

The dead good Deadwood Survey

Recording sheet

Email a scanned copy or photograph of your results to deadwood@tcv.org.uk

Or send your paper copy (or photocopy) to
The Conservation Volunteers, Unit M1, 143 Charles Street, Glasgow, G21 2QA.

1. Name of community group/individual _____

2. Email address (optional) _____

3. Are you part of an environmental group (such as a Community Woodland group)? Yes No

4. Have you carried out an environmental survey before? Yes No

5. Name of woodland _____

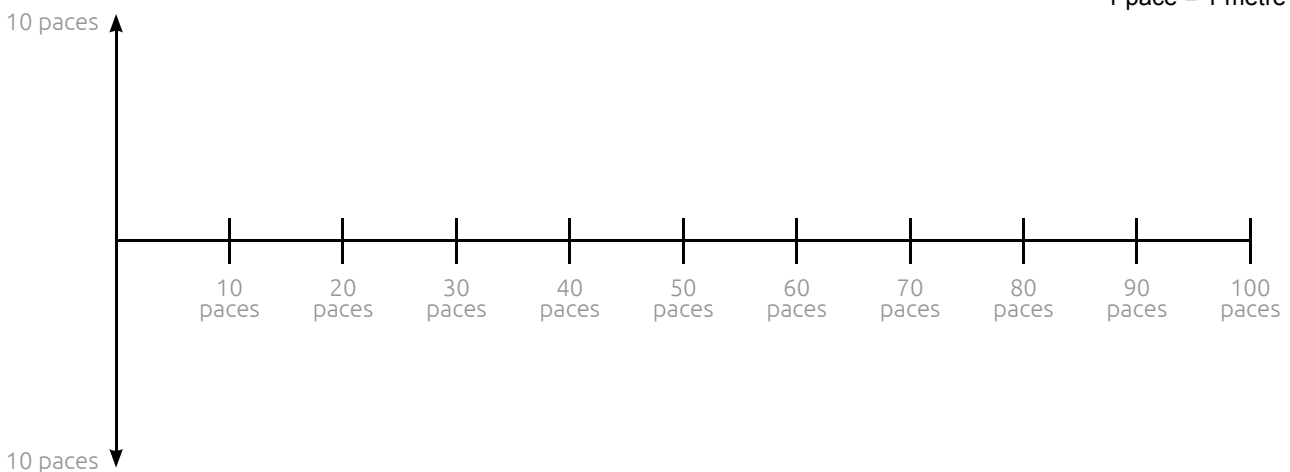
6. Location _____

7. Grid reference (if known) _____

8. Size of woodland in hectares (if known) _____

A How much deadwood? The 100 pace transect

1 pace = 1 metre



Key for different types of deadwood (*create your own symbols*)



Veteran tree



Tree stump



Snag



Windthrown tree



Fallen log

B How old is the deadwood? Estimating the age of each piece

About the piece of deadwood	
1	Is the deadwood standing up or lying down on the ground? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Lying
2	Measure the diameter of the piece of deadwood <i>Answer in cm</i>
3	Measure the length of the piece of deadwood <i>Answer in cm</i>
4	What tree species is the deadwood from? <i>Look at nearby trees if unsure</i>
1	
Looking on the surface of the piece of deadwood	
5	Are there any holes in the deadwood? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	What is growing on the surface of the deadwood? <i>Answer in cm</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Moss <input type="checkbox"/> Lichen <input type="checkbox"/> Fern <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy <input type="checkbox"/> Bracket fungus <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom
2	
3	
7	What animals can you see on the surface of the deadwood ? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Woodlouse <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Slug <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Snail <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Caterpillar <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bark beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Earwig <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Longhorn beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Ground beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Ground beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Robber fly <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Ichneumon wasp <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Spider <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Centipede <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Rove beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 2 False scorpion <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Millipede <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Hoverfly <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Mite <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Lesser stag beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Lesser stag beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Click beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Earthworm <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 Bat <input type="checkbox"/> Other mammal <input type="checkbox"/> Bird <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibian <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile
4	
Looking inside the piece of deadwood	
8	Push a pencil into the deadwood. How deep does it go? <i>Answer in cm</i>
9	How soft is the deadwood? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Hard <input type="checkbox"/> Soft and spongy <input type="checkbox"/> Crumbly
10	What animals can you see inside the deadwood ? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Woodlouse <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Slug <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Snail <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Caterpillar <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bark beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Earwig <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Longhorn beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Ground beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Ground beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Robber fly <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Ichneumon wasp <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Spider <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Centipede <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Rove beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 2 False scorpion <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Millipede <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Hoverfly <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Mite <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Lesser stag beetle <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Lesser stag beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Click beetle larva <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Earthworm <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 Bat <input type="checkbox"/> Other mammal <input type="checkbox"/> Bird <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibian <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile
4	
11	What colour is the wood rot? <i>Tick (✓) or describe</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <i>or other colour</i>
Conclusions: stage of decay	
12	Can you estimate the stage of decay of the piece of deadwood? <i>Tick (✓)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
5	

Use your answers from questions 7, 9 & 10 to estimate the stage of decay