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Dear

Following our recent meeting and your request for more information and evidence on snaring I was reminded of this case study from The Netherlands. Eddie van Marum has been working on farmland conservation projects for more than 30 years in his native Groningen, the northern most province of The Netherlands. He specialises in linking scientific research teams with the local farming community and talks about regulation around predation control.

You'll see on the third page Eddie's "stark warning for policy makers in the UK. "Every penny of public money put into the conservation of ground-breeding species will be in vain, if further layers of protection are given to generalist predators and, for example, you ban fox snares and Larsen traps. I would love to tell the politicians in the UK, what they have now and what they risk destroying, based on what we have lost here in Holland. Predation is something that can be managed and must be managed or we will lose the battle to prevent the extinction of our waders. We cannot leave it up to nature, we need to make an active choice and if we decide to save our beautiful birds, half measures are no good.""

As you asked for video footage we have a video being produced on the use of the Humane Cable Restraints being used in the trapping of one of the 37 adult foxes between 2015-2019 to fit trackers which remained in place from spring through early summer, before recovering the collars by remote drop-off.

Please do shout if you need anything for any specific time scale otherwise I will keep sending information as it comes to hand

Best wishes

Sue