

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO WILDLIFE (DEER) MANAGEMENT



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Collaboration among stakeholders can potentially lead to more sustainable management. Whilst policies at the national level are created with collaboration between Government agencies, NGO and representatives of the private sector, this is not necessarily achieved at the local level where collaboration between agency staff and other stakeholders may be hampered by a lack of communication, understanding or respect.

COLLABORATION INVOLVES

- co-ordinated land management,
- discussion and planning meetings,
- governmental consultation exercises,
- development of 'Best Practice' advice,
- establishment of 'strategic partnerships' amongst like-minded organisations,
- personal interaction between individuals, completion of bilateral research contracts.

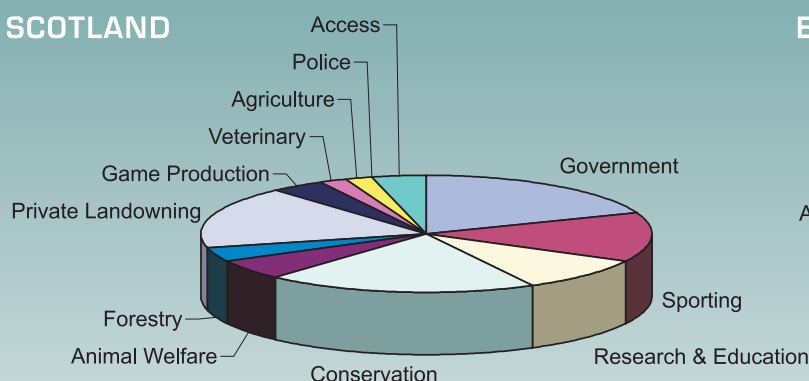
WHY MANAGE DEER?

"Whether [deer] populations are at a sustainable level, and what management is needed, can only be assessed at a regional or local 'whole landscape' level. Any assessment should involve all the people whose lives are influenced by deer."

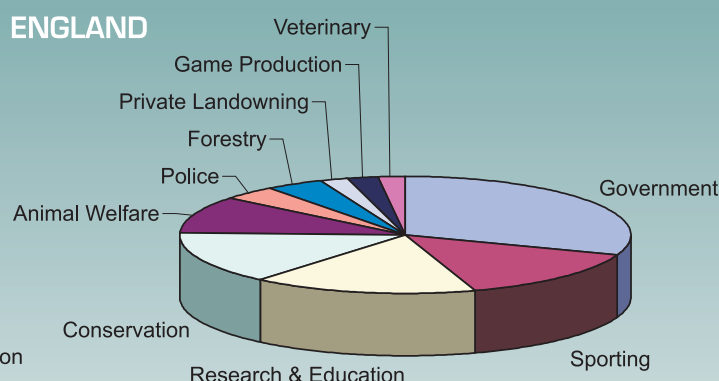
The sustainable management of wild deer populations in England: an Action Plan, Defra and FC England, 2004

INTERVIEWS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AT COUNTRY LEVEL IDENTIFIED THE INTEREST GROUPS INVOLVED IN DEER MANAGEMENT

SCOTLAND



ENGLAND



Reasons to collaborate:

- address management problems
- set standards
- act efficiently
- avoid conflict
- gain influence
- share responsibilities

Benefits can include:

- sharing knowledge, reduced uncertainty
- increased efficiency - sharing resources
- innovation -new solutions to problems
- recognition of shared objectives
- development of effective management outcomes

AND KEY 'INGREDIENTS' FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT

