

		Current RAG Analysis
1	Develop effective mechanisms to manage deer	DMG currently has no completed plan but assessment completed and may be used to seek funding for the development of an effective plan by April 2015
2	Contribute to the delivery of designated features into Favourable Condition	No designations
3	Manage deer to retain existing native woodland cover and improve woodland condition in the medium to long term	Extent of woodland throughout the group considerable. Knoydart Forest Trust is delivering on many aspects of of this action.
4	Contribute to the Scottish Government woodland expansion target of 25% woodland cover.	Current draft DMP needs revised to reflect current woodland expansion work. Plan will detail consultation requirements between members re this action.
5	Monitor and manage deer impacts in the wider countryside (not improved agricultural land)	HIA is being delivered by group post 2014
6	Maintain Scotland's Carbon storage capability and contribute to securing future carbon storage potential	Currently this aspect is not part of DMG business
7	Reduce or mitigate the risk of establishment of invasive non-native species	INNS currently informally discussed.
8	Protect landscapes and historic features from deer and deer management activity.	Not currently part of DMG business however survey work is currently being done. Deer/herbivore impacts on historic features generally thought to be positive.
9	Contribute to delivering higher standards of competence in deer management	Competence currently discussed at DMG level, training promoted informally.
10	Identify and promote opportunities contributing to public health and well-being benefits	No current issues.
11	Optimise economic benefits of Deer Management in Scotland	individuals are deliverin g on this
12	Minimise the economic cost of deer	Not currently discussed

13	Ensure effective communication on deer management issues	Good delivery through informal means
14	Ensure deer welfare is taken fully into account at individual animal and population level	Winter mortality/recruitment data informally gathered, woodland cover discussed at meetings.

Future RAG Analysis

Effective deer management plan in place by April 2015

n/a

DMP will use information from SNH and FE to produce maps of all existing woodland and its condition. DMG will agree with Knoydart Forest Trust if any further work needs done, DMG will lead on delivering deer management aspects of this. Private owners will be encouraged to participate.

Group produce a map of all new woodland in last 5 years (SRDP) and beyond (WGS). New areas are under consideration Knoydart Foundation and Kilchoan. Woodland expansion and deer population discussed at DMG. This aspect will be delivered in conjunction with Knoydart Forest Trust.

Consider increasing plot numbers and properties taking part over life of plan. Identify areas of habitat types. Agree and set any relevant targets per habitat.

Will be considered as part of DMP, likely that any relevant work on this aspect of public interest will require development over the period of the plan as this information on peatland condition for West Knoydart is currently limited.

Sighting and reporting protocol will be included in DMP. Sika control policy will also be included to formalise current informal agreement. Management of goats is already discussed at land management forum.

Discuss survey results at meetings, take action as required. Note in DMP. Members made aware of fencing guidance through plan.

Training policy/plan in revised DMP. Consider DMQ accredited witness qualification to drive internal capacity to facilitate competence.

Continue to promote open access, monitor competence/trained hunter levels and deliver support to increase. Section included in DMP.

Collective discussion/exploration required. Potential areas for further development will be identified in DMP.

Consider inclusion of this information in DMP.

Current informal provisions formalised and included in plan and DMG business where appropriate.

Consider inclusion of additional data as described in DMP. Include review of this information at DMG meetings.