

Scottish Mink Initiative

Working with Communities to Protect Native Wildlife



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River Don Update – August 2011

What's been happening?

- new mink raft placement
- mink signs on rafts
- mink captures
- water vole signs

Press and promotion

What's going to happen?

- next few months plan of action

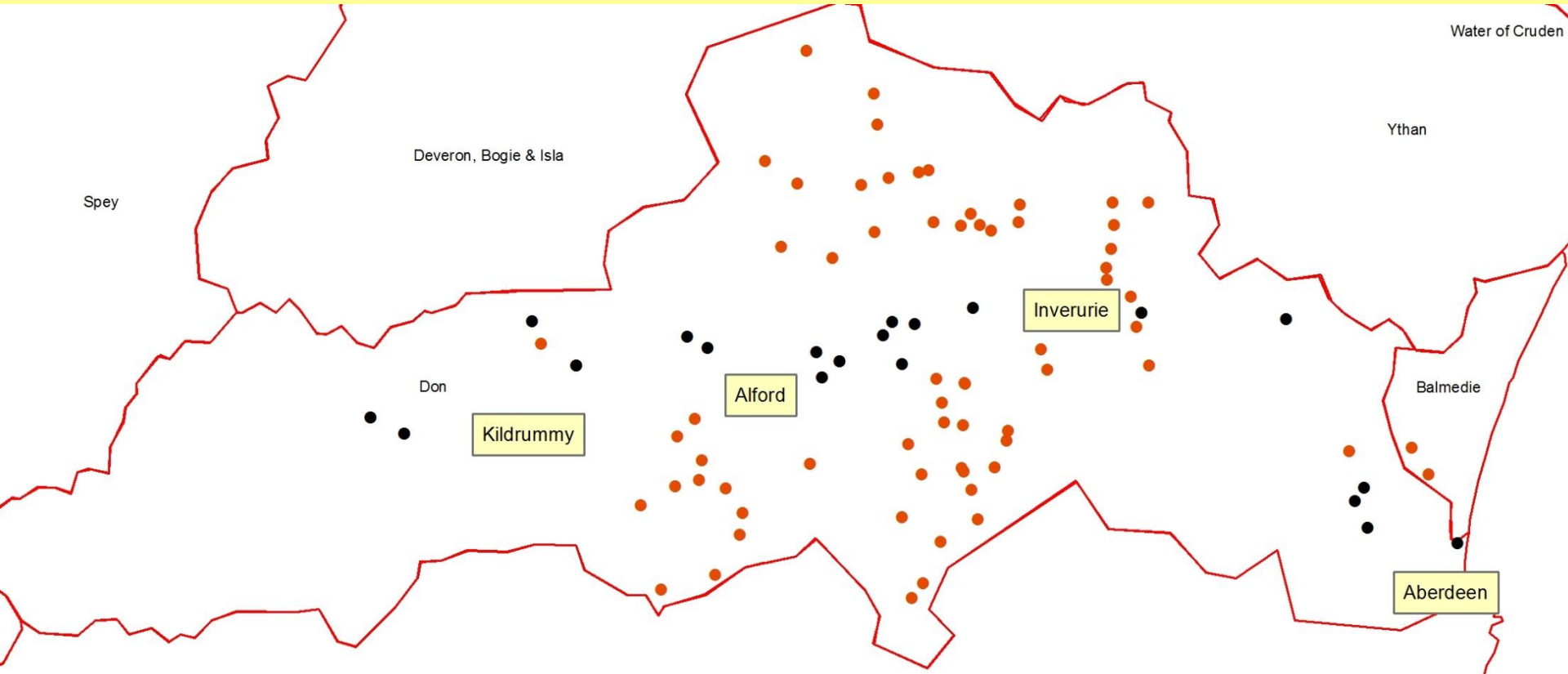
Your input!

- Q's, queries and ideas.




