



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF REGIONAL GAME COUNCILS

NARGC Deer Management Questionnaire

The Irish Deer Management Forum (IDMF) was recently established by the Department of Agriculture and the NPWS/Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to assist with the development and implementation of deer management and conservation in Ireland. The IDMF aims to contribute to the development of effective deer management measures through:

- Providing a constructive forum for stakeholder participation, discussion, consensus and cooperation on deer management and associated issues in Ireland;
- Driving action towards the delivery of the 'Deer Management in Ireland – A Framework for Action' (This document is available on the NPWS website);
- Contributing to any review of policy, legislation or other plans or strategies and to contribute on an on-going basis to the development of relevant policies and strategies;
- Fostering partnerships on deer management and conservation within the island of Ireland and the EU.

As the largest game hunting organisation in Ireland, the NARGC has been invited to sit on the IDMF committee. In order to make informed and evidence-based decisions, the NARGC has designed the following questionnaire for its members. We would greatly appreciate if you could take five minutes to complete this survey. Please pass it on to other deer stalkers within your Gun Club. The questionnaire is available on the NARGC website (www.nargc.ie).

Sale of wild venison:

Are you satisfied with the level of regulation surrounding the sale of wild venison in Ireland? Yes No *Please circle*

Further comments:

Education/Training:

Do you feel that further education is required for deer interest groups in Ireland? Yes No *Please circle*

Further comments (e.g. please identify the interest groups):

Agriculture/Forestry:

Are you a landowner? Yes No *Please circle*

If yes, do you have an issue with deer causing damage to agriculture/forestry interests? Yes No *Please circle*

Please describe and note the types of agricultural land/forestry affected?

Illegal hunting:

How frequently does deer poaching occur in your hunting area(s)? *Please rate by circling a number:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Never Occurs			Sometime Occurs				Always Occurs		

Please describe the type of deer poaching (e.g. lamping, use of lurchers, use of deer snares, out of season hunting)?

What affect is poaching having on the deer in your area? *Please rate by circling a number:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No impact			Some impact				Major impact		

Further comments:

Section 42 licenses to control deer:

Do you know whether Section 42 licenses have been granted to manage deer in your area? Yes No Don't know
Please circle

If yes, would you **agree** or **disagree** with the granting of Section 42 licenses for deer in your area? *Please circle*

Further comments:

Enforcement:

What is your view on the level/availability of enforcement to combat illegal hunting in your area? *Please rate:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No enforcement			Some enforcement				Excellent enforcement		

Further comments/examples:

Conflict Hotspots:

What do you perceive to be a 'deer conflict hotspot' (e.g. risk to road users, land use interests, area with poaching)?

Is there is a 'deer conflict hotspot' in your hunting area(s)? Yes No *Please circle*

If yes, please describe?

Deer stalkers within your Gun Club:

How many members (are you aware of) within your Gun Club have licenses to shoot deer? _____

Here is your opportunity to comment further on any matters you feel are important with regard to deer management in Ireland?

NARGC DEER QUESTIONNAIRE - CLOSING DATE: 31ST MAY 2015

POST TO: NARGC, Ferbane Business & Technology Park,
Ballycumber Road, Ferbane, Co. Offaly

EMAIL TO: deer@nargc.ie

All information supplied in this questionnaire is strictly confidential. No names or references to you or your hunting area(s) will appear in any of the research. Please feel free to contact the NARGC if you have any comments or questions regarding this questionnaire. Email: nargc@nargc.ie Phone: 090-6453623.