

North Ross DMG Group Membership Details

Alladale Wilderness Reserve

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Nature Conservation with habitat and ecosystem objectives</i>	9245	7%
<p>The fundamental objectives for the management of Alladale can be considered in greater detail on their website. https://alladale.com</p> <p>The reserve has embarked on a long-term habitat restoration and improvement plan to create a habitat and environment which is a mix of native woodland and montane landscape to support all of Scotlands indigenous species.</p> <p>To achieve their objectives, they require to achieve a deer density that will prevent negative impacts on the propagation and regeneration of a broad mix of flora and fauna along with woodland. They also have native species reintroduction objectives and are currently working on projects involving the Scottish Wildcat and Red Squirrels</p> <p>The reserve has an educational arm which works both locally with a number of local schools and educational providers along with their own linked conservation organisations.</p> <p>The Reserve directly employs ten full time and part time members of staff and also engage a number of specialists and professionals who are involved in delivery of the reserve objectives.</p> <p>Staff with responsibility for deer management all possess DMQ Level1.</p> <p>Supplementary feeding of deer on Alladale is restricted to the provision of minerals and lick blocks.</p>		

Braelangwell

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Salmon fishing, farming and residential holiday letting</i>	<u>1490</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
<p>Braelangwell estates principle interest is Atlantic Salmon fishing on the beat of the River Carron which sits within the estates ownership. The Carron headwaters are sourced from within the heartland of the North Ross deer group area and therefore the estate has an overarching interest in how the catchment area is managed.</p> <p>The estate has agricultural interests and is the landlord of a large upland agricultural unit which is primarily given over to livestock production. The estates open moorland carries a very small population of wild deer .</p> <p>Further information can be found on the estate website; http://www.braelangwelllodge.com</p> <p>No supplementary feeding of wild deer is undertaken on the landholding</p>		

Braemore

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Environmental and wildlife management and enhancement combined with sporting activities .</i>	<u>4331</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
<p>The principle objectives for Braemore is the management of the natural environment, habitat and wildlife found on the property.</p> <p>This includes the management of the wild deer population resident within the estate boundaries in a manner that encourages and enhances high levels of biodiversity. These objectives will work in tandem with a desire for peatland restoration within progressive moorland management and the creation of native woodlands in suitable areas of the estate.</p> <p>Estate stalker holds DMQ level1</p> <p>Supplementary feeding of wild deer at Braemore is predominantly by provision of minerals and licks</p>		

Clach Liath

Sub Group C

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Commercial forestry and sporting interests.</i>	<u>998</u>	<u>.8%</u>

The primary land use objectives within Clach Liath are that of commercial forestry along with amenity woodland with deer management to protect the forest environment.

No supplementary feeding of wild deer is undertaken on the landholding

Corriemulzie

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting and small scale forestry along with environmental management.</i>	<u>9528</u>	<u>7.3%</u>

Corriemulzie is a pivotal landholding within the DMG with regard to deer management due to its favorable deer habitat. The principal activities on the estate are sporting deer stalking and salmon fishing along with holiday letting properties.

The land holding plays a major role in the water catchment for the Oykel river which subsequently feeds into the Kyle of Sutherland system and the landholding has a riparian interest in the upper waters of the system on the Enaig and the Rappach rivers.

<http://www.corriemulzieestate.com>

All staff hold DMQ level 1 as a minimum standard.

Supplementary feeding of wild deer is undertaken on the landholding with stags being fed fodder crop throughout the winter. This is supplemented by the provision of root crop along with cobs and mineral licks.

Croick

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Farming, Forestry, Sporting Activities and holiday letting property</i>	<u>5171</u>	<u>4%</u>

The landholding at Croick supports a diverse range of rural business activities with commercial and native species habitat woodlands, sheep and cattle farming, salmon fishing interests along with a range of environmental management activities to enhance carbon capture and river basin management.

The estate provides a significant catchment basin for the River Carron and is a popular location for visitors to the area as within the estate boundary is the Thomas Telford Croick church which played an important role within the cultural and history of the highlands.

<https://croick.com>

Wild deer on the holding have access to fodder crop and mineral licks as a supplementary feeding provision during the winter months.

Estate Stalker holds DMQ level 2.

