

## **West Knoydart Deer Management Group (WKDMG) Framework Document**

### Group Aim:

To work towards positive cooperation in deer management, and other relevant areas of land management, between landowners and other stakeholders, within the Knoydart Peninsula.

### Group membership is open to:

Within the geographical area of the Knoydart Peninsula, any landowner or organisation with an interest in deer management including;

Knoydart Foundation, Glaschoille, Rheigh Dharraich, Sandaig, Torr na Insche, Doune, Airor School House, Inverguserein Farm, Cnoc Gorm, Croulin, Sgamadail, Li, John Muir Trust, Barisdale, Camusrory, Kilchoan, Knoydart Forest Trust, Airor Common Grazings Committee, SNH.

### Objectives:

- 1) Effective and open communication between members and neighbours regarding all aspects of deer management.
- 2) Cultivation of mutual respect for all land management objectives between members and neighbours.
- 3) Development and implementation of a Group Deer Management Plan to include:
  - i) recognition of diverse land management objectives
  - ii) use of an agreed (but flexible) deer population model
  - iii) setting of location variable land management objective priority weightings
  - iv) setting of location variable target deer population densities
  - v) annual deer population census
  - vi) annual habitat condition monitoring
  - vii) annual cull target setting and allocation between members
  - viii) deer count, cull and habitat condition data collection and interpretation
  - ix) annual reporting and feedback with members
- 4) Collaborative working between members within the framework of the DMP.
- 5) Ensure that deer management is carried out in line with the Code of Practice on Deer Management.

### Meetings:

- 2 formal per year, with others as and when needed
- Members agree to conduct business in line with the code of conduct
- The Chairperson will ensure that meetings are conducted accordingly

### Relationship with KDMG:

- Within KDMG, progress to date regarding conflict resolution is recognised
- The new 2 group framework is intended to allow for more effective local deer management
- All data and meeting minutes will be shared openly between the groups
- The most effective channels of communication will be defined and maintained.