



QDMA LAND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please print all information except for signatures.

Step 1 a. Property Management Classification (check one) Individual Group

Step 1 b. Property Designation Level (check one) Pledged Lands Certified Lands Legacy Lands

Step 1 c. Purpose of Application Change in Property Management Classification Initial Certification
 Change in Property Designation Level Recertification

Step 2. Owner/Applicant Information

QDMA Member? Yes No

Name: _____
Last or Company Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Step 3 a. Property Information

Property Name: _____ LCP number (if renewal) _____

Principal state/province where property exists: _____ Principal county/parish: _____

Number of acres: _____ Contiguous: Yes No Ownership: Non-Industrial Private Industrial Private
 Public Lands Other _____
(Club, QDM co-op, etc.)

Is property leased? Yes No Partially (#acres _____, percentage _____ %)

Is property used for commercial hunting of white-tailed deer? Yes No Partially (#acres _____, percentage _____ %)

Is property enclosed by a game-proof fence? Yes No Partially (#acres _____)

Location (road boundaries, GPS coordinates, etc.): _____

Service providers (biologist, forester) contact info: _____

Does landowner or applicant live on the property? Yes No Seasonal

Step 3 b. Group Designation Information (for Group applications only)

Name of group/cooperative: _____

Number of landowners involved: _____ Contiguous: Yes No

Total acreage of participants under this application: _____

Step 4. Qualified Inspector Information

QDMA Inspector Number: _____

Name: _____ State/Province: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company name: _____

Check type: Consultant Agency University Other: _____

Are you? CWB/AWB CF/LF QDMA Member DS2 or DS3 Graduate

Date of Inspection: (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Step 5a. Management Plans - Attach copies to back of application.

Written forest or habitat management plan (required): Yes No If no plan available, Pledged Lands status **only**.

Annual harvest/management report or population survey data (optional): Yes No



Step 5 b. Standards Met (during previous three years)

Please check off the following Standards that have been met by property owner or authorized agent. Inspector should use Rating Sheet (separate document) to assess compliance.

Standards 1-4: COMMITMENT TO QDM, THE QDMA, WILDLIFE LAWS AND SAFETY

1. Commitment to QDMA, Ethics and Conservation

- a. QDMA membership current Yes No
- b. QDMA Mission supported Yes No
- c. All hunting in accordance with "Fair Chase" rules Yes No
- d. QDMA Code of Conduct followed Yes No
- e. QDMA Issue/Position Statements supported Yes No

2. Compliance with Laws

- a. Federal, state and local laws followed Yes No
- b. All hunters are licensed, no existing violations Yes No

3. Commitment to Safety

- a. State or provincial hunter education course required Yes No
- b. Policy on rules of hunter safety outlined Yes No
- c. Hunter location procedure in place Yes No
- d. Stands inspected and safety harness' required Yes No
- e. Gates, bridges and other hazards checked/marked Yes No
- f. Guidelines for safe vehicle/ATV use in place Yes No
- g. Emergency planning Yes No
- h. Shooting/archery range safety considered Yes No

4. Commitment to Four Cornerstones of QDM

- a. Herd management strategies applied Yes No
- b. Habitat management strategies applied Yes No
- c. Hunter management strategies applied Yes No
- d. Herd monitoring strategies applied Yes No

Standards 5-8: FOUR CORNERSTONES OF QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT

5. Herd Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Adaptive management plan developed Yes No
- b. On-site interview completed Yes No
- c. Utilize all tools available Yes No
- d. Record the following herd management data Yes No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Antlerless Deer Management: Harvest rate (avg. # acres per antlerless deer past 3 years) _____
 Harvest age structure: _____% 0.5 _____% 1.5 _____% 2.5 + = 100%

Notes: _____

ii. Antlered Buck Management (check all that apply):

