Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Heathland and scrub in Germany

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Habitat(s):
5130 - Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands

Biogeographical region:
Continental

Member state:
Germany

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

Issues and pressures
The main problems are:
1. fertilisation by air-borne Nitrogen = eutrophication
2. To less grazing/(Mowing)-activities
3. Afforestation
4. Abandonment of use
5. Urbanisation/Disturbance by dogs
6. Invasive species, for example Prunus serotina
7. Interspecific faunal relations

Conservation requirements
Important requirements are
1. management plans and management of protectes areas
2. Sustainable use by grazing/(mowing), especially by sheep
3. Restoration (for example by life projects)

Conservation management
Grazing by sheep

Species specific management:
No

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**Barriers and bottlenecks**
The main problem is it to maintain a regular use of the biotope types and also the enduring high level of air-borne pollution (Nitrogen) caused by, above all, surrounding intensive farming.

**Solutions and opportunities**
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**Cross cutting issues**
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**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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