Forestry Commission Scotland

Mixed Sub Group

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Commercial Forestry Production.</i>	<u>12200</u>	<u>9.3%</u>
Public landholding which collectively is largest individual land holder within the group. The FCS objectives are principally the production of commercial forestry and they are a significant employer with high economic importance to rural Scotland. A significant employer who also pro-actively promote public access across the national estate.		
Deer management objectives which are aimed at woodland protection and enhancement and not aimed at providing sporting value. https://scotland.forestry.gov.uk		
No supplementary feeding of wild deer takes place within the national forest estate.		
All deer control operatives contracted to FCS hold DMQ level 2.		

Foullis

Sub Group C

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
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<i>Farming, forestry, renewable energy and residential property business</i>	<u>1107</u>	<u>.85%</u>
<p>Located at the southernmost point of the group Foulis main activities are that of arable farming, commercial forestry and residential property provision.</p> <p>Deer management is primarily carried out for the protection of agricultural crops and commercial forestry but done so with the availability of commercial stalking opportunities.</p> <p>Deer control tenant holds DMQ level 2.</p> <p>No supplementary feeding of wild deer takes place on the landholding.</p>		

Fountains Forestry

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Commercial forestry</i>	<i>2085</i>	<i>1.6%</i>
<p>Primary focus of land use is the production of commercial forestry. Land under multiple ownership and Fountain are a management company who specialize in the management of commercial forestry interests.</p> <p>Deer management is principally based on the protection of forestry crops combined with utilization of sporting values.</p> <p>Sporting manager has DMQ level 2 and all stalking clients must hold DMQ level 1.</p>		

Glencalvie

Sub Group C

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Mixed sporting estate with forestry interests and holiday letting business</i>	<i>6510</i>	<i>5%</i>
<p>Sporting estate with interest in deer stalking, salmon fishing and game bird shooting along with property letting aimed at the growing tourism market.</p>		

Sport is let and ties in with holiday letting business wherever the opportunity allows. The landholding has a riparian interest in the Carron river and plays an active role in river basin management in this regard.

<https://www.glencalvieestate.co.uk>

The estate provides supplementary feeding for the wild deer resident on the landholding through fodder, cobs and root crops along with access to mineral licks

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Inverlael Deer Forest

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting estate.</i>	5893	4.5%
Family run sporting estate with conservation and deer management as its principle objective.		
Estate stalker holds DMQ level1.		

Inverlael Estate (Glen Beag)

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting estate with farming and property letting business</i>	1536	1.2%
A family run sporting estate which is supported by property letting and an in hand farming operation which utilizes in by ground on the shores of Loch broom.		
No supplementary feeding of wild deer is undertaken on the landholding.		
Estate stalkers hold DMQ level 2.		

Kildermorie

Sub Group C

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting activities along with forestry and renewable energy interests.</i>	7482	5.7%
The principle activities carried out at Kildermorie are sporting with deer management along with the management of salmon and trout fishing. Commercial forestry interests supported by native woodland creation and renewable energy production.		

Deer are managed in tandem with environmental and habitat objectives within the estate.

<https://www.kildermorie.co.uk>

The estate offers supplementary feeding to all deer that can be reached from January to late March with Silage root crop and cobs along with mineral licks and blocks.

The estate stalkers hold DMQ level 2.

Langwell

Sub Group A

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Farming, Sporting and woodland creation along with renewable energy production and holiday letting business.</i>	7045	5.4%

Langwell estate has a diversity of interests within its rural business with farming of both sheep and cattle along with a number of recent native woodland creations.

The estate also has a focus on renewable energy production and provides accommodation for the tourism market.

The estates wild deer population are managed alongside the estate environmental and habitat management objectives which includes riparian management being the host of the kannaird river catchment area.

<https://langwellestate.com>

Supplementary feeding of the wild deer on the landholding is provided by way of fodder silage when snow on ground along with mineral licks and blocks.

Estate stalker holds DMQ level 1.

Leckmelm Deer Forest

Sub Group A

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting and woodland</i>	2103	2.4%

The principle management objectives at Leckmelm are for the provision of a sustainable sporting cull of wild deer along with the creation of native woodlands to improve biodiversity and habitat.

Supplementary feeding is restricted to mineral licks and blocks in winter months.

