



NEWS RELEASE

Use: **Immediate**

Date: **5/2/08**

GREYLAG GOOSE TOTALS NEEDED

Anyone in the Western Isles who has been shooting Greylag geese in the open season is reminded to let the local Department office know the total number shot.

Ena MacDonald, Scottish Crofting Foundation past-chair, said, “We raised the problem of goose damage with Michael Russell, the Environment Minister, when he visited Uist last summer and a study of the population of resident greylags is now under way.

It is important that the figure shot during the open season is known, so that those doing the study have an idea of the rate of population expansion. This is important information as well, for the local greylag goose committee in the Uists, so I’d urge everyone to make sure and report the numbers taken”.

END

Contact: Ena MacDonald, SCF past Chair Tel 01876 510268
Becky Shaw, Land Use Programme Manager Tel 01408 633 131 / 0776 444 9480

Notes to editors

Picture can be found at: http://www.croftingfoundation.co.uk/index.php/contact_headoffice