

### Mink Raft Diary - EXAMPLE

Please complete this form each time you deploy and check a raft. If you have more than one raft, please use a different form for each one. In addition, please use the *mink cull record* sheet to record traps in operation and any mink killed.

Important: to demonstrate the value of your effort and to improve conservation knowledge, BASC needs to share the information you provide with conservation partners. We will not share any personal data. Many thanks for volunteering.

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Grid reference (put in first row only unless you move the raft)	Date raft deployed	Dates checked	Date removed	MINK SIGNS FOUND - please tick				Comments - water vole signs etc
				Tracks on clay	Scats	Sighting	None	
SJ635569	13/10/2016	20/10/2016						
		04/11/2016		✓				
		08/11/2016					✓	
		22/11/2016	22/11/2016				✓	
	07/01/2017	14/01/2017					✓	
		01/02/2017					✓	

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I placed a raft on 13 October and recorded its location giving a grid reference and note the date deployed. (<http://gridreferencefinder.com> is a good site to find a grid reference by picking from a map).

I checked it on the 20 October to find no mink tracks. To save space on the form I put this on the same row by completing **Dates checked** and then tick **None** on the **Mink signs** found.

I checked it again on 4, 8 and 22 of November, so I use a new row to record these visits and what was found. On the 4th, there were tracks on the pad so I record this (and set a trap which is recorded on the **Mink cull record sheet**). Finally, I am expecting heavy rain and the risk of flooding so I take the raft away on the 22nd, therefore I fill in the Date **Removed column**.

When I redeploy the raft I do not change the location and so I can just enter the date deployed and carry on as before.

**Mink cull record sheet - EXAMPLE**

This form is designed to record mink culled and the effort you put into doing it. If using a trap, you need to complete the *Trapping* columns and the *Mink detail* columns only. If you used general shooting then you only need to complete the *Other methods* columns and the *Mink details* columns.

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1) Select the method of culling – complete either the **trapping** or **other methods** column. Then move on to the **mink details** columns.

2) **Mink details** columns - complete regardless of whether trapped, shot or other. Please use one row for each mink culled even if on the same day.

Location (either raft number that it sits on or bankside grid reference)	Trapping		Other methods			Mink caught/shot				Comments - water vole signs etc.
	Trapping period (we know it will be checked daily so start and end dates only)		Location grid ref	General shooting (tick)	Other (tick)	DATE	Sex (M/F)	Adult (tick)	Juvenile (tick)	
	START (trap deployed)	END (trap removed)								
1	04/11/2016	08/11/2016				05/11/2016	M	✓		
						06/11/2016	F	✓		
			SN998456	✓		07/11/2016	M	✓		07/11/2016
SJ336512	02/12/2016	05/12/2016				03/12/2016	F	✓		

**Example one** - Mink tracks have been found on one of three rafts I use (I have recorded this on a separate *Mink Raft Diary* form). Therefore, I set a trap on the raft and caught two mink in the next few days. So I start off in the *Trapping* columns, putting the number of the raft in the location column then the dates deployed and removed all on one line. Then I skip the *Other* column and enter the two mink culled in the *Mink details* columns on their own rows.

**Example two** - I just happened to see a mink when out with my shotgun on the 7 November and shot it. So I completed **Other methods** columns and the *Mink details* columns.

**Example three** - I've found a mink run under a bridge and I set a bankside trap. I completed the *Trapping* columns giving the national grid reference (<http://gridreferencefinder.com/> is a good site to use to work these out) and then go to the *Mink details* columns.