

## **Annex 2: Work of Ranger Services in the National Park ‘at a glance’**

Outputs from 2009/10 work plans for CNPA granted-aided services

### **Welcome to Visitors**

1. *Encouraging and promoting responsible access:* CNPA grant aided rangers provide visitor management on six key sites. Four services work on estates: Balmoral, Glenlivet, Glen Tanar and Rothiemurchus. In addition Angus Glens RS provide visitor management on Glen Doll and Explore Abernethy RS in Nethy Bridge.
2. These services cover an area of 888 sq km (23% of CNP) and provide a welcome to some 580,000 visitors.

### **Raising Understanding and Awareness**

3. *Events and education work raise understanding of the special qualities of the National Park and also promote responsible access.*
  - a) Public Events – 4,112 people attended ranger lead events across CNP.
  - b) Education – 2,460 young people in education spent time with a ranger in CNP working on curriculum projects.
  - c) Volunteering – rangers supported 613 days of volunteering in the CNP.
  - d) Two, week-long Europarc Junior Ranger programmes delivered, one in Deeside and one in Badenoch and Strathspey. (Three in 2010)

### **Conserving and Enhancing**

4. Ranger services help to manage designated sites including Glen Tanar NNR, Abernethy NNR and native pine woods of Rothiemurchus. In addition much of their work is aimed at improving biodiversity. Activity listed below is from two of the eight services, the full list is much more extensive.
  - a) Aspen- raising cuttings
  - b) Salmonids- riparian plantings
  - c) Damselflies/dragonflies- keeping ponds open
  - d) Butterflies- maintaining open glades
  - e) Capercaillie- building brushwood shelters
  - f) Glen Doll Forest Red Squirrel Project
  - g) Angus Squirrel database held for county records
  - h) Tayside Squirrel Forum
  - i) Mink monitoring
  - j) Plant monitoring in Corrie Fee for SNH

## Partnership Working

5. Partnership working is essential to the delivery of rangers work programmes. Key partners in 2009/10 included:
- a) Cairngorms LBAP
  - b) Tayside Squirrel Forum
  - c) Angus Squirrel Group
  - d) Woodland sub group
  - e) Bird of Prey monitoring for Tayside Raptor Study Group
  - f) Upland Path Advisory Group
  - g) East Grampian Deer Management Group
  - h) Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust- assisted project officers with various projects.
  - i) Eco-Schools
  - j) Forestry Commission Scotland
  - k) RSPB
  - l) SNH
  - m) Nethy Bridge Tourist Association
  - n) Glenlivet Community heritage/interpretation project
  - o) Walkers are Welcome community initiative
  - p) Marketing groups; Tomintoul & Glenlivet Highland Holidays / Cairngorms Business Partnership
  - q) Royal Deeside and Cairngorms DMO
  - r) Deeside Access Managers group
  - s) Cairngorms NNR's managers group

### Annex 3: Records of Camping and Irresponsible Behaviour at Invercauld Estate 2010

Date	No of cars	No of tents	No of campervans or caravans	Description of incidents
10-Apr	10	8		
14-Apr				Fence broken for fire
20-Apr				BBQ litter
27-Apr	8	7	1	
01-May	1	1	1	
21-May	24	20	2	
29-May	8	8		
05-Jun	7	7		
12-Jun	18	15		3 abandoned encampments
16-Jun	2	2		
17-Jun	3	3		
19-Jun	16	13	2	
24-Jun	2	2		
27-Jun	16	18	2	No litter
28-Jun	3	3		
03-Jul	5	6		
05-Jul	0	0		
23-Jul	9	11		
24-Jul	13	15		
25-Jul	21	24	3	3 tents abandoned
29-Jul	4	6		
30-Jul	3	3		
31-Jul	9	10		
04-Aug	8	8		
06-Aug	2	2	6	
13-Aug	13	15		
14-Aug	16	17		
15-Aug	14	15		
21-Aug	7	7	3	
28-Aug	8	8	4	
04-Sep	15	15	5	Games Day-there were more tents and vans
11-Sep	3	3		
18-Sep	4	4		
22-Sep	1	1		
29-Sep	1	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>29</b>	

Litter was collected after most weekends and the Estate has amassed a pile that they estimate to be 1–1.5 tonnes in weight.