

Project Update: April 2013

Vegetation Transects – January 2013

For 20 days, a group of five volunteers worked in Rucachoroi and Tromen watersheds monitoring the impact on understory native vegetation following the Vegetation Monitoring Protocol (February 2010). Altogether we sample 20 x 50 m transects.

Table 1. Number and location of the vegetation transects.

Watersheds	Tromen	Rucachoroi
# of transects	8	12

Deer Population Monitoring – January 2013

Other source of information used to make management decisions is the red deer relative abundance estimated from pellet count technique. This season we re-sampled 14 x 400 m line transects that were first measure in 2008 and 2009 in the Tromen area.

Camera Trap Survey – 2012/2013

Since 2011, we have carried out a continuous survey with six active camera traps. Up to October 2012, there were 607 active days of continuous surveying. We obtained 116 deer photos, an average of 20 photos per camera. In order to improve the quality of this data, with this second RSG we will buy six more cameras.

Workshop – March 2012

Within the Red Deer Management Plan we met two boundaries ranch owners with the aim of sharing results of the first 5 years. We plan to set up three camera traps in each ranch, as they share limit with Tromen management area.

