

Capercaillie Framework

Targeting future management at a landscape scale



Cairngorms
NATIONAL PARK
Pàirc Nàiseanta a' Mhonaidh Ruaidh



Causes of decline...

...disturbance by people and dogs

Disturbance reduces and fragments their habitat and birds can be killed or injured by dogs.

46%

Residents visiting the countryside once a day.

1.5 million

Visitors to the Park each year

52%

Visits to the countryside with a dog



Outdoor pursuits growing in popularity

Recreation Management

- Promote responsible access and dog walking
- Reduce disturbance through path management

26%

Projected rise in population – 2,350 new houses in 20 years.



Development Management

- Develop mitigation around new developments to prevent disturbance and impacts on habitat
- Co-ordinate mitigation at landscape scale

...lack of suitable habitat

Capercaillie avoid woodland 125m either side of well used tracks.

...a wet and cold spring



...predation



...collisions with unmarked fences

Habitat Management

- Create new and improved native woodland expanding and linking suitable habitat
- Fence marking of high risk fences



TAKE CARE
Capercaillie

Awareness, Understanding and Community Engagement

- Highlight importance of the area for capercaillie economically; ecologically; culturally and socially – take pride in the species
- Work with communities to conserve capercaillie