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## Appendix 2

## Survey results showing Irish hare decline in Northern Ireland

Fig 1 - Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture Survey 1986-1995
Source: Quercus (Data courtesy Alan Bell)


Fig 2 - NIEA Northern Ireland Hare Survey 2004-2009
Source: Quercus


Note: Only valid annual time-series data have been included in these graphs. Both graphs illustrate regular population cycles of three year period now associated with Irish hares. In both cases the underlying temporal trend line - shows an ongoing population decline.

