

NE Contractor Compliance Monitoring of TB Badger Cull Licence

Licence No:	██████████	Area Name:	Somerset
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Wildlife Adviser:	██████████	Date:	2/10/13
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Support Adviser: (if applicable)	n/a	Monitoring type:(tel./visit)	Cage trap morning visit
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Cull start date:	26/8/13	End date:	6/10/13
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Visit start time:	7am	Finish time*:	9.00am
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**Note in Additional Notes if Advisers left visit before Contractors finished.*

1. Persons interviewed:

For site visits, include 'assistants'.

Name	Role	Trained? (give place and date)	Telephone number
██████████	██████	Yes	██████████
██████████	Assistant (participant / father in law	No	" "

2. Site Details:

Site(s) (or part) visited during assessment or, if telephone monitoring, those contractor visited on most recent culling operation.

Farm/Site Name	Participant Number	Number of Active Setts present	Number of bait points	Number of setts trapped
Unknown	██████████ possibly 2 other holdings	2 on participants farm	19 traps out in total	6 traps currently set to trap at time of visit

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Total number of participants that contractor is working for.

3. Statutory designated sites:

Refer to Licence Annex (B) for details of constraints.

Protected Sites present (SSSI; SPA; SAC; NNR)	Constraints applicable to present operation?	Constraints complied with?
n/a		

4. Other constraints:

Type of constraint (e.g. RoW; House; LNR; Vaccination)	Constraints applicable to present operation?	Constraints complied with?
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5. Type of Operation (tick box):

Cage trapping and shooting	(✓)
Controlled Shooting at Bait Point (Rifle and Spotlight)	
Controlled Shooting at Bait Point (Rifle and Night Vision equipment)	
Controlled Shooting at Bait Point (Shotgun and Spotlight)	
Controlled Shooting free ranging (Rifle and Spotlight)	

6. Site control history:

Is this the first/second/etc visit to the site(s):	No
How many badgers have already been culled at the site(s) if previously visited:	26 in total over all holdings allocated
How many visits are planned to the site(s):	Every day to check traps
How many other site(s) are being done by this contractor:	██████████ and possibly 2 other holdings including ██████████

7. Equipment and Methodology:

Cage trapping and despatch	
Trap specification: Size = 100cm length (20 squares) x 35cm width & height (7 squares) Stringing method = 3-ply twine triangle or 3-ply twine + stone (rounded stone) or 3-ply twine+wire+stone (2mm dia wire)	Traps all standard size & construction. Stringing method was the triangle method.
Nos of traps deployed	Has 19 but 6 currently live
Pre-baiting period	Not questioned, every day
Shotgun to be used (12-bore/gauge Over & Under/Side-by-Side/Semi-Auto/Single-Barrelled with frangible ammunition only):NB – no frangible ammo produced for 20-bore & .410 non-compliant	Shotgun not checked. Buddy was checking the traps as contractor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Another contractor would have been called in if any badgers had been caught.
Traps checked in time: As soon as practicable after dawn and, in any case, not later than 12.00 noon.	Traps checked 7.30-8.30am
Controlled shooting	
Dogs – No dog(s) permitted to track badger unleashed or enter badger setts:	n/a
Rifle used, bullet weight and type (min .22cf; 1000ftlb; 50gr): Bullet type e.g. hollow-point, soft-nosed, ballistic tip; factory ammo or home-load. Sound Moderator fitted (not a requirement)? Compliant calibres - .222 Remington; .223 Rem.; 22-250 Rem.; .220 Swift; .243 Winchester; 6mm PPC; 25-06 Rem.; 6.5x55mm (or x54mm or x57mm); .270 Win.; 7x57mm; 7mm;.308 Win; .30-06 and .300. (larger calibres would also be compliant but are unlikely to be used). Non-compliant calibres - .204 Ruger; .20 Vartag; .20 TAC; .22 Hornet and .221 Rem.	n/a
Shotgun used (12-bore over & under, side-by-side, single-barrelled or semi-automatic with Full/ ¾ / ½ Choke using BB or AAA shot) Only permitted for shooting over bait points at a range of no more than 10 metres.	n/a
Night vision rifle scope should be Generation 2+ or digital equivalent with suitable IR (onboard or external) (give make and model if possible):	n/a
Night vision spotting scope no spec	n/a

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restriction but must have IR (onboard or external) – give make and model if possible	
Spotlight (candlepower) /Binoculars: – spotlight candlepower should be 250,000+ and binos should have magnifications in range 7x to 10x and objective lens diameter from 40mm to 50mm.	n/a
Bait Point(s) (if applicable) at least 30m from nearest badger sett:	n/a
Bait Point(s) (if applicable) far enough from other cover to prevent escape of injured animal:	n/a
Bait Point(s) shooting position(s) suitable: (<70m for rifles using NV, <70m for rifles using spotlight and <10m for shotguns)	n/a
Shooting/Bait Point location safe: (e.g. w.r.t. Rights of Way, Roads, Livestock etc.)	n/a
Relevant mitigation taken in relation to adjacent vaccinated land etc. (if applicable):	n/a
Relevant steps taken in relation to any other hazards on site (if applicable):	n/a

8. Taking the shot:

How many badgers shot at during monitored session & how many killed?:	0
Shot(s) taken safely and within range?: (<70m spotlight; <70m NV)	n/a
Time first shot of monitored session taken:	n/a
Time last shot of monitored session taken:	n/a
Circumstances of shot(s): (e.g. more than one badger present; animal at bait point/moving; animal broadside to shooter etc.)	n/a
Animal(s) at least 25m from nearest sett: (for first shot; if a second shot is necessary this may need to be closer to a sett).	n/a
Reaction of each animal to shot: (e.g. fell on spot; jumped forward and dropped, ran	n/a

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Xm then dropped; jumped in air, hunched up, ran off etc.).	
Shot placement in specified target area. If not, where was shot placement?:	n/a
Second shot(s) necessary:	n/a

9. Carcase inspection and handling:

Proper confirmation of death: (shot in target area; no rhythmic breathing; no eye movement/ blink reflex; eye wide open/pupil dilated; no large muscle spasms).	n/a
Reflex reaction checked:	n/a
Carcase double-bagged: (in heavy duty PVC sacks).	n/a
Disposable gloves used: (and properly disposed of – e.g. in outer bag).	n/a
Bag(s) properly labelled: (incl. Contractor Number; Badger Number; location; date; map ref).	n/a
Blood and carcase debris bagged with badger or buried/covered over:	n/a

10. H&S and Biosecurity:

Are contractors wearing appropriate protective clothing?:	No
Are approved disinfectants being used correctly and according to the best practice guidance?:	No
Is all equipment disinfected following the best practice guidance, before leaving the farm?:	No

11. Results of culling at this/these site(s):

Total number of badgers seen during monitored session: Including those not shot at.	0
Number of badgers shot and killed in monitored session:	0

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Number of badgers shot and wounded (i.e. lost) in monitored session:	0
Total number of badgers shot and killed at this/these site(s):	0
Total number of badgers shot and wounded (i.e. lost) at this/these site(s):	0
Non-target species shot/injured:	0 (a brace of pheasants were caught in one trap, released unharmed)

12. Overall Assessment of licensed action:

Have the Contractor and assistant(s) complied with the Badger Control Licence and relevant Class Licence(s):	Yes in the main
If they have not complied in any way, give details:	No disinfectant used.
Have any problems been identified that need further investigation – give details:	n/a
Any advice/guidance given during monitoring to ensure compliance:	n/a
Any further recommended action:	None
Additional Notes (e.g. demonstrator activity etc.):	No demonstrator activity