

Deer management and Scotland's wild landscapes

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Scotland's Wild Deer

- Background
- Changing Context
- Challenges
- What does the future hold?





Background

- History
- Resource
- Ecological Impacts
- Conflict and Collaboration

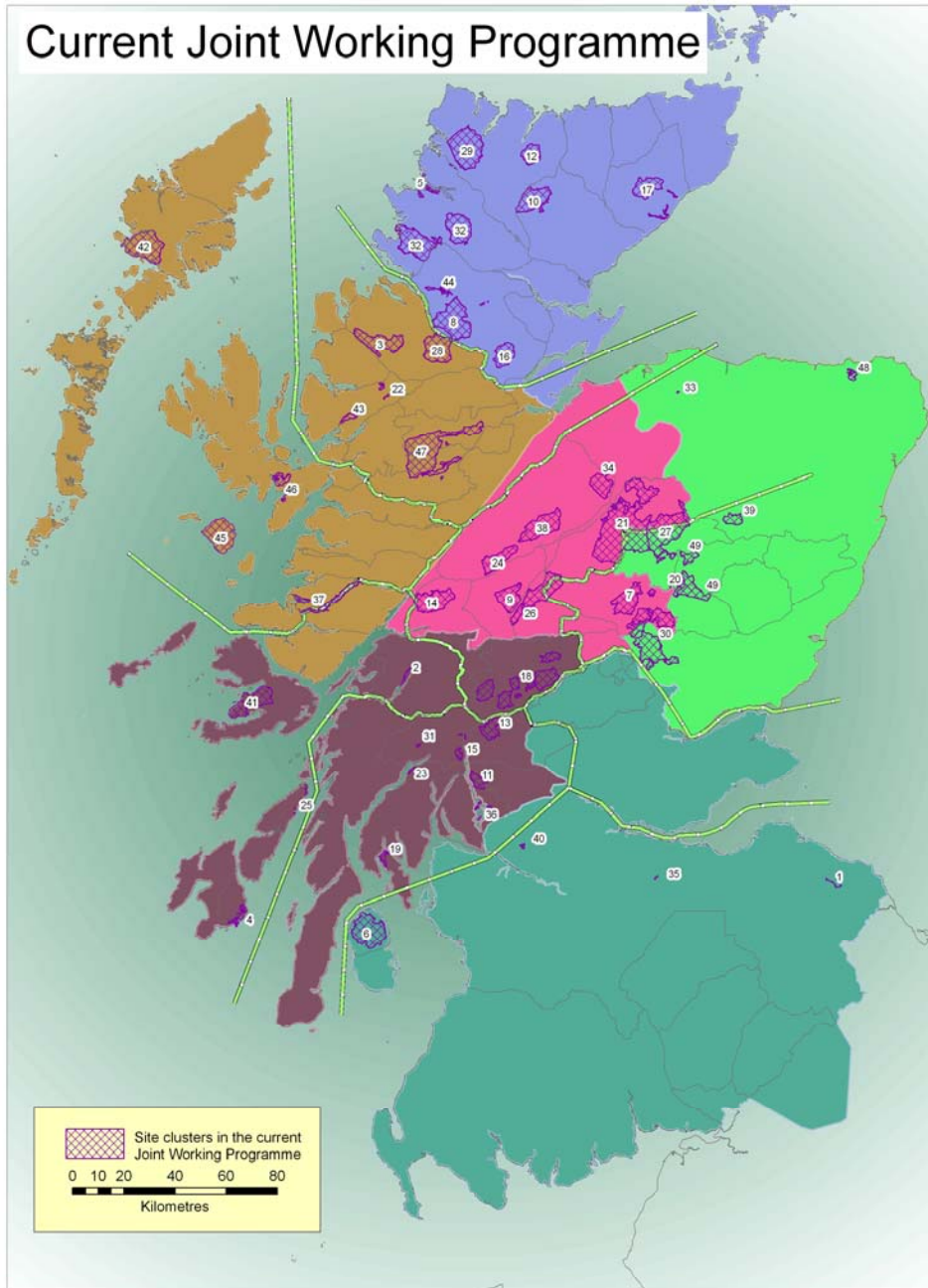








Current Joint Working Programme



Designated Sites

- Work Programme
- Feature Condition
- Progress

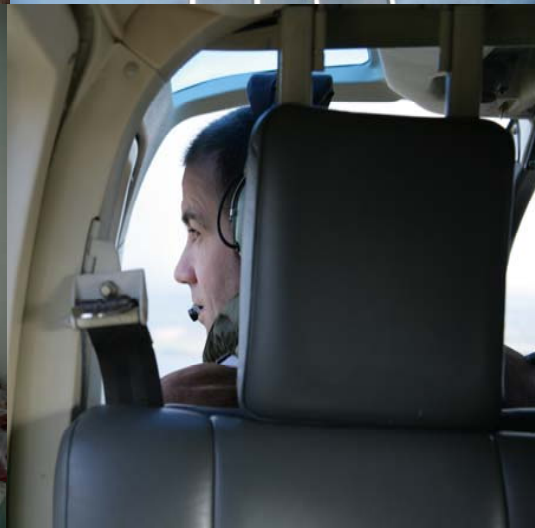






Culture Change?







Changing Context

- A much more complex and diverse pattern of objectives of landowners and land use;
- A larger population of deer of all four species with an expanded range;
- Greater emphasis on aspects of the public interest which need to be delivered; and
- A desire for wider involvement of other interest groups in deer management planning.

Outcomes

- Enjoyment of existing rights to take deer only constrained by a responsibility to safeguard the public interest
- Reassurance of the general public about deer welfare, public safety and food safety standards;
- Inclusive Decision-making devolved to a local level
- A deer sector able to adapt to future challenges.



What does the future hold?

- New Legislation....?
- Linking the private right to shoot deer with responsibility
- Empowering landowners to fulfil their responsibility
- Devolving deer management;
- Making deer management more inclusive
- Raising standards among those who shoot and manage deer
- Employing a risk-based approach to public intervention
- Delivering an equitable balance between public and private interests;
- Integrating deer management with other land uses;





Governance for Deer Management

- How is Deer Management best delivered locally?
- Resource Management and Decision Making?
- What is the Role Of Government?





- Balance between standards, regulation and flexibility.....?

