

## 6. RESOURCES & AUDIT

6.1 The area of the deer management unit – effectively the Moidart peninsula - is approximately 20,300 ha (or 203 km<sup>2</sup>), including open hill, woodland etc, and including areas of land from which deer are excluded eg. forestry, native woodland, deer-fenced grazing parks, residential areas and gardens. This Table shows some of the quantities of certain habitats:

Landholding	Area in ha	Farmland ha	Woodland: fenced ha	Woodland: unfenced ha	Designated ha SSSI
Inverailort	3668			809	2.5 SSSI
Glenaladale	3888		158	512	36 SSSI
Glenmoidart	3351		38		
Lochshiel	3495	150		15	374 SSSI
Kinlochmoidart	1980	49	42	182	813 SSSI
Roshven Hill	1324	200	150	7	
West Roshven	337				
Glenuig	1372	8	500	50	50 SSSI
Eilean Shona	543				
Shona Beag	99				99 SSSI
Kyleswood	142				
Ardmolich	92		61	31	
Total	20 291	407	888	1575	1 374.5 SSSI

6.2 Apart from the management of Red Deer, other management and business regimes are maintained on Moidart landholdings, for example, forestry, farming, farm tenancies (eg. Dalilea), crofting (eg. townships of Dalnabreac, Mingarry, Moss, Glenuig and Smirisary with common grazings), livestock production and deer farming. Farm livestock includes sheep and cattle on low- ground grazings and summer pasturing on hill land at Dalilea, Cliff, Kinlochmoidart and Roshven, although numbers of stock have been reduced from their historical levels. A reduction in sheep numbers, for example, has followed changing countrywide patterns of hill farming in Scotland and a sub-recent decline in the importance of agriculture within the rural economy of the Highlands. This trend of decline in sheep numbers raises the profile of deer management in the Highlands and also raises its significance for the development of national land use strategies. It is now generally a key part of a mix of activities (including, for example, fishing and provision of hospitality and accommodation) rather than the sole economic activity, but it serves vitally to maintain local employment and contribute to the local economy.





