

## 1.1 Disturbance

### 1.1.1 Background

The aim of this survey is to monitor signs of disturbance, damage or other aspects around the site. Disturbance can be considered good or bad depending on what is happening and where. For example, some disturbance can be useful to maintain areas of bare sand. It covers disturbance by animals and from human activities.

### 1.1.2 Method

#### *When and where to survey*

Disturbance can be recorded at any time, anywhere on the site.

#### *Equipment*

Make sure you take with you:

- Handheld GPS unit
- (Mobile phone app - site information downloaded beforehand)
- Disturbance recording form
- Camera

#### *Navigating to locations*

There are no pre-set locations, but you may want to visit particular areas to follow up previous reports of disturbance or points of interest. These can be obtained by discussing with the site manager.

#### *What to record*

If you wish to record some disturbance or other feature on the site, use the recording form, or the app activity. This covers the following aspects:

- The presence and size of patches of bare sand, or where the turf has been broken up by activity of animals or people.
- Presence of animal dung, and if possible an indication of which animal it is from (rabbits, ponies, cattle, sheep, other)
- Rabbit activity (small feeding scrapes, burrows)
- Human activities such as damage from vehicle tracks (including motorbikes), litter or fly-tipping. Recording litter is not aimed at the occasional sweet wrapper, but things like remains of a barbeque, multiple cans/bottles left by visitors, large rubbish items like car tyres, etc. should be recorded.
- Any other aspects can be recorded using the 'Other' section on the form or on the app.

Please also take a photo if you can.