Check type: APR Spread B&C Beam Length Quota/Bag Age EAB Other: _____

Harvest age structure: _____% 0.5 _____% 1.5 _____% 2.5 _____% 3.5+ = 100%

Notes: _____



- iii. Adult Sex Ratio (pre season): _____:_____ (females per male) Unknown_____
- iv. Deer Density Estimate (pre-season): _____ per square mile Unknown_____

Trend last 3 years (increasing, decreasing or stable): _____
- v. Fawn Management (use 3-year average):
 - Fawn Recruitment Rate (fawns per adult doe, pre-season): _____ Unknown_____
 - Doe Fawn Breeding Rate (% of all yearling does lactating): _____ Unknown_____
 - Buck Fawn Harvest Rate (% of antlerless harvest): _____ Unknown_____
- vi. Comments: _____

6. Habitat Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Laws followed, sound forest management practiced _____ Yes _____ No
- b. Habitat diversity well interspersed _____ Yes _____ No
- c. Food and cover requirements _____ Yes _____ No
- d. Prescribed fire in accordance with regulations _____ Yes _____ No
- e. Record the following habitat management data _____ Yes _____ No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Current Property Composition:

Timber/Forest:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Agriculture/Crops:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Food Plots:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
ES/NWSG/Old field:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Tree/Shrub Plantings:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Water/Ponds/Wetlands:	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Other (ROWs, bldgs):	_____ %	_____ Approx. Acres
Should equal	= 100%	_____ TOTAL

- ii. Forest Management Practices (include year, type of management and acres):
 - Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

- iii. Food Plot Management Practices (include year, species planted and acres):
 - Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

- iv. Early Succession/NWSG/Old Field Management Practices (include year, type of management and acres):
 - Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

- v. Tree/Shrub Plantings (include year, number and species planted, and acres):
 - Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____
 - Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____



vi. Water/Pond/Wetland Management Practices (include year, type of wetland and management, and acres)

Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

vii. Other Management Practices: ROW's, etc. (include year, type of area and management, and acres)

Type 1: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

Type 2: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

Type 3: _____ Approx. Acres: _____

viii. Comments: _____

7. Hunter Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

a. Maintain deer harvest guidelines _____ Yes _____ No

b. Maintain other game species guidelines _____ Yes _____ No

c. Minimize or evenly distribute hunting pressure _____ Yes _____ No

d. Maintain property access guidelines _____ Yes _____ No

e. Hunter liability protection in place _____ Yes _____ No

f. Record the following hunter management data _____ Yes _____ No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Hunter education in the areas of deer biology, deer management, and wildlife conservation.

Check type: Require QDMA membership Encourage QDMA membership

Display/provide Educational Resources such as QDMA's books, posters, etc.

Require/encourage participation in educational seminars/events

Provide periodic on -site training on topics such as data collection, aging on hoof, etc.

ii. Whitetail harvest guidelines: _____

iii. Other species guidelines: _____

iv. Description and location of "safe-zones" or sanctuaries: _____

v. Property access: _____

vi. Comments: _____

8. Herd Monitoring Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

a. Conduct a comprehensive monitoring program _____ Yes _____ No

b. Collect hunter observation data _____ Yes _____ No

c. Conduct population estimate _____ Yes _____ No

d. Monitor habitat for overabundance _____ Yes _____ No

e. Monitor predator populations for impacts _____ Yes _____ No

f. Record the following herd monitoring data _____ Yes _____ No

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Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Herd condition indices collected (check all that apply):

Check type: Weight Jaw (age) Sex Lactation status Fetus (breeding date) Kidney fat
 Points Spread Circum. Beam length Parasites Other: _____

Notes: _____

ii. Hunter observation data collected:

Complete Partial None

iii. Population estimate data collected (check all that apply):

Check type: Pellet Count Trail Camera Spotlight Aerial Track Count Other: _____

Notes: _____

iv. Deer impact data collected (check all that apply):

Check type: Browse survey Browse enclosures Forage production estimates
 Visual inspection Rumen inspection Forage quality analyses

Notes: _____

v. Predator abundance and impact data collected (check all that apply):

