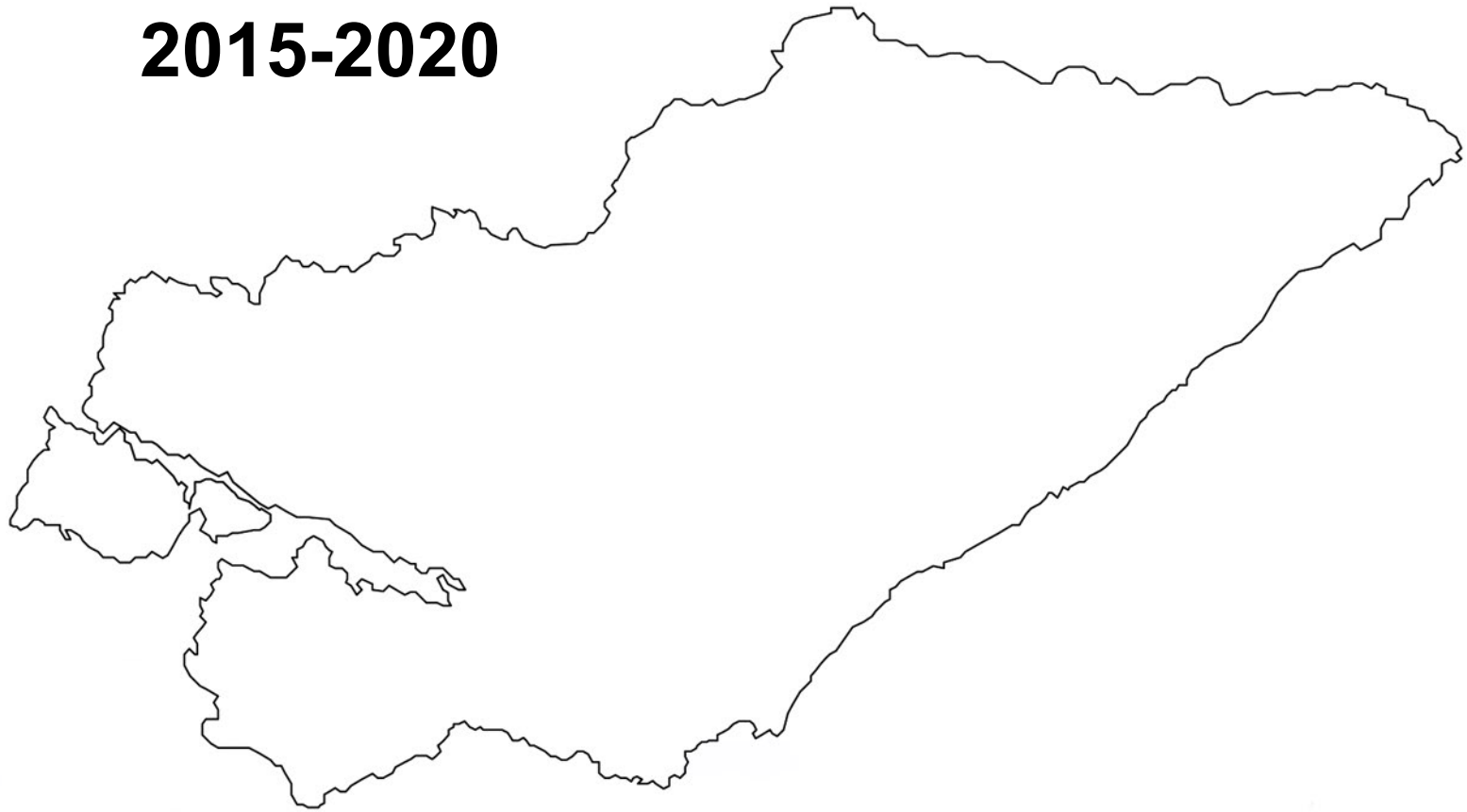


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*Ge moch a dh' èirinn 's a' mhaduinn Chèitein
Bu ghrad a leumadh an treud air falbh.*
['Though I would rise early on the May morning,
Swiftly would the herd start away.']

Donald MacInnes, Moidart, 'A Song to Deer', c.1800

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Summary

1. The Moidart Deer Management Group has drawn up its Deer Management Plan for the period 2015 – 2020.
- 2.&3. The Moidart Deer Management Group is following 6 main policies and has 8 key management objectives.
4. The background and baseline perspectives are outlined.
5. Participation in this plan is being sought and welcomed from all the Moidart landholdings and communities, aiming to represent employment, and residential and recreational interests.
- 6.&7. The human and relevant environmental resources in Moidart are described, as are the focal natural heritage features.
8. A summary is provided of the Habitat Impact Assessment carried out with SNH guidance on dwarf shrub heath and blanket bog habitats. The conclusion from the 2015 exercise was that deer are having a low impact on the heath and bog habitats.
9. The management targets and actions for the 2015 – 2020 period are listed and discussed.
10. The Monitoring and Benchmark Assessment for 'Delivering the Public Interest' is discussed and the mechanisms for implementing and future development of the Deer Management Plan are considered.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 'Moidart' is a peninsula, over 20,000 ha or 200 km², in West Lochaber, bounded by the sea in the west, Loch Shiel in the south and Loch Ailort and Loch Eilt in the north. It contains a number of areas designated for natural heritage features. Landholders in the Moidart peninsula formed a 'deer management' group in 1968 to discuss the welfare and overall numbers of the Red Deer species in the immediate area. The Moidart Deer Management Group [MDMG] has had a continuous history of meetings and consultation since then. The assembling of a new Deer Management Plan [DMP] was recommended and unanimously agreed by the MDMG at their meeting in Glenfinnan on 16 August 2011. The purposes and principles of the MDMG are defined in its Constitution (see APPENDIX 1). This document is the deer management plan for the MDMG for 2015 - 2020.

