

ACTION

1. Policy & Legislation.	Lead	Partners	2003	2004	2005	2010	Meets Objective
1.1. Ensure that the National and Local Priority Core Red Squirrel Zones are incorporated into the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Local Forestry Strategy and The Stirling Council Area Indicative Forestry Strategy.	SC, LL&TNP	CSSG	*	*			1
1.2. Liaise with adjoining Council areas to ensure that the various forestry policies for National and Local Priority Core Red Squirrel Zones are compatible.	SC, CSSG	FC	*	*	*	*	1
2. Site and Species Safeguard & Management.							
2.1. Set up a Central Scotland Red Squirrel Group (including a representative from North Lanarkshire).	WWG	SWT, C	*				1
2.2. Identify National and Local Priority Core Red Squirrel Zones.	CSSG	SWT, FE, SNH, CARSE	*				1
2.3. Promote positive red squirrel management for woods identified as National and Local Priority.	CSSG	LO, FM, FC, SNH		*	*	*	1
2.4. Create a database of forestry owners/ managers with Red Squirrels on their property.	CSSG	SC, SWT, FC, FE, CARSE		*	*		1
2.5. Identify SSSI's where red squirrels are present, using existing file records.	SNH	CARSE	*				1
2.6. Where appropriate include positive management for red squirrels in SSSI and Natura sites management agreements.	SNH	LO, FM.		*	*	*	1
2.7. Identify any road accident black spots for red squirrels in the Stirling Council Area. Use mitigation measures to minimise the risk to red squirrels.	CSSG	SC		*	*	*	1

3. Advisory.	Lead	Partners	2003	2004	2005	2010	Meets Objective
3.1. Provide advice on positive management for red squirrels.	FC	CSLNW, SNH, SWT, UKRSG.	*	*	*	*	1
3.2. Ensure that woods, with red squirrels present, being put forward for felling, new planting or WGS have positive and appropriate management for this species included in the management prescriptions.	FC	LO, FM.	*	*	*	*	1
4. Research & Monitoring.							
4.1. Compile a red and grey squirrel distribution map from the most current sources and distribute for comment.	CSSG	CARSE	*				1
4.2. Maintain existing red and grey squirrel recording.	CARSE		*	*	*	*	1
5. Communications & Publicity.							
5.1. Use the red squirrel as a flagship species for the Planted Coniferous Forest and Pinewood HAPs.	WWG		*	*	*	*	1
5.2. Run a half-day red squirrel identification course for foresters, landowners and squirrel recorders.	CSSG	FC		*			1
5.3. Run events celebrate the red squirrel and its habitat.	Rangers		*	*	*	*	1
6. Plan Monitoring.							
6.1. Monitor and review this plan in general annually and in depth every 5 years.	WWG		*	*	*	*	1

Abbreviations.

C Councils.
CARSE Central Area Recording Systems for the Environment.
CSSG Central Scotland Squirrel Group

FC	Forestry Commission.
FE	Forest Enterprise (Cowal and Trossachs and Scottish Lowlands Forest District).
FM	Forest Managers.
LL&TNP	Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.
LO	Land Owners.
Rangers-	Stirling Council and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Ranger Services.
SC	Stirling Council.
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage.
WWG	Woodland Working Group.