



## FORESTRY GRANT SCHEME

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT SCOTLAND'S RED SQUIRRELS

**Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels is working to ensure red squirrels continue to be a part of Scotland's special native wildlife.**

With the help of partners, landowners and local volunteers, the project is monitoring squirrel numbers across Scotland, managing the impact of squirrelpox and helping to combat the spread of grey squirrels in key areas.

Our efforts are making a difference — in many of our project areas, red squirrels are already making a comeback.

We rely on the support of Scotland's landowners to help us manage grey squirrel populations in our target areas. We're thinking big: our aim is to build landscape-scale networks of landowners and volunteers who will help ensure Scotland's red squirrels are fully protected.

## Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) funding for grey squirrel control is open to landowners in the priority areas identified in the Scottish Red Squirrel Strategy.

Qualifying applicants are entitled to £200 per trap per year, for a period of five years, to support the labour costs for effective grey squirrel control. This includes the setting and monitoring of traps, the humane dispatch of live animals, recording and submitting data.

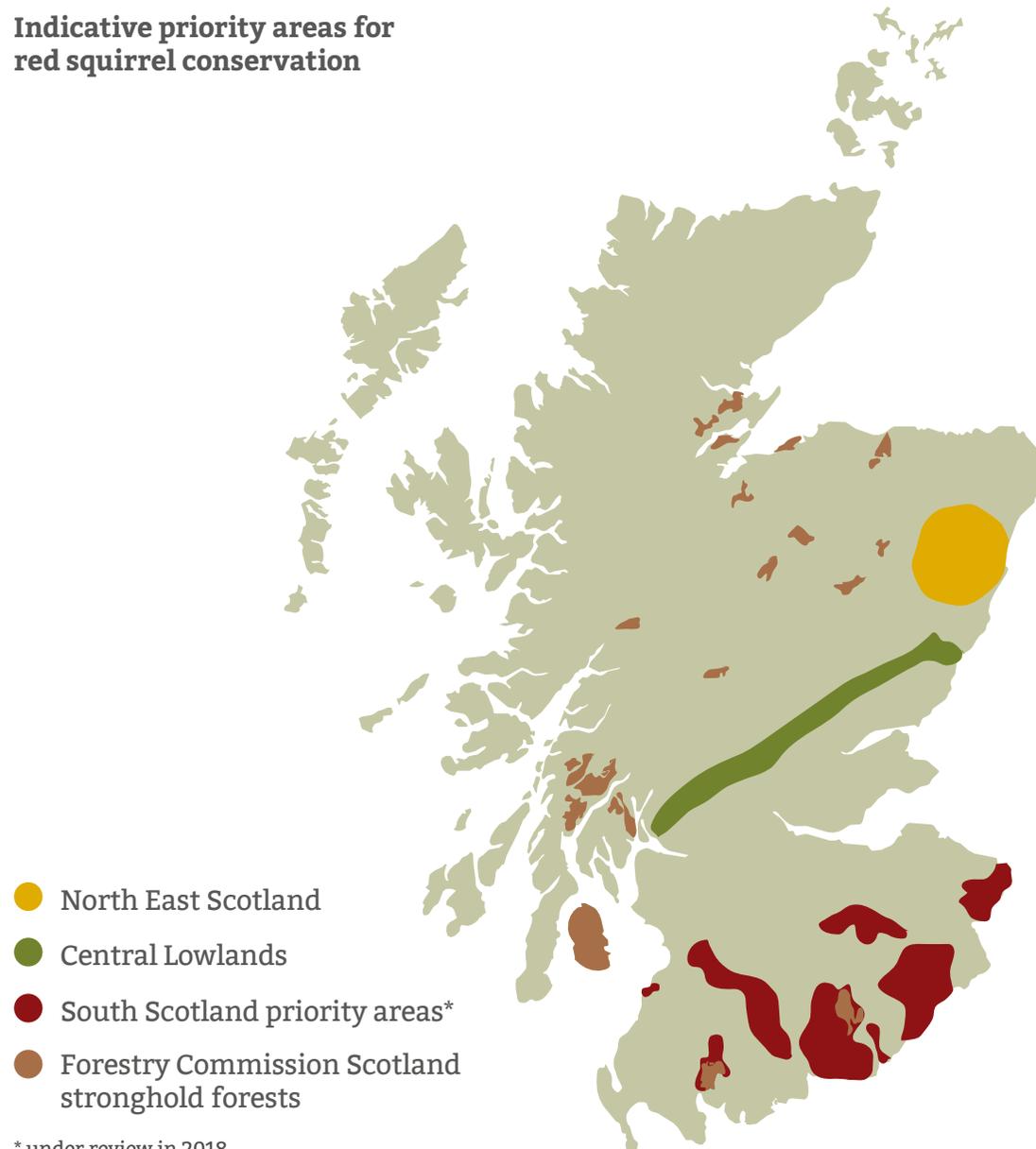
Recipients must have an approved Forest Plan (or an approved Management Plan for woodland areas less than 100 hectares). The plan should include evidence of grey squirrels on your land, presence and risk to resident red squirrels, and details of proposed grey squirrel control work.

### Grant application process:



\* All income generated as part of our FGS support services is returned directly into the project to fund its ongoing red squirrel conservation work.

## Indicative priority areas for red squirrel conservation



- North East Scotland
- Central Lowlands
- South Scotland priority areas\*
- Forestry Commission Scotland stronghold forests

\* under review in 2018

## Sharing data

FGS funding is conditional on trapping results being sent to Forestry Commission Scotland. By also sharing your trapping results with Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels, you'll be helping us improve our understanding of the level of control work being conducted in your region and its impact on the local red squirrel population.

The more complete our understanding of the situation, the more robust our predictions of the required levels of ongoing work for effective red squirrel protection in your area.

Please copy your FGS reporting form in an email to [squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## How to contact the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels team

### General enquiries

[squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk)

Scottish Wildlife Trust reception:  
0131 312 7765

### In Your Area

The project employs red squirrel Conservation Officers in the following regions:

- North East Scotland
- Tayside
- Argyll, the Trossachs and Stirling
- Scottish Borders
- Dumfries & Galloway

To contact a specific staff member, please visit [scottishsquirrels.org.uk/about/the-team](http://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/about/the-team) for details

For more information on FGS funding for grey squirrel control, visit [ruralpayments.org](http://ruralpayments.org)

#### PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



#### FUNDERS



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