Ravensdown PGP Programme Quarterly Progress Report

Contract reporting period: January - March 2014

Public summary

The Ravensdown pioneering to precision – application of fertiliser to hill country programme continued to operate in accordance with go-early funding as contracts and operational activities were finalised.

Good progress continued to be made this quarter as the intensive sampling programme built on the momentum achieved in the last quarter. This required the establishment of robust relationships between remote sensing technologies and underlying soil fertility to support the sampling programme.

Activities against the data collection and collation objective continued with a further sampling event on the first research farm with a further 400 individual soil and plant tissue samples collected across the farm with corresponding sensing images taken across the farm.

A very positive response to the overall programme has been received since the project was announced in principle and consultations regarding the second research farm were successfully concluded.