



Quadrats

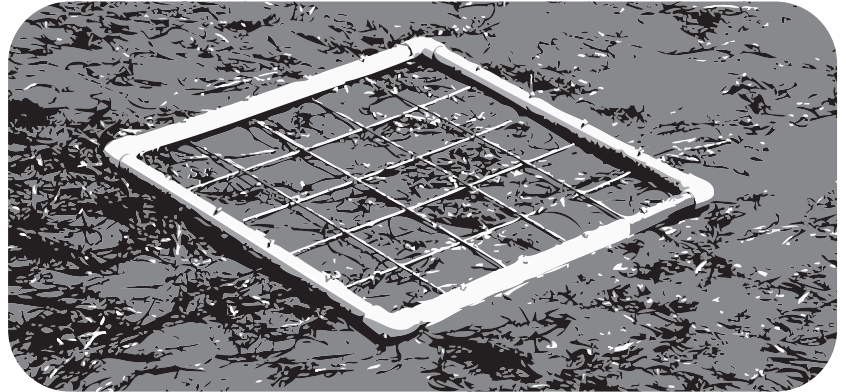


Quadrats are used to identify the number of species and the coverage of individual species to enable characterisation of a habitat

DAFOR Scale

Use this to estimate coverage of a species

- D = Dominant
- A = Abundant
- F = Frequent
- O = Occasional
- R = Rare



How to use a quadrat

- 1 Identify habitat area
- 2 Make sure the quadrat location is representative of the habitat
- 3 Lay the quadrat
- 4 Count the number of different species
- 5 Design a method for naming the different species (e.g. grass 1, grass 2)
- 6 Record information in Table A below
- 7 Estimate coverage using DAFOR scale (see above)
- 8 Rank species in Table B below

A

Species

Estimated coverage using DAFOR scale

B

Species

Coverage sorted into rank using DAFOR scale (dominant species first)
