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Maintenance of cattle grids



INSPECTION TASKS To check

- Elements are not broken or deformed.
- Ditches underneath are not overfull of sand.
- Cattle grid completely bridge the gap between each end of the fence
- Escape ramps from ditches are free of obstacles.



SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE TASKS To do

- Regularly clean the ditch removing accumulations of rocks, sand or woody debris.
- Ensure grids are kept in good condition. Replace if needed.
- Remove any object placed on the ditch escape ramps that could prevent small fauna escaping if they fall into the ditch.



SCHEDULE

- Minimum: once a year, just before seasonal migrations or periods when target species movements are increased.
- More frequent inspection may be required in sections that are repeatedly damaged.
- Additional inspections should be planned following floods, strong winds, snow or other adverse weather events.



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