

**MOUNTAIN HARE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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Location:

**1 Period covered by the plan**

	Start year	<input style="width: 80%; height: 15px;" type="text"/>
	Finish year	<input style="width: 80%; height: 15px;" type="text"/>

**2 Management Objectives** (for the area where management is planned)

**2.1 Description of the area**

**2.2 Primary Use:**

**2.3 Other Uses:**

**2.4 Current management in the area:**

2.5 History of the mountain hare population in the area:

2.6 Management Objectives for the area:

### 3 Counting Method

3.1 Description:

3.2 When will the count be carried out (same time each year):

3.3 Notes:

3.3.1 The same method to be used by all neighbours who have agreed to be part of a hare counting agreement.

3.3.2 Counting could be carried out in conjunction with spring and summer grouse counts.

### 4 Management Targets

4.1 Assessment of current population trend:

*Falling, stable or rising*

4.2 Assessment of current population level compared to previous counts:

*Low, medium or high*

4.3 If carrying out a management cull, what is the maximum number of hares that should not be exceeded:

## 5 Management Activity

5.1 Culls will be undertaken by shooting in daylight in the first instance. Records will be kept of all activity.

5.2 The hare population will be monitored annually, before any culling takes place to confirm the latest hare population. This will allow an assessment to be made of the maximum numbers of hare to be taken in the following cull.

5.3 Management targets should be discussed and ideally agreed with neighbours. If the same counting methods are used across a wide area, it will be possible to build a larger scale picture of the hare population, which will allow better management.

5.4 All counting and cull data should be shared with the National Game Bag Census. GWCT who will record the information in confidence and store it on a mountain hare management register.

## 6 Dates

6.1 Last amended

6.2 Next review date

## 7 Other Notes