management plans with shoot manager

You must be able to:

Maintain game habitat

- P6 supervise the implementation of **habitat management activities** to support game populations
- P7 complete habitat management within known **resource** constraints and comply with relevant legislation
- P8 evaluate habitat management activities against planned objectives
- P9 achieve planned habitat management objectives to comply with relevant legislation and given codes of practice
- P10 deal with **influences** which disrupt planned habitat management to minimise their effect
- P11 maintain effective communication with those implementing habitat management activities
- P12 maintain accurate records in respect of habitat management

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 relevant wildlife and environmental legislation
- K2 habitat requirements in respect of game and its interaction with natural flora and fauna
- K3 the habitat requirements of game species found on the sporting estate
- K4 habitat management activities and the factors which can affect their implementation
- K5 how habitat is used for the enhancement of sporting activities
- K6 where to source advice, information and grant aid in respect of habitat management and conservation
- K7 interaction of game habitat with other land users
- K8 why habitat management activities may need to be modified with changes in environmental conditions
- K9 how human influences and land usage can impact on habitat
- K10 the legal requirements controlling habitat management activities

You need to know and understand:

Maintain game habitat

- K11 relevant wildlife and environmental legislation
- K12 the benefits of managing game habitat
- K13 the habitat requirements of game species
- K14 the interaction between game and habitat
- K15 how to manage habitat to optimise sporting value and nature conservation
- K16 how habitat management varies throughout the annual cycle
- K17 interaction of game habitat with other land users
- K18 habitat management objectives
- K19 how to supervise habitat management activities
- K20 how to create habitat to suit the needs of game

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Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes, it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard.

The definitions below should help you with this.

Game

Legal game quarry species including deer

Sporting estate

Any area of land used for the provision of game shooting activities

Estate characteristics

For example: topography, other estate activities, land type, drainage

Habitat creation

For example: the establishment of annual cover crops, the establishment of permanent hedgerows or woodland etc.

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