● Mink rafts placed
before April 2011

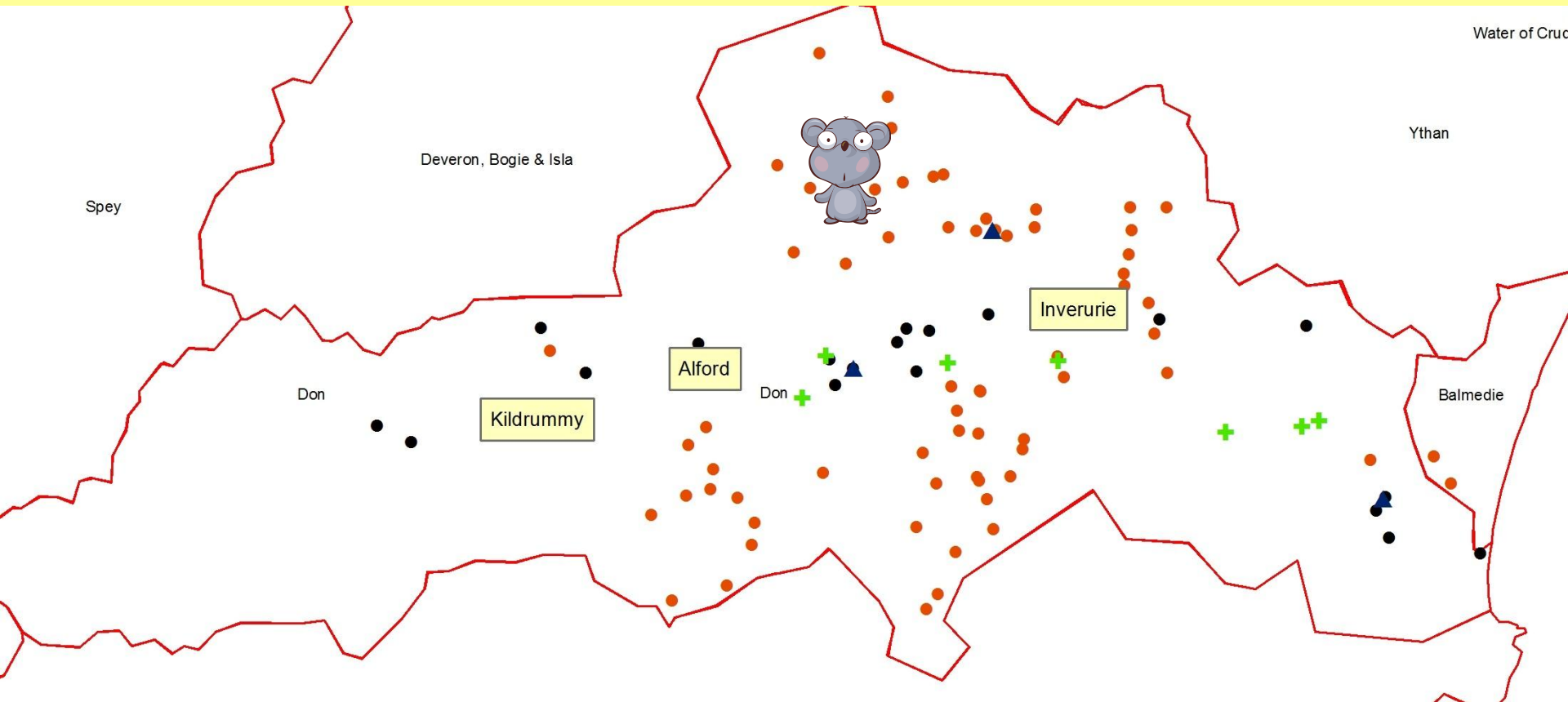
● Mink rafts placed
April- July 2011



20 new rafts placed since April, with 12 new volunteers.
15 landowners /proprietors agreeing permission for access
5 mink caught
7 mink sightings- actual animals
6 mink signs reported on rafts (old and new).

 Mink sightings
Apr-Aug2011

 Mink captures
Apr-Aug2011



Water voles found at Gartly moor, headwaters of the Shevock and on the Kellock burn



Promotion and Press

National press release in May, went across all of Scotland in most major newspapers, including P&J, Inverurie Advertised/Herald, Donside Piper (2 new vols). Coverage in Dundee on STV Tayside!