Ledmore**Sub Group A**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting and deer farming</i>	5141	4%
<p>Ledmore is managed principally for sporting activities including wild deer stalking and significant trout fishing's along with habitat management.</p> <p>The estate also operates a farmed deer unit within its in by land. The estate has a significant crofting interest. https://www.ledmoreestate.com</p> <p>The supplementary feeding of deer is restricted to mineral blocks and licks.</p>		

Little Wyvis**Sub Group C**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Woodland regeneration and renewable energy production.</i>	594	.5%
<p>The principle land use on little Wyvis is woodland regeneration and renewable energy production. Deer management is not a significant factor in relation to land use.</p>		

Loch Droma**Sub Group B**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting activities</i>	585	.5%
<p>Loch Droma landholding activities are primarily that of sporting deer stalking for the estate owners and management of the habitat to support the deer.</p> <p>The estate has significant public access provision which has a greater impact on the habitat than the deer numbers which are ordinarily found within the property boundaries.</p> <p>Those stalking on the estate hold DMQ level 2.</p>		

Supplementary feeding of deer takes place primarily as a function to reduce vehicle collisions on the A835 public road.

Loubcroy

Sub Group B

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Sporting estate with woodland interests.</i>	3377	2.6%
<p>Loubcroy estate has a primary land use for wild deer stalking. The estate has also undertaken significant woodland creation in recent years however this holding is in the process of transfer of ownership and we are at present unable to ascertain the objective that the new owners have for management of the wild deer present on the land.</p>		

Morefield

Sub Group A

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Crofting interests</i>	1976	1.5%
<p>Principle land use at Morefield is crofting use as common grazing along with crofter woodland scheme.</p> <p>Deer are seldom present on this land holding within the open seasons.</p>		

Novar

Sub Group C

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Forestry, Farming, Renewable energy, sporting activities, residential property portfolio and tourism related enterprises including accommodation.</i>	8393	6.5%
<p>Novar Estate is a diverse rural business with land use interests in commercial forestry, arable farming, sporting interests including game shooting, salmon fishing and deer management along with significant renewable energy operations across the renewables spectrum.</p> <p>The estate has a residential property letting business along with a substantive tourism related enterprise.</p>		

Deer management on Novar is run in tandem with the estates commercial forestry business which does provide opportunities for sporting income.
<http://www.novarestate.co.uk/Home.aspx>

All estate stalkers hold DMQ level 1.

Supplementary feeding of deer on the estate is restricted to an enclosed heard of fallow deer.

Rhidorroch East

Sub Group A

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Farming, fishing, deer stalking and tourism accommodation provider</i>	5918	4.5%
The estates core activities focus on deer stalking linked with tourism accommodation and farming.		

Rhidorroch West

Sub Group A

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Farming, fishing, deer stalking and tourism accommodation provider</i>	3841	3%
The principle management objectives for the estate are sheep farming along with tourism related activities and accommodation provision.		
The wild deer are managed for sporting purposes as is the fishing interests with the estate being a significant catchment area for the Ullapool river. http://www.rhidorroch.com		
Supplementary feeding is carried out with cobs to a small (30) group of stags along with mineral blocks and licks.		

SNH Ben Wyvis**Sub Group C**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Environmental and habitat management</i>	2305	1.8%

SNH Knockan Crag**Sub Group A**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Environmental and habitat management with archaeological interests focused on tourism</i>	24	.02%

Strathvaich**Sub Group B**

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Farming, habitat based woodland creation and sporting stalking</i>	14234	11%

Strathvaich land use interests are focused environmental stewardship and thereafter on farming of sheep and cattle along with sporting use of the wild deer population. With these activities impacting on habitat the estate do actively monitor and record impacts to ensure a balanced land use is in place.

The estate has engaged in the creation of native woodland for habitat and environmental improvements and also hosts significant 3rd party renewable energy production operations.

Estate stalkers hold DMQ level 2.

No supplementary feeding of deer takes place save for a small number of stags as a diversionary tactic when the estates sheep flock are fed in late winter.

Interests	Hectares	% of group Area
<i>Commercial woodland, renewable energy and tourism related sporting and accommodation provision</i>	8193	6.3%
<p>Wyvis estate has a primary land use for sporting purposes along with land given over to commercial forestry production. Wyvis also generates renewable energy production through hydro power.</p> <p>The estate links its deer stalking activities to its tourism related accommodation business. The estate has significant impacts from general leisure activities particularly hill walking with Ben Wyvis being one of Scotlands most popular Munro classified mountains for recreational walkers.</p> <p>http://www.wyvisestate.co.uk</p> <p>The estate provides supplementary feeding to deer by way of silage fodder and turnips in winter months. Estate stalkers have a minimum of DMQ level1.</p>		