Check type: Track/scat monitoring Fawn recruitment rate monitoring
 Observation data Trapping Hunter harvest

Notes: _____

vi. Comments: _____

Property Recommendations for Next Five Years (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Herd Management: _____

Habitat Management: _____

Hunter Management: _____

Herd Monitoring: _____



Standards 9-14: LAND PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP

9. Commitment to Excellence and Continued Improvement

- a. Continuing education (20 hrs over 5-years) _____ Yes _____ No
- b. Commit to complete inspectors recommendations _____ Yes _____ No
- c. Review cost-share opportunities _____ Yes _____ No
- d. Provide access to the property _____ Yes _____ No

10. Conservation of Biodiversity

- a. Rare, Threatened/Endangered species management _____ Yes _____ No
- b. Invasive species management _____ Yes _____ No

Identify, map and make reasonable efforts to control or, preferably, eradicate invasive plant species on property.

Identification/mapping: None Partial Full

Control/eradication: Little or none Moderate Complete

List major invasive species of concern: _____

Describe measures to be taken: _____

11. Aesthetics

- a. Buffer negative activities _____ Yes _____ No
- b. Maintain a clean entry, sign display _____ Yes _____ No
- c. Hunter harvested game disposal _____ Yes _____ No
- d. Trash-free property _____ Yes _____ No
- e. Consider wildlife habitat diversity _____ Yes _____ No

12. Special Sites Identification and Conservation

- a. Identify and manage special sites _____ Yes _____ No

13. Air, Water and Soil Protection

- a. Follow BMPs and comply with ordinances _____ Yes _____ No
- b. Minimize off-road vehicle use in sensitive areas _____ Yes _____ No
- c. Address impacts from oil, gas and mineral resources _____ Yes _____ No

14. Long-term Habitat Protection and Conservation

- a. Commit to restrict property from development _____ Yes _____ No



Step 6. Approval of Application

By signing the Land Certification Program application, the landowner or the authorized agent of the landowner (applicant) agree to follow and uphold the program's Standards. The Landowner, Qualified Inspector and QDMA Representative signatures are **required** prior to approval.

If applicant is not the landowner, I acknowledge and agree that QDMA is a non-profit conservation organization whose primary business and purpose is to coordinate, support and participate in the education of the public in wildlife management and conservation; especially as such activities relate to and include legal hunting and management of white-tailed deer and related wildlife species.

I understand that if I provide false/fraudulent information my application for the QDMA Land Certification Program could be denied or revoked by the QDMA, and in that event I agree to remove and turn in my Land Certification Program sign(s). Therefore, I declare that I have examined this form, and to the best of my knowledge, all statements are true, correct, and accurate. In addition, my signature authorizes the Quality Deer Management Association to examine and audit my property to ensure that I am upholding all accounts of the Land Certification Program Standards.

Signatures:

Approved (date): _____ By: (Landowner)_____

Approved (date): _____ By: (Leasee, Manager, Contact for Company or Group)_____

Approved (date): _____ By: (Qualified Inspector)_____

Approved (date): _____ By: (QDMA Representative)_____

If recertification, is LCP sign displayed? Yes No

Is new sign needed? Yes No

Is new name plate needed? Yes No

Revocation of Designation

Property certification may be revoked by the QDMA at any time for: 1) providing false information or statements during any part of the enrollment process, 2) flagrant or repeated violation of state or federal laws or regulations pertaining to hunting or management activities on the property, or 3) flagrant or repeated violation of the QDMA Code of Conduct.

The QDMA is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA can be reached at 1-800-209-DEER or QDMA.com.

Payment Information: (\$ _____) + (\$ _____) = \$ _____
Application Fee Extra Sign(s) Amount Sent

Check # _____ Money order # _____

MasterCard Visa American Express

CARD # _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____/_____/_____

SIGNATURE: _____

REMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

QDMA • RE: LAND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM • P.O. BOX 160 • BOGART, GEORGIA 30622

OR CALL: (800)209-3337 • OR FAX TO: (706)353-0223