Interviews on WAVE FM Peterhead and Northsound news.

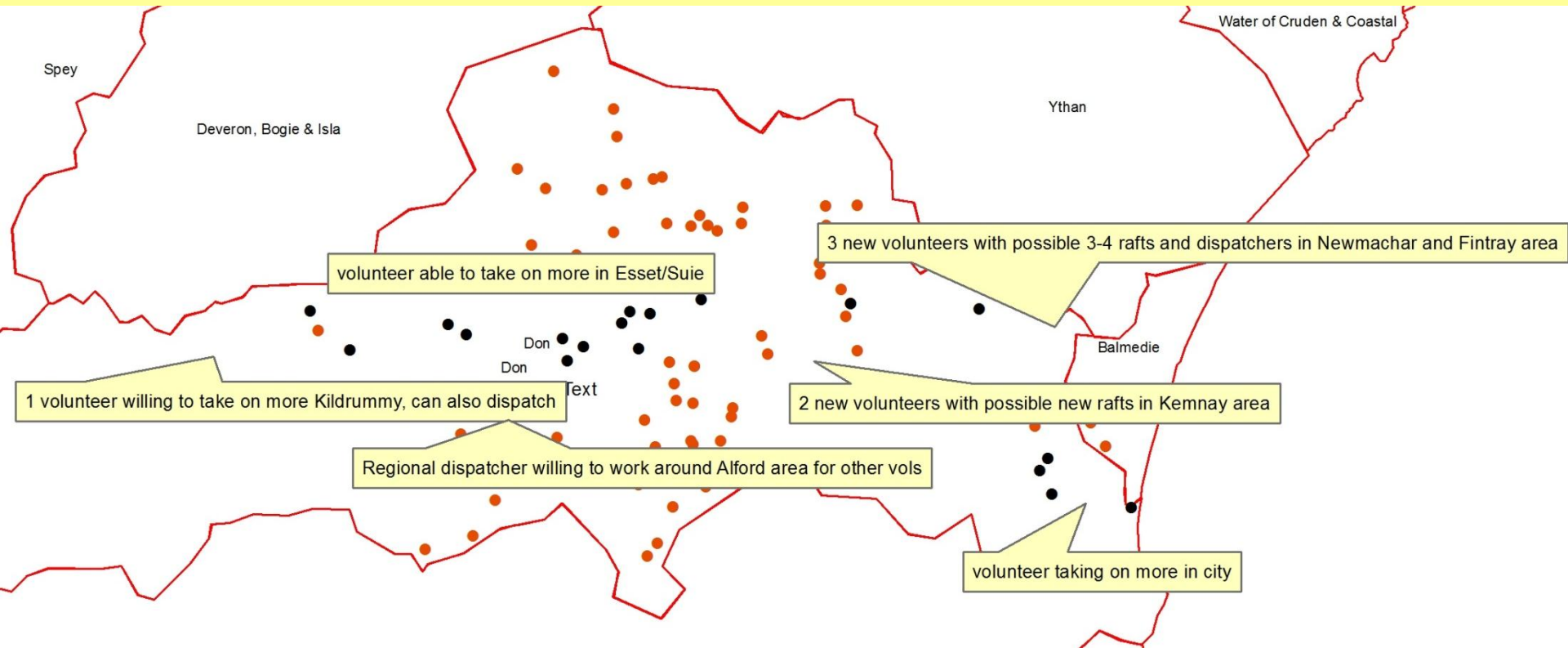
Articles written for Kemnay Newsletter (3 new vols!) and hoping to do article for Newmachar News and www.upperdonside.co.uk

ADAA forum?? Few members getting in touch – I didn't write this, but its greatly appreciated!

- *Any other local newsletters or forums known?*
- *Local groups- fishing or other interest- who I could do a talk for?*



What's in the pipeline?



Always need more volunteers and dispatchers!
Contact details of landowners

Queries and Q's

Any questions or queries?

Any ideas? Your input is very valuable!



Thanks!

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