

# Woodland Habitat Impact (WHIAlite) Assessment Record



Surveyor..... Date ..... Sheet No/No ..... / .....

Wood name..... Address .....

OS Reference ..... Owner .....

Site designation, if any ..... Whole area.....Ha. No. of 'stops' needed .....

Indicator impacted at each 'stop': for 8 sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	overall
Seedlings/saplings (hard conifers, birch & alder)									
Seedlings/saplings (other more palatable species)									
Lower shoots (hard conifers, birch & alder)									
Lower shoots (other more palatable species)									
Ground vegetation indicators									

Additional relevant notes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Evidence of other herbivores?								
Condition of fencing, Good, Mixed, Bad, Not Present								
Canopy Closure, include bracken, 0-100%								
Purpose of area at site*								
Impact of current or recent weather?								
What time period needed for next assessment?								

\*Amenity or Conservation, AC. Designated, D. Natural Regeneration, NR, Commercial, C. Shelter / Grazing, SG.

Table 1: Number of 'stops' per woodland

<5Ha	2 'stops'	5-10Ha	3 'stops'	10-30Ha	5 'stops'	30+Ha	8 'stops'
<b>Score</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Damage description and extent</b>					
Very High	VH	Extreme damage. All plants intensively damaged					
High	H	More than 75% of last year's growth of seedlings, saplings & lower shoots removed, or, more than 75% of Ground Vegetation shoots browsed. Browsing easy to find and looks severe					
Medium	M	Between 25% -75% of last year's growth of seedlings, saplings & lower shoots removed, or, between 25% - 75% of Ground Vegetation shoots browsed. Browsing easy to find and looks significant					
Low	L	Less than 25% of last year's growth of seedlings, saplings & lower shoots removed, or, less than 25% of Ground Vegetation shoots browsed. Browsing not easy to find and looks insignificant					
No Impact	NI	No damage evident					
N/A	N/A	No indicator present					

Field sheet

<b>Stop Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Grid Ref.</b>
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Impact > Indicator V	High or Very High		Medium		Low or No Impact	
	Unpalatable	Palatable	Unpalatable	Palatable	Unpalatable	Palatable
Seedlings/ Saplings (trees <2m tall)	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: >25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Other trees: >75% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: <25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing <sup>1</sup>	Other trees: 25-75% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: no browsing visible	Other trees: <25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing
Lower shoots (on trees >2m tall)	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: >25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Other trees: >75% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: <25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing <sup>1</sup>	Other trees: 25-75% of last full year's growth removed by browsing	Hard conifers, Birch & Alder: None of last year's growth on lower shoots browsed	Other trees: <25% of last full year's growth removed by browsing
Ground vegetation Blaeberry, Bramble, Bog myrtle, Hard fern & Raspberry	>75% of shoots browsed		25-75% of shoots browsed		<25% of shoots browsed	

<sup>1</sup> Note that Sitka spruce is so unpalatable that any sign of browsing is likely to indicate high impact