

Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards: Questionnaire and Evidence Gathering exercise

Background

The aim of the Agreement on Human trapping standards (AIHTS) is to ensure a sufficient level of welfare of trapped animals, and to further improve this welfare. The agreement covers trapping of animals for fur, skin or meat, conservation, pest control and general wildlife management purposes.

All traps designed to kill or restrain are covered by AIHTS, including cage traps, and snares (however, none of the species relevant to the UK are trapped using snares).

AIHTS covers a range of species commonly trapped outside the UK for commercial purposes, five of which occur in the wild in the UK:

- European Badger, *Meles meles*
- European Beaver, *Castor fiber*
- European Otter, *Lutra lutra*
- Pine Marten, *Martes martes*
- Stoat, *Mustela erminea*

Of these only the stoat is regularly and widely trapped in the UK and it is the only species for which lethal traps are commonly used. The other species are fully protected and less frequently trapped, using non-lethal traps under licence for conservation, disease control or damage prevention purposes.

This consultation sets out proposals for how the AIHTS will be implemented in the UK in order to improve the welfare of certain trapped animals and also to gather information on the supply, use and marking of traps to better inform our impact assessment.

This consultation is in line with the Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ONLY ONCE.

Confidentiality

Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarize all responses and place this summary on our website at:

www.gov.uk/defra.

This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Would you like your response to be confidential?

Yes No

If you answered Yes to this question please give your reason.

About yourself

Question 1: What is your name?

Question 2: What is your email/postal address?

Question 3: Are you responding on behalf of a group or organisation, business (e.g. estate, farm, pest control, manufacturing, retail etc.) or responding as an individual?

Group/Organisation	<input type="radio"/>	Group/organisation name	Number of members represented	
Business	<input type="radio"/>	Business type (please specify)	Number of members represented	
Individual	<input type="radio"/>			

Question 4: Where do you undertake **most** of your trapping/manufacturing/retail activity?
Choose only one answer.

Country	Trap	Manu	Reta
England	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wales	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scotland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northern Ireland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question 5: What is your profession? Can tick more than one box

Gamekeeper	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pest Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Government Pest Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retailer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 6: Are you a member of or affiliated to any organisations associated with shooting, pest control or conservation?

Yes No

If so please state name of organisation(s):

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Consultation Questions

1. Implementing the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for implementing the licensing/prohibition requirements of AIHTS?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 2: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for live capture traps?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 3: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for lethal traps?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 4: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the training requirements?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 5: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the trap marking requirements?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the provision of trap instructions requirements?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 7: Do you agree or disagree with the approach undertaken in the impact assessment?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.

Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with the conclusions of the impact assessment?

Agree Disagree Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any supporting evidence.

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2. Evidence Gathering

Question 9: What **additional** costs may be incurred by you or those you represent as a result of implementing the AIHTS requirements for manufacturers? (For example, include costs incurred in relation to the alteration of designs and instructions and provision of suitable identification).

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Please quantify additional costs in £	
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Question 10: What **additional** training costs may be incurred by you or those you represent as a result of implementing the AIHTS?

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Please quantify additional cost in £	
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Question 11: Which make and models of stoat trap and how many do you or those you represent use?

Make and model	Number used
BMI Magnum 110	
BMI Magnum 116	
Conibear 110-2	
Conibear 120-2	
DOC 150	
DOC 200	
DOC 250	
Fenn MK I	
Fenn MK II	
Fenn MK III	
Fenn MKIV	
Fenn MKVI	
Goodnature A24	
Imbra MKI	
Imbra MKII	
Juby	
Kania Trap 2000	
Kania Trap 2500	
Lloyd	
Payne MK 1	
Sawyer	
Solway MK4	
Solway MK6	
Springer No. 4	
Springer No. 6	
WCS Tube Trap	
Cage-trap	
Other (please specify)	
Other (please specify)	

Question 13: How often in years do you or those you represent replace a particular make and model of trap (how long is its working life)?

Please **do not** include traps that YOU or those you represent have but no longer use.

Make and model	Working Life of Trap
BMI Magnum 110	
BMI Magnum 116	
Conibear 110-2	
Conibear 120-2	
DOC 150	
DOC 200	
DOC 250	
Fenn MK I	
Fenn MK II	
Fenn MK III	
Fenn MKIV	
Fenn MKVI	
Goodnature A24	
Imbra MKI	
Imbra MKII	
Juby	
Kania Trap 2000	
Kania Trap 2500	
Lloyd	
Payne MK 1	
Sawyer	
Solway MK4	
Solway MK6	
Springer No. 4	
Springer No. 6	
WCS Tube Trap	
Cage-trap	
Other (please specify)	
Other (please specify)	

The purpose of the following questions is to estimate the average numbers of animals (other than stoat – see Q12) listed on AIHTS that are trapped each year and identify the traps used. Those species not ordinarily resident in the UK may be held in captivity and occasionally require trapping.

Question 14: Roughly how many of each AIHTS species other than stoat have you or those you represent caught in the last year?

Question 15: What make and model of trap did you use?

Common Name	Species	Q14 Number caught	Q15 Make & model
Badger (European)	<i>Meles meles</i>		
Badger (North American)	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>		
Beaver (European)	<i>Castor fiber</i>		
Beaver (North American)	<i>Castor canadensis</i>		
Bobcat	<i>Felix rufus</i>		
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>		
Fisher	<i>Martes pennanti</i>		
Lynx (European)	<i>Lynx lynx</i>		
Lynx (North American)	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>		
Marten (American)	<i>Martes americana</i>		
Marten (Pine)	<i>Martes martes</i>		
Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>		
Otter (European)	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		
Otter (North American)	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>		
Racoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>		
Racoon dog	<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>		
Sable	<i>Martes zibellina</i>		
Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>		
None of the species listed			

Question 19: How do you buy your traps? (can tick more than one box)

UK retailer direct (store)	<input type="checkbox"/>
UK retailer direct (catalogue or online)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas direct (catalogue or online)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marketplace (Amazon, eBay etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
N/A (make your own)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 20: How much do you estimate you have spent in £ on traps in the last year?

Please specify in £	<input type="text"/>
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Question 21: Any other comments you wish to make, relevant to your use of traps against the species concerned.