



Future perspectives for woodland deer in Scotland

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Much has been said in recent years about the need to integrate deer and forest management in Scotland. The recent vision statement, for example, produced by the Deer Commission for Scotland concludes that deer will continue to be a "valued asset that is managed on a sustainable basis to produce a wide range of economic, social, and environmental benefits both locally, and in the wider public interest". Reaching an optimum deer density for both stalking and forestry interests has, however, proved an elusive goal.

How can sustainable use be achieved for woodland deer? Is it possible to maintain deer populations at a level where economic losses in woodlands are acceptable, while at the same time leaving sufficient deer for stalking? How can deer numbers be reliably estimated? What can be done to improve returns from venison sales? How should training needs for the next generation of deer managers be met?

These questions and others will be addressed at this forthcoming conference, held jointly by the Deer Commission for Scotland, Forest Enterprise and the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute. The conference will present some of the latest scientific work on deer population assessment and woodland deer ecology, and this will be backed up by a series of case studies. The case study approach will include one day of field trips to selected sites in the Speyside area where focused workshops will be held to discuss venison handling and marketing, and developing tourism-based revenue from woodland deer. The meeting is aimed to meet the needs of deer managers, researchers and government agencies with a practical involvement in this issue.

Instructions to Authors

In addition to invited papers, offered papers will be considered. Those interested to present a paper or a poster should contact Jerry Laker at the address below for full instructions. The timetable for all submissions is as follows:

Notification of intent to submit a paper (to be accompanied by an abstract)	31 March 2001
Submission of final paper for publication	13 th July 2001

Registration

Further details and a form to register your interest may be obtained from web site or the address below,

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Closing date for registrations: 16th July 2001

