

SUBMISSION TO INTER-AGENCY DEER POLICY GROUP

Timely document, sorely needed. Apart from deer distribution data ought to be sought on (1) Road casualties, perhaps with the NRA or local authorities and/or biology ie. perhaps road safety people could help here ? (2) Parasites, there are introduced warble and nasal bot flies in red deer in Donegal (Sleeman 1979) - if these spread they may cause problems- and there a number of parasites which can cross infected to domestic species (Sleeman 1981, 1983). (3) Diseases, we not only have to think about diseases already known to be present, but also diseases, and indeed parasites, that are likely to have been imported by illegal introduction for example of muntjac. (4) The effects of grazing, or browsing, mammals, is not all negative from a biodiversity point of view, there is some useful work done in Northern Ireland in this area (McEvoy *et al* 2005, McAadam *et al* 2008). (5) There might be a useful study done on localized spread and its drivers for example Sika deer in Waterford. There are 20+ on Little Island, some from a petting farm (Sleeman *et al* 2010).

You might mention how well Sika do around wet habitats ?

Keep at it.

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