Socio-ecological study of large herbivore grazing in the New Forest national park

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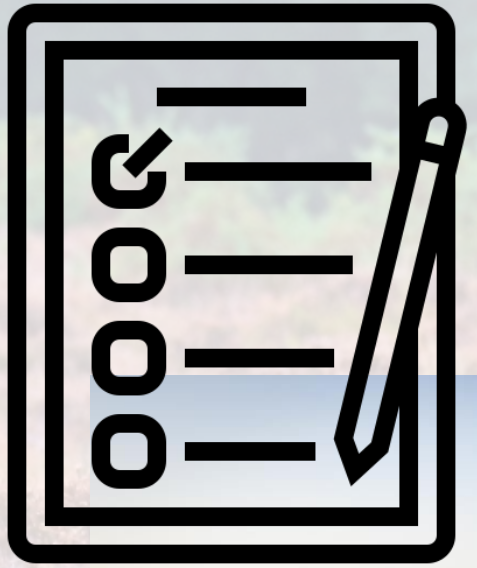
What are the current attitudes towards large herbivores in the New Forest?



Approach: Questionnaire to establish current knowledge and perceptions of large herbivores in the New forest.

Outcome: Description of collective attitudes.

What research is needed to inform large herbivore policies in the New Forest?

Approach: Research prioritization exercise including workshops

Outcome: List of actionable research questions to inform grazing policy within the New Forest.

Can nurse plants protect oak saplings from heavy deer browsing?

Approach:

- Experimentally manipulate nurse species composition and configurations within New Forest inclosures, and measure oak sapling growth and damage.

Outcome:

- Identification of effective nurse planting strategies for facilitating oak tree establishment in areas of high deer density

Thank you for listening.

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