Contribute to the development of a deer management plan



Overview

This standard is about contributing to the development of a deer management plan.

It is aimed at those who work in game conservation and deer management on either a full- or part-time basis, and can be applied to any area of land.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

- determine deer management requirements
- suggest options for deer management
- contribute to the development of a deer management plan
- discuss a deer management plan with the relevant people





Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- 1. analyse the records of previous sporting years to establish the effectiveness of previous activities and identify development opportunities
- 2. analyse the usage of previous resources to determine their efficiency
- 3. assess the impact of deer on the habitat
- 4. contribute to the development of a deer management plan
- 5. suggest targets and ideas for maintaining and improving future deer management options based on your analysis
- 6. identify benefits of the deer management plan to wildlife and habitat conservation
- 7. discuss the requirements of the deer management plan, and its implementation, with the relevant people
- 8. agree mechanisms for monitoring the deer management plan





Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- 1. the characteristics and limitations of the area of land to which the deer management plan applies
- 2. the requirements of long- and short-term planning
- 3. how to analyse records to establish the effectiveness of previous deer management activities
- 4. the importance of shoot records in determining true sporting potential
- 5. the principles of deer management
- 6. the relevant legal requirements that control the management of deer
- 7. how habitat and wildlife management can be used to develop the potential deer management plan
- 8. the effect of deer management activities on other land use
- 9. how deer can impact on differing habitats and the techniques used to assess their impact
- 10. how to present ideas in a way that promotes their understanding
- 11. who needs to be consulted on the proposed deer management plan and the action to take if agreement cannot be reached
- 12. the safety requirements associated with deer management





Scope/range

Suggest targets and ideas for either deer population management or habitat management, covering:

- the short term
- the long term



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Glossary

Resources:

- people
- materials
- equipment
- finance

Records:

- cull records
- · environmental records
- poaching

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