



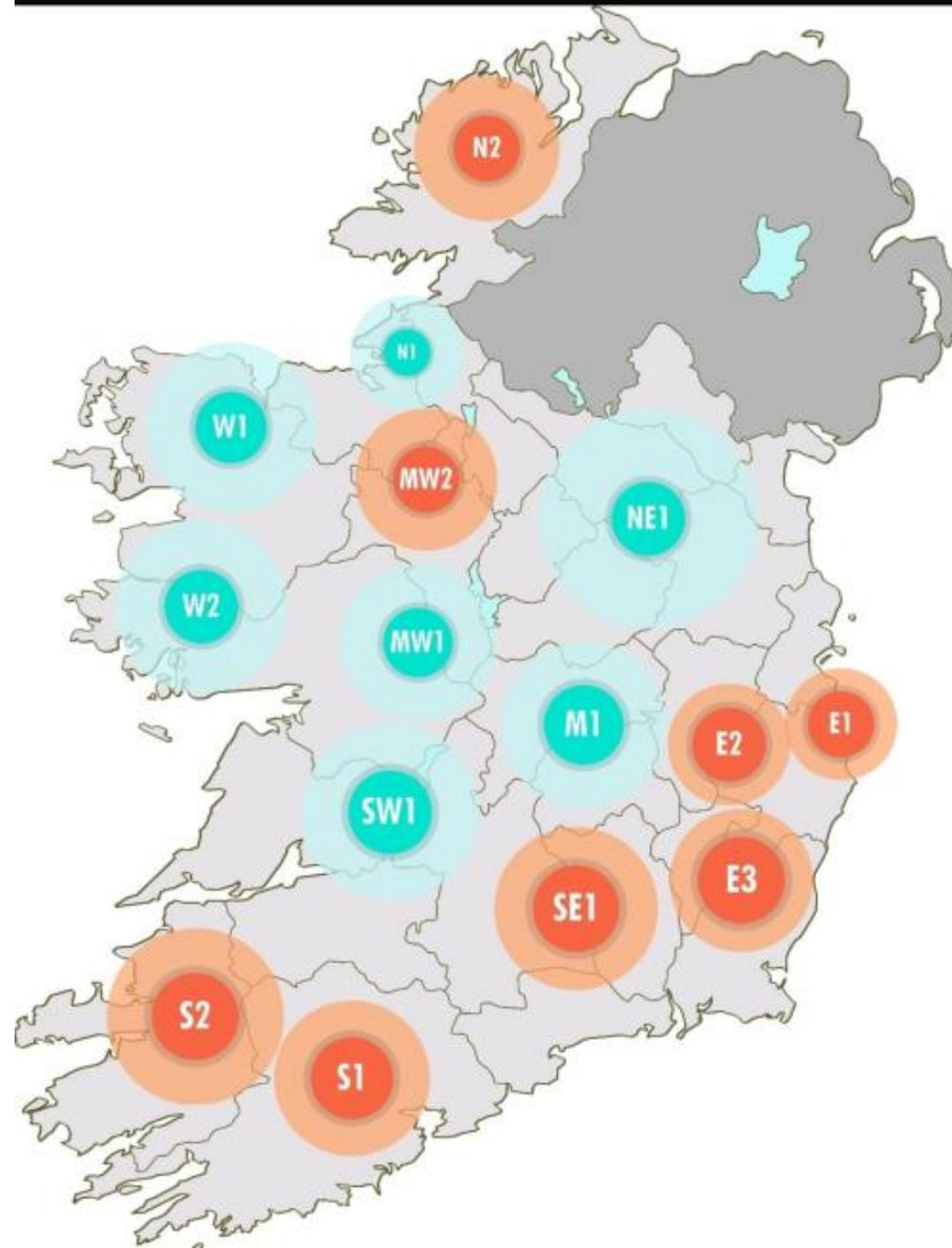
FRS Contract Services



FRS Co-Op, under the guidance of the Irish Deer Management Strategy Group (IDMSG), aim to ensure a sustainable population of wild deer is maintained in Ireland, which achieves balance with the needs of our natural ecosystems, agriculture, forestry and public safety through collaboration and engagement with all stakeholders.

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- FRS Co-Op has been tasked with implementing and delivering a number of the Irish Deer Management Strategy Group recommendations such as setting up deer management units with local coordinators. This follows their selection via a public tender process.
- Landownership rights are unaffected by the implementation of this strategy or by the setting up of DMUs. Landowners will still decide and have the final say on who manages and hunts deer on their land holdings.

Sub Committee Recommendations

Short Term (9 months)

- 1. Appointment of a program manager to set up deer management units with local coordinators
- 2. Program manager, in conjunction with Deer Management Strategy Group, to develop an Implementation Plan
- 3. Set up Deer Management Units, in critical/hot spot areas initially, following on from localised stakeholder meetings
- 4. Revise the deer Open Seasons Order to align with the current dates in Northern Ireland in the first instance
- 5. Investigate the feasibility of establishing a Deer Management Agency and research the best model for such an Agency set up
- 6. Investigate support incentives necessary for national deer management program (including for Venison market)
- 7. Review of changes to Statutory Instruments and current legislation
- 8. Revision of the process of Section 42 licence applications under the Wildlife Acts to ensure consistency of approach

Medium Term

- 1. Review the results of feasibility of setting up a Deer Management Agency
- 2. Secure changes to legislation following review of Wildlife Acts and other deer related legislation
- 3. Monitoring of the impacts (on biodiversity, forestry, farming & road safety) arising from Implementation Plan
- 4. Review Open Seasons Order again as required on foot of 3 above.
- 5. Engage with state bodies to develop a structured deer management policy on State lands
- 6. Phased certification for all hunters over next 3-5 years
- 7. The integration of a deer management module into agricultural, forestry, land management & environmental training courses
- 8. Review of forest design and scheme specifications in relation to deer management