

Overview

This standard outlines the competencies required by individuals who are responsible for implementing and monitoring a game and wildlife management plan for a wildlife management area. It has been developed so that it can be applied to a variety of situations.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game and wildlife conservation and who are responsible for implementing and monitoring the success of a game and wildlife management plan.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. monitor and maintain activities to ensure the effective implementation of the game and wildlife management plan
2. manage the allocation of resources to achieve the objectives of the game and wildlife management plan
3. confirm that working methods maintain health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and organisational requirements
4. collect and analyse data to determine progress against planned objectives
5. confirm that planned interventions are implemented to achieve the objectives of the game and wildlife management plan
6. confirm that accurate records are maintained in support of the implementation of the game and wildlife management plan
7. obtain and review feedback from those involved in implementing the game and wildlife management plan
8. make adjustments to the game and wildlife management plan based on feedback obtained and also when constraints impact on the plan's effectiveness

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the techniques used to assess game population characteristics
2. how to maintain the health and welfare of game species relevant to the game and wildlife management plan
3. the diseases associated with the relevant game species, including being able to recognise diseases and know what action to take
4. the resources required to support the implementation of the game and wildlife management plan, for example people, equipment, finance, animals
5. the suitable data recording and analysis techniques used to monitor the effectiveness of the game and wildlife management plan, including both qualitative and quantitative techniques
6. the national and local regulations that control game and wildlife management relating to access to the countryside, wildlife and wild-game management
7. the activities required to monitor and maintain the effective implementation of the game and wildlife management plan
8. how game management can influence wildlife species
9. how game behaviour can be influenced by the use of different interventions such as habitat monitoring and management, game and wildlife population monitoring, pest and predator control, measures to maintain the welfare of game, measures to improve the health of game
10. how game management activities interact with other wildlife management area activities and users, and how to manage or influence these interactions in a positive way
11. the value of biodiversity and sustainable practice to game and wildlife management areas
12. the role of relevant legislation, national policies, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements that support game and wildlife management

Glossary

Game

Legal quarry species, including deer

Influences that impact on the management of game and wildlife

e.g. physical environment, habitat, wildlife, pest and predator interactions, game welfare and nutrition, game diseases, other land usage, conflicts of interest, political pressures, legislation

Sector guidance could include:

The Code of Good Shooting Practice

Deer Initiative Best Practice Guides

Scottish Natural Heritage Best Practice Guides

Wildlife management area

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

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