

Irish Deer Society



- 1 – Deer must be regarded as a National asset and a greater effort be made to disseminate the knowledge of deer.
- 2 – The start of a National Deer Census immediately.
- 3 - Qualifications should be required such as HCAP or equiv. before the granting of a hunting licence.
- 4 - The promotion of ethical hunting and proper deer management methods as required in other European countries.
- 5 - Control of the importation of deer under licence and a chipping system to be put in place.
- 6 - Abuse of Section 42s. Section 42s should only be issued when all other legitimate methods have failed such as proper control and management efforts during the open season
- 7 - Banning the use of lamps for culling deer. The IDS believes that the use of lamps is indiscriminate, unethical and dangerous.
- 8 - Deer management wherever possible should be at local level, locally led and responsive to local conditions.
- 9 - Involvement of existing stakeholders and stakeholder groups is seen as essential.
- 10 – All forest plantations to take into account Best International Practice for wildlife management.