



FORESTRY GRANT SCHEME

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT SCOTLAND'S RED SQUIRRELS

Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (SSRS) 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 priority areas with a SSRS letter of support.

Applicants will need an approved Forest Plan (or Management Plan for woodland areas less than 100 hectares) which should include proposals that will benefit red squirrels. They must also have an Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) map of their land (woodland blocks must have a Land Parcel Identifier) and a Business Reference Number (BRN).

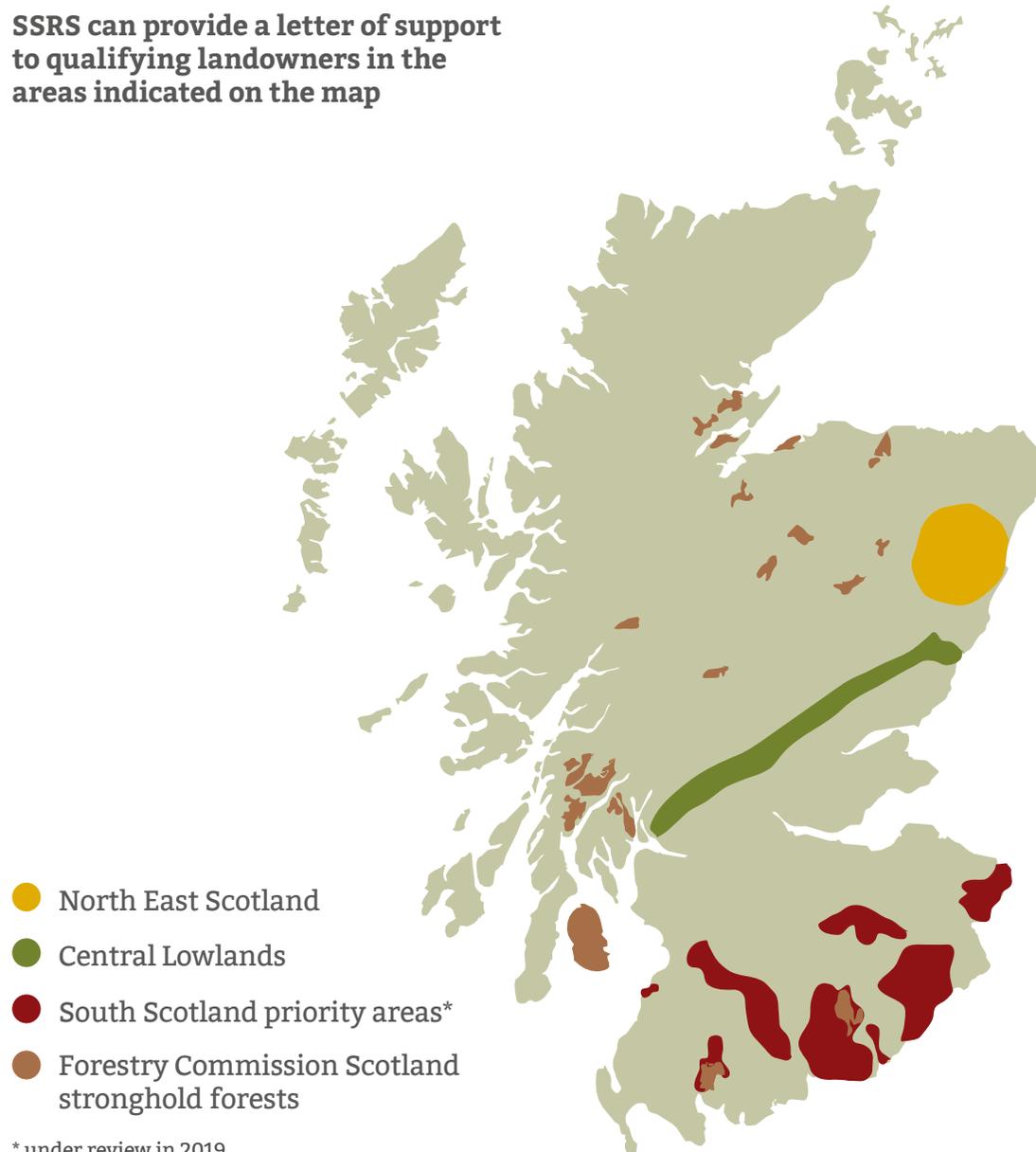
Applicants must have grey squirrels on their land. Qualifying landowners are entitled to **£200 per trap per year**, for a period of **five years**, to support the labour costs for effective grey squirrel control. This includes the setting and monitoring of traps, the humane dispatch of live animals, recording and submitting data.

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.

SSRS can provide a letter of support to qualifying landowners in the areas indicated on the map



* under review in 2019

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 ssrsdata@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

How to contact the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels team

General enquiries

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 for details

For more information on FGS funding for grey squirrel control, visit ruralpayments.org

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