**COMMUNITY SURVEY ON FERAL DEER EXPERIENCE**

The information from this survey will be used to aid feral deer management projects.

Please provide your name and contact details. Not obligatory.

What is your gender?

* Male
* Female
* Other

What is your age?

* Below 18
* 18-24
* 25-39
* 40-54
* 55-69
* Above 70

Where is your property? Not obligatory.

How long have you lived at your current residence?

* 0-2 years
* 2-5 years
* 5-10 years
* More than 10 years

Which best describes the property on which you live?

* Half acre or less
* Between 0.6 and 1.5 acres
* Between 1.6 and 3 acres
* Between 3.1 and 5 acres
* Between 5-10 acres
* Between 11-20 acres
* More than 20 acres

On average how often do you see deer on your property?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 deer | 1-5 deer | 6-10 deer | 11-20 deer | 21-30 deer | 31+ deer |
| Daily |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yearly |  |  |  |  |  |  |

On average how often do you see deer in your neighbourhood?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 deer | 1-5 deer | 6-10 deer | 11-20 deer | 21-30 deer | 31+ deer |
| Daily |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yearly |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Which of the following statement best expresses your opinion about the number of deer in your neighbourhood?

* The number of deer is just about right
* There are too many deer
* There are not enough deer
* I have no opinion about the number of deer
* None of the above. Please explain.

What environments do you see deer in your community? Please describe.

Please indicate how concerned you are with the following

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not concerned | Slightly concerned | Moderately concerned | Very concerned |
| Deer-vehicle collisions |  |  |  |  |
| Deer damage to ornamental gardens |  |  |  |  |
| Deer damage to vegetable gardens |  |  |  |  |
| Deer health and wellbeing |  |  |  |  |
| Deer aggression |  |  |  |  |
| Transmission of disease  Deer damage to crops  Deer damage to pasture  Deer damage to plantations |  |  |  |  |
| Deer damage to biodiversity and the ecosystem |  |  |  |  |
| Other. Please explain. |  |  |  |  |

In the last three years, have you experienced any of the following deer damage to your property? Is so, please indicate the degree of the damage.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | None | Minimal | Moderate | Severe |
| Shrubs/trees |  |  |  |  |
| Fruit-bearing trees |  |  |  |  |
| Flowers and ornamentals |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetables  Crops  Pasture  Plantations |  |  |  |  |
| Other.  Please explain. |  |  |  |  |

In the last three years, have you used any of the following methods to protect your property from deer damage? Check all that apply.

* Fencing, netting or screening
* Deer-resistance plants
* Repellents
* Scare-devices (motion-sensor lights, sprinklers, etc.)
* Hunting by family, friends, staff or volunteers
* Hunting by contractors
* Hunting by commercial harvestors
* Collaborated in a community deer control program
* I have not used any methods to protect my property from deer damage
* Other – please explain.

Approximately how much money have you spent over the last three years to address deer damage on your property?

* $0
* $1-100
* $101-500
* $501-1000
* $1001-2000
* $2001-3000
* $3001-4000
* $4001 or more
* other, specify

In the last three years, were you involved in a deer-vehicle collision or near miss?

What would you consider to be evidence of a successful deer management program?

* Fewer deer
* Reduced number of deer-vehicle collisions
* Decreased ecosystem damage
* Reduced number of deer in the community
* Reduced loss of garden food
* Reduced loss of ornamental landscaping
* Reduced number of resident complaints
* Reduced crop damage
* Reduced pasture damage
* Reduced plantation damage
* No management needed
* Other. Please explain.

What approach to deer management do you prefer?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly oppose | Oppose | Neutral | Support | Strongly support |
| Do nothing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public education |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deer-resistant plants |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fencing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repellents, scaring devices |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trap and euthanize |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreational hunting |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contract shooting |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial harvester  Aerial culling  Community-led coordinated deer control across all properties in the area.  Use of carcasses  Baiting (no bait currently registered) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sterilisation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other. Please specify |  |  |  |  |  |

Any other comments? E.g., what is your personal experience with deer?