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13th September 2017

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thoroughness and extent of badger cull operations

Further to my email dated 4th September which requested tables showing badgers culled each day in 2016 in each of the 10 zones, please send to me the following information for England. Please state all areas in square kilometres and send all information in tables.

DAILY CULL OF BADGERS

Please send to me for each year and zone over which badgers have either been trapped or shot in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

- a. The year.
- b. The name given to the cull zone. (In 2016 this was given by the name of the county followed by a number.)
- c. The day's date on which the badger cull took place.
- d. The number of badgers trapped/shot on that day in that zone.

AREA OVER WHICH NO BADGERS WERE TRAPPED/SHOT

Please send to me for each year and zone over which badgers have either been trapped or shot in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

- A. The year.
- B. The name given to the cull zone.
- C. The total area of polygons in which no badger was trapped/shot. This may be determined by summing the number of badgers trapped/shot in each polygon over all days badgers were trapped/shot in that year and zone.
- D. The total area covered by polyons in that zone.
- E. The percentage of polygon area over which no badgers were trapped/shot in that zone

over all days badgers were trapped/shot in that zone and year.(This should equal the value of Item C divided by the value of Item D multiplied by 100)

    F. The total number of badgers collected but not included in the count of badgers trapped/shot in that zone and year.

If there is no issue, I will prefer you to use accessible areas rather than treatment areas when calculating the areas in Items C and D listed above. Please see your response to Request No RFI 3224 for definition of these two types of area.

PROPORTION OF TREATED AREA WHICH WAS ACCESSIBLE

Please send to me for each year in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

    i. The year.
    ii. The name given to the cull zone.
    iii. The total accessible area in that zone.
    iv. The total treatment area in that zone.
    v. The percentage of treatment area in that zone which was accessible. (This should be equal to Item iii divided by Item iv multiplied by 100.)

PROPORTION OF HIGH RISK AREA WHICH WAS TREATED

Please send to me for each year in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

    I. The year.
    II. The total treatment area over all zones.
    III. The total High Risk Area.
    IV. The percentage of High Risk Area which was treated. (This should be equal to Item II divided by Item III multiplied by 100.)

Obviously if you require further information, spot anything which makes no sense, or need

clarification on any matter, please let me know.

Thank you,

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