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# MINK CONTROL – CAN YOU HELP?

The non-native American mink (*Neovison vison*) has become widely established throughout the UK since the 1950s following escapes and releases from mink farms.

the Llyn aims to create a “pincer movement” to clear the peninsula of mink before moving into Gwynedd and beyond in an attempt to clear them from North Wales.



We have nearly 40 traps on the Llyn but we need more help to fill the gaps. The map shows where most of the traps and rafts are.

Ideally, they should be placed about 1km apart so we still have some way to go to complete the network.



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Mink have had a devastating impact on our native fauna through predation on vulnerable species of birds and mammals such as kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) and water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*). The decline in water vole numbers can be directly attributed to predation by mink, which generally live and hunt near water, and can swim well. The female mink pose the greater threat since they are small enough to penetrate the water voles’ burrows, thereby overcoming the voles’ last line of defence. Mink also feed on rabbits and on ground nesting birds, with some evidence that they impact on juvenile salmonid populations too.

In an attempt to eradicate mink by co-ordinated control BASC has been working with partners in two main areas initially – Anglesey (since 2006) and on the Llyn since 2011, with more *ad hoc* trapping also taking place across the rest of North Wales. Work by Menter Môn on Anglesey has almost cleared the island of mink and trapping on

**This is where we’d like your help if possible.** If you are interested in having a mink raft (which is used to find out if you have mink present on your land), or a trap to capture any that you do have, then we can supply them. We can also offer training on how to operate rafts and traps and, if you don’t want to despatch them yourself, we can put you in touch with BASC members who can do so on your behalf.

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## RHEOLI MINC – FEDRWCH CHI HELPU?

Bellach, mae'r minc Americanaidd an-fordorol (*Neovision vision*) wedi hen sefydlu yn y Deyrnas Gyfunol ers y 1950'au wedi i rai ddianc a chael eu gollwng o ffermydd minc.

chlirio'r minc o'r Ynys a nod y gwaith trapio yn Llŷn yw creu symudiad pincer i glirio'r penrhyn cyn symud i Wynedd a thu hwnt i geisio eu clirio o Ogledd Cymru.



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Mae gennym bron i 40 o drapiau yn Llŷn ond rydym angen cymorth i gau'r bylchau. Mae'r map yn dangos ble mae mwyafrif y trapiau a'r rafftiau. Yn ddelfrydol, dylid eu gosod tua 1km oddi wrth ei gilydd ac felly mae gennym dipyn o ffordd i fynd i gwblhau'r rhwydwaith.

Mae gan y minc effaith andwyol ar ein ffawna naturiol drwy ysglyfaethu rhywogaethau diamddiffyn o adar a mamaliaid fel Glas y dorlan (*Alcedo atthis*) a Llygoden Bengron y dŵr (*Arvicola amphibius*). Gellir cysylltu'r dirywiad yn niferoedd Llygoden Bengron y dŵr yn uniongyrchol ag ysglyfaethu gan finc sydd fel arfer yn byw ac yn hela wrth ymyl dŵr ac yn gallu nofio'n dda. Y minc benywaidd sy'n achosir bygythiad mwyaf gan eu bod yn ddigon bach i fynd i mewn i dyllau Llygoden Bengron y dŵr gan oresgyn eu hamddiffynfa. Mae'r minc hefyd yn bwydo ar gwingod ac adar sy'n nythu ar y ddaear, ac mae hefyd peth tystiolaeth i ddangos eu bod yn effeithio ar boblogaethau pysgod eogaidd ifanc.

**Dyma ble yr hoffem gael eich help chi os yn bosib.** Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb i gael rafft minc (a ddefnyddir i weld os oes minc yn bresennol ar eich tir) neu drap i ddal unrhyw rai sydd gennych, yna gallwn ddarparu'r rhain. Gallwn hefyd gynnig hyfforddiant ar sut i weithio'r rafftiau a'r trapiau ac os nad ydych eisiau difa'r anifail eich hun gallwn gysylltu ag aelodau BASC fydd yn fodlon i wneud hyn ar eich rhan.

I geisio diddymu'r minc mewn ffordd gydlynol, mae BASC wedi bod yn gweithio gyda phartneriaid mewn dwy ardal i ddechrau – Ynys Môn (ers 2006) a Phenrhyn Llŷn ers 2011, gyda mwy o drapio ad hoc hefyd ar draws gweddill gogledd Cymru. Mae'r gwaith a wnaed gan Menter Môn bron a

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