



Wildlife Estates Label

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Wildlife Estates Label

is a network of exemplary estates that voluntarily agreed to adhere to the philosophy of wildlife management and sustainable land use.



ANNEX 1: Total no. of WE and area covered of WE (ha) per countries



Country	WE (level 2)	covered area (ha)	Charter (level 1)	covered area (ha)
Austria	1	7,000.0	0	0
Belgium	16	17,933.0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	0.0	1	5577
Czech Republic	7	31,643.5	1	38
Denmark	3	6,234.0	0	0
Estonia	1	1,430.0	0	0
Finland	9	29,218.5	0	0
France	6	28,079.0	3	1,790
Germany	5	8,748.0	0	0
Great Britain	1	10,117.0	0	0
Italy	2	445.0	0	0
Ireland	1	1,110.0	0	0
Netherlands	2	5,689.0	0	0
Poland	1	1,043.6	0	0
Portugal	18	45,092.6	0	0
Romania	3	39,253.0	0	0
Spain	88	363,207.4	0	0
Scotland	37	388,680.0	0	0

- No. of WE: 222 (+5 LVL1 estates)
- Area covered by WE: 1,056,754.6 ha
- Biggest estate : 78,971 ha (Spain)
- Smallest estate : 55 ha (Spain)
- Most estates: Spain (88)
- Most hectares: Scotland (388,680 ha)

