Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Grassland in Poland

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Habitat(s):
6210 - Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)

Biogeographical region:
Continental

Member state:
Poland

Region(s) (if applicable):
Podkarpacie

Issues and pressures
1. Intensive mowing and grazing;
2. Discontinuation of moving and grazing;
3. Ecological succession;
4. Intensive fertilization;
5. Invasive alien species;

Conservation requirements
1. Alien species removal;
2. Shrubs removal;
3. Extensive mowing and grazing.

Conservation management
1. Annual mowing of meadows (once a year);
2. Shrubs removal (Odkrzaczanie).

Species specific management:
No

Barriers and bottlenecks
1. Lack of active conservation financing;
2. Lack of landowners wish to cooperate;
3. Lack of protection plan/ preventive assignments for Natura 2000 sites.

Solutions and opportunities
1. Building environmental awareness through education;
2. Greater financial support;
3. Preparing protection plan/ preventive assignments for Natura 2000 sites.

Cross cutting issues
1. More considerable involvement of nature conservation aspects during rural development.

Lessons learned / best practice
No previous experience, thus cannot provide the Commission with any information.

Opportunities for joint action
Active methods of habitats protection (aktywne metody ochrony siedlisk).

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