Corncrake <u>#</u> Traonach

GRASSLAND SCORECARD

Positive indicators

Mints (all species)

Perennial ryegrass





Farmer ID: Surveyor:

Survey date:

Plot number:

Total score: (A+B+C+D)

/100

A Ecological Integrity

A1. Species richness. How many total POSITIVE indicators are present in the plot?

No. of +ive indicators:	very high	high	medium	low
	15+	10-14	5-9	0-4
Score:	10	7	5	0

A2. What is the combined cover of all POSITIVE indicators throughout the plot?

% cover:	excellent	good	fair	poor
	>30%	16-30%	6-15%	0-5%
Score:	10	7	5	0

A3. What is the combined cover of all grasses/sedges throughout the plot? (Excluding large rushes)

% cover:	excellent <50%		fair 75-90%	poor >90%
Score:	10	7	5	0

A4. What is the combined cover of all large rushes throughout the plot?

% cover:	excellent <10%		fair 25-50%	poor >50%
Score:	10	5	0	-5

A5. What's the combined cover of Agriculturally favoured species throughout the plot? (Excluding defined ELC areas)

% cover:	abundant	frequent	scarce
	>25%	10-25%	0-10%
Score:	-10	-5	0

Tick if present: Red clover Bedstraws, small inc. Lady's bedstraw Ribwort plantain Bird's-foot-trefoil, common; Kidney vetch Rushes, small (not soft Scabious (Devil's-bit & Common valerian (not Sedges (all species) Self-heal; Bugle Eyebrights Knapweeds Sorrel (Common & Lady's mantle Thistles (Marsh, Meadow Lady's smock (or Tormentil Lesser spearwort Umbels - large (Angelica, Common hogweed) Marsh cinquefoil; Marsh marigold Umbels - small (Pignut, Wild carrot, Cow parsley) Marsh pennywort Meadow buttercup ■ Vetches & Vetchlings Violets (all species); Harebell Meadowsweet

Orchids Ox-eye daisy, daisy, (not cordaisy) Ragged robin	mmon Ye	ellow composites andelion) ellow flag-iris ellow-rattle (or Ha ttle)	
Agricultura	lly favoure	d species	Tick if present
Large docks (NC	⊃⊺ Ragwort		

Yarrow

Total score A:

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(A1+A2+A3+A4+A5)

Thistles (creeping & spear)

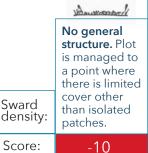
Nettles (not in approved ELC area)

B Structure & functions

B1. What is the sward density

and structure? Select one type

based on dominant cover >50%. Manyconord





Weak density characterised by a thin 'wispy' appearance. heads largely

Plant flowering absent or very close to the ground.



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Balanced Moderate vegetation density across density characterised the plot - not too heavy or by thin appearance or thin. Often herb rich to 20 cm heavy grazing. and easily Herb layer poor permeable at or very short. Few flowering ground level. Grasses and heads at appropriate herbs a levels. halanced mix

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Moderate density characterised by grassy appearance and/or some rank or thatched undergrowth. Often herb

poor with grass dominating at ground level.

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Heavy density characterised by very grassy appearance and/or rank undergrowth. Often heavily fertilised or under-grazed e.g. reseeded fields



Very heavy sward structure characterised by rank thatched undergrowth at the base. Usually associated with abandonment or excessive fertilizer and reseeding of grass. -10

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B2. What is the available optimal vegetation height for corncrake* within the plot

(excluding large rushes)?**

*Ankle to knee length (20-50cm) **If large areas of the meadow have collapsed, please exclude them.

% of plot	excellent	good	fair	poor
20-50cm:	>75%	50-75%	25-50%	<25%
Score:	20	10	0	-10

Total	
score B:	
(B1+B2)	/40

C Corncrake features

(mark ALL, but max. score for D is 20)

C1. Does the plot contain or is directly adjacent to an Early and Late cover plot specifically managed by the participant as part of the project specification?

	yes	no <	
Score:	5	0	
(If NO, skip	straigh	t to C4,	

ELC characteristic species		Tick if present:
Yellow Flag Iris	Large Umbellifers	ELC crop mix
Nettles	Meadowsweet	Canary Reed Grass

C2. Does the Early and Late cover plot meet the project specification in terms of species characteristics?

>50% cover of target species	yes	no
Score:	5	0

C3. What is the total area of the associated ELC? (Note minimum eligible ELC area is 0.05ha)

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Area of ELC:	≥0.1ha / 5% of total plot	<0.1ha / 5% of total plot
Score:	10	0

C4. What are the specific features present which may benefit corncrake?

Feature presen		of umbels throughout	Rocky outcrop or unmown headland covering >5% of plot (mown plots only).	cover within	Wetland features such as flushes and fen across >5% of plot
Score:	2	2	2	2	2

Total score C: (C1+C2+C3+C4)

D Threats and pressures

D1. Is there any evidence of recent damaging activity that limits corncrake habitat quality? Intensity is scored on effort required to restore the identified problem.

Intensity of damage:	High	Moderate	Low	No damage
Score:	-15	-10	-5	0

Examples may include: dumping (organic or inorganic), damaging supplementary feeding, pollution or damage to soil, active quarry/sand pit, restructuring of holding, use of herbicide, obvious poaching which has re-vegetated etc.

D2. Is there evidence of grazing or machinery operations post May 15th?

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	yes	no
Score:	-20	0

Examples may include: vehicle tracks, rolling, spraying, fertilising.

Tota	I score D:
	(D1+D2)

Management advice/comments:

Please make comments in relation to awarding of scores for C.