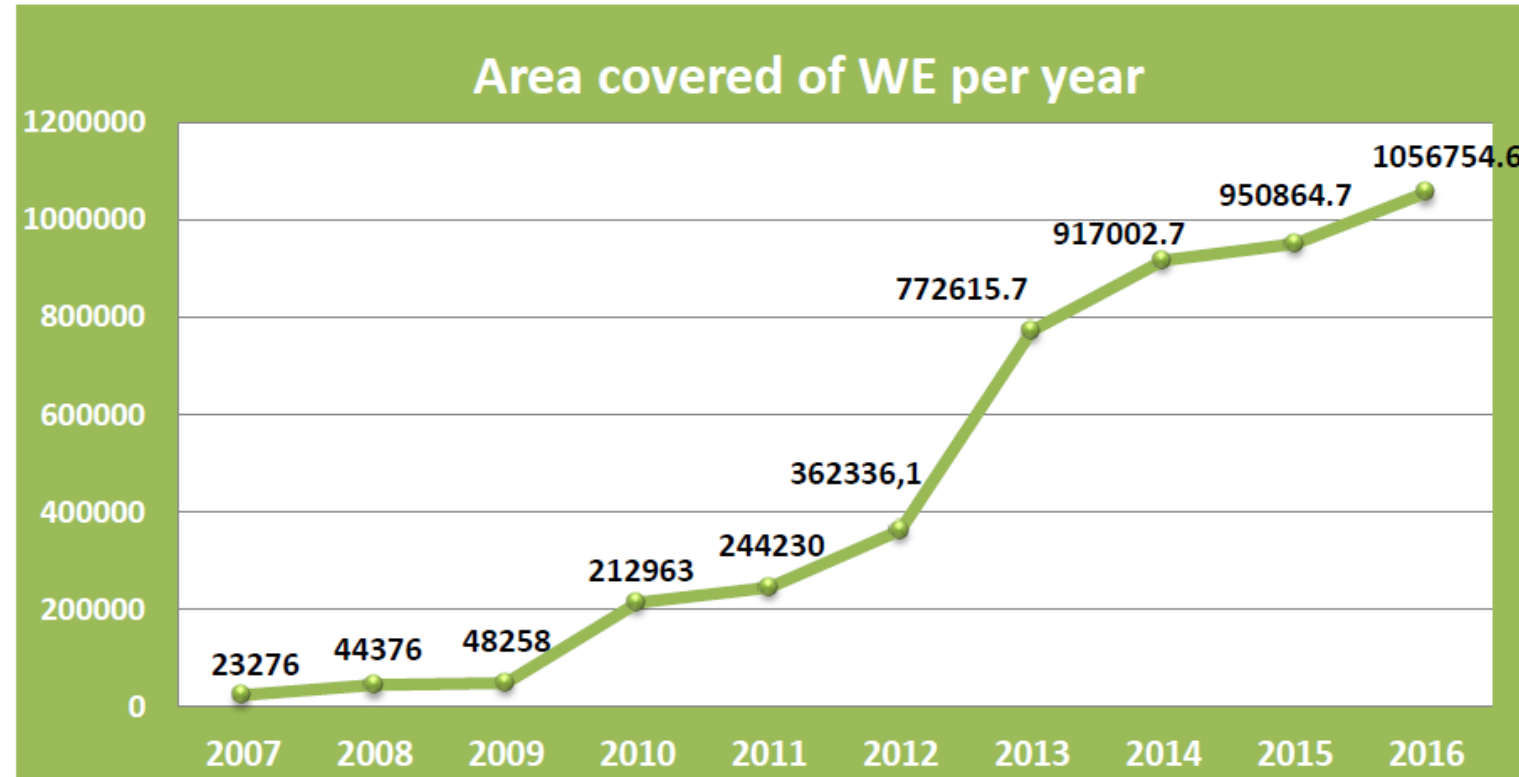


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Annex 2: Evolution of area covered by WE and number of WE between 2007-2016



Evolution of area covered by WE between 2007-2016





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Who can apply?

All estates are welcome to apply. There are no restrictions in term of hectares, location and activity.

How to apply?

There are two levels to be completed by any applicant before they can qualify for the WE Label:

Level 1 is signing the WE Label-Charter; and,

Level 2, which consists of completing the WE Label-Questionnaire.



WE aim

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- **to engage** the private and public sectors in mutual cooperation to halt the loss of biodiversity;
- **to promote**, implement, and share the best contemporary practices in wildlife management to maximize the benefits they deliver;
- **to improve** the political and public perception towards private estate management, and understanding of what economic, environmental, and other public benefits they deliver;
- **to provide** a framework which enables development and promotion of management initiatives that can ensure balance among economic, social and ecological interests;
- **to spread** important information about wildlife management for educational, decision-taking, and policy-making purposes.



Royal estate accredited for outstanding wildlife work

Royal family "thrilled and delighted" as high standards of habitat management at Balmoral receive public recognition

Her Majesty the Queen's Balmoral estate has won Wildlife Estates Scotland (WES) accreditation for the high standards of its game and wildlife management. The assessors were particularly impressed by the Royal Deeds estate's commitment to monitoring and implementing best practice. More than 20 farms and estates have now achieved WES accreditation, which requires applicants to pass through a rigorous application process and demonstrate to independent assessors that they come up to the scheme's high standards of

land management. More than 200 other applicants have become members of the scheme, giving commitments to work towards meeting the standards required for full accreditation. Balmoral's habitat management work is driven by both traditional and more modern motives, alongside red deer stalking, grouse shooting and salmon fishing, parts of the estate have also been designated as Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and are managed accordingly. HRH the Duke of Edinburgh collected the award on behalf of the estate from David Johnson,

chairman of Scottish Land & Estates (SLE). SLE has championed and led the development of the WES scheme since its launch in 2010, with support from Scottish Natural Heritage, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, National Park Authority. Richard Gledson, Balmoral's resident factor, said "We are delighted that the estate has been awarded WES accreditation. It marks the culmination of a long process to ensure Balmoral meets the high standards of the scheme and I am very pleased on behalf of everyone on the estate who has

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WILDLIFE ESTATES SCOTLAND

Wildlife Estates Scotland initiative gathers momentum

Since the last edition of *Country*, the Wildlife Estates Scotland (WES) initiative has been gathering momentum and a number of important developments have been made.

