Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Grassland in Germany

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Habitat(s):
6520 - Mountain hay meadows

Biogeographical region:
Continental

Member state:
Germany

Region(s) (if applicable):
Sauerland/Eifel

Issues and pressures
The main pressures are:
1. Too much Fertilization by farmers
2. Regular ploughing ans reseeding, tilling of grassland and intensively agricultural use
3. Abandonment of use in small valleys

Conservation requirements
Management plans and restrictions against intensivication of agricultural using strong nature protection connected to contractual nature conservation measures.

Conservation management
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Species specific management:
Yes

Special cutting regimes for Maculinea species (for example).

Barriers and bottlenecks
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Solutions and opportunities
It’s very successful, when there is established a system of local nature conservation centers.
Cross cutting issues
No biogas promotion in or near grassland-SPA.

Lessons learned / best practice
Establishing local nature conservation centers.

Opportunities for joint action
Workshops with exchange of best practice experience.

References
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