

NPI Name: Predator control trap - Larsen trap

NPI Code: PCT

NPI Payment: Year 1: £82.00 per trap

NPI Aim(s): To legally control corvid (crow) populations in order to conserve and protect the breeding populations of priority bird species.

Scheme Applicability: Wider – EFS(W) Higher – EFS(H) Group – EFS(G)

This NPI is: Permanent Rotational

NPI Description and Outcome: 'Predator control trap - Larsen trap' is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). A 'Predator control trap - Larsen trap' will legally control corvid populations and contribute to the protection of breeding populations of priority bird species.

No. of traps Permitted: Minimum 1 Maximum Not Applicable*

*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

Pre-approval documentation:

Attendance at a half day 'Predator control' course at CAFRE is required.

Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ¹		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
PCT1	All 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' must be installed by the end of the Year 1.	✓		✓
PCT2	New 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' must be used.	✓		✓
PCT3	The claimed number of 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' must be installed in the field(s) where they have been approved.	✓		✓
PCT4	The 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' must be managed to comply with the Specification outlined below.	✓		✓
PCT5	Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements, number and date(s) installed for 'Predator control trap - Larsen trap'.	✓		✓

¹ The possible control types for each requirement may be:

'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

Specification:

- 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' must be constructed of suitable materials so that decoy and trapped birds cannot injure themselves;
- decoy birds must be provided with food and water at all times, appropriate shelter and a suitable perch. Decoy birds must be replaced at regular intervals;
- any trap that is not in use must be incapable of holding or catching birds or other animals; and
- traps not in use at the approved location must be stored and available for inspection.

Further Advice:

It is recommended that 'Predator control trap - Larsen traps' are not located on or near public rights of way or areas of public access.

Traps should be managed to comply with the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Traps should be physically inspected at least once a day.

At each inspection, trapped target species should be dispatched immediately in a humane manner. Non-target species should be released immediately.