Scottish Land & Estates members will be aware that WES is a national initiative. The European project has been in development for a number of years and is being rolled out across member states including Scotland. The WES label is endorsed by the European Commission's Director General Environment, whose objective is to prevent, preserve and improve the environment for present and future generations.

WES aims to introduce an objective and transparent system to demonstrate how wildlife management undertaken by Scottish land managers in line with the principles of biodiversity conservation can deliver multiple benefits for society and rural communities.

SEMINAR

The WES Steering Group, which comprises of representatives from SPNSA, Scottish Estates Business Group, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Cairngorms National Park Conservation Trust and RSPB Scotland, organised a seminar at Balmoral in March 2011. The aim of the seminar was to provide key stakeholders with detailed information about WES and workshop sessions provided opportunity to comment on the WES Level 2 application form. The Chairman of the WES Industry Board, Robbie Douglas Miller, started the day by providing an introduction to WES and this was followed by SPNSA Chairman, Luke Burrows, giving attendees further information about the European WES initiative. Robbie Douglas Miller then discussed the general principles of WES and the WES Steering Group.

PILOT ESTATES NAMED

The seminar was also an opportunity to name the estates which have agreed to take part in the WES pilot phase. There will be six pilot estates in the Cairngorms National Park area. 1. Abol Estate (145,000 acres) in northern Perthshire is the largest of Scotland's higher profile integrated estates. It has a full range of shooting, stalking and fishing enterprises alongside tourism, forestry and farming, mostly managed in hand. All the typical Highland species are found at Abol and it is renowned for its wildlife management. 2. The Crown Estate at Glenlivet is also a large (50,000

acres) estate and is managed in hand. 3. Edinglassie in Strathclyde Aberdeenshire, is a 15,000-acre privately-owned estate which concentrates on Red grouse management and looking after the wildlife and biodiversity associated with heather moorland. It has extensive areas of juniper with of upland wading birds such as Duns, Golden plover, Lapwing and Red-throated Loon. 4. Abernethy is a 35,000-acre reserve owned by RSPB with management concentrating on native pinewoods, capercaillie and other woodland birds, as well as the Ospreys at Loch-Corrie. However, it also includes heather moorland which is managed traditionally for shooting and deer are managed by culling. 5. Alvie Estate at Kinross is also a large (50,000

Wildlife Estates Conference - Sweden

In order to gain an insight into how other countries are taking forward WES, WES Steering Group members Richard Gledson (Scottish Land & Estates) and Robbie Douglas Miller (WES Industry Board) attended the Wildlife Estates Conference in Sweden. The conference was held at the



SIGN UP TO WES
Scottish Land & Estates encourage members who have not already done so to sign up to WES Level 1. If you require further information about how to do this, please contact Heads of Estates. Signing up to Level 1 implies that you will abide by 19 key commitments which relate to sustainable land management. Scottish Land & Estates will keep members informed as the WES pilot estates progress through the Level 2 application process.

WE ACT FOR BIODIVERSITY 4 new labels in Germany



On the 27th of May in the frame of the FOS GA Tour new WE Labels were awarded by our German national delegation.

The labelled estates are the following:
Land- und Forstbetrieb Rixdorf
Vittinghoff-Schell'sche Betriebe Kalbeck
Bückeberg – Schaumburger Wald
Fürstlich Schaumburg-Lippische Forstverwaltung Steyerling



WILDLIFE ESTATES LABEL WE act for biodiversity

Wildlife Estates honors the first label in Argentina

The WE team visited Argentina, Catamarca Region in January 2016 in order to better understand the local challenges in wildlife management and to meet local champions who are taking up voluntarily the issue of sustainable management in the country.



Konstantin Kostopoulos hands over the WE Label to Mr Lami



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Wildlife Estates Label (WE Label) is a tool for sustainable land use and wildlife management operating according to agreed principles for environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable land management.

Biodiversity is at the heart of the WE Label.

Europe's farmers, foresters, hunters and anglers are indirect producers of wild flora and fauna and provide the foundation for sustainable rural development.

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