Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Grassland in Bulgaria

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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:
Bulgaria

Region(s) (if applicable):
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Issues and pressures
A01 Cultivation
E04 Structures, buildings in the landscape

These are the main threats which might cause habitat fragmentation and decreasing its area.

Conservation requirements
Development and implementation of management plans
Supporting traditional practices for management
Education and awareness
Maintenance if favorable condition exists or otherwise - restoration. Special attention should be payed on important orchid sites.

Conservation management
Habitat sites are managed mostly as pastures.

Species specific management:
Yes

Sites with orchids should be managed as to sustain the water regime. No fertilizer should be applied to these sites.

2327 Himantoglossum caprinum
Barriers and bottlenecks
Public awareness and cooperation of the local people and stakeholders
Insufficient funds

Solutions and opportunities
Education
Awareness raising
Fund raising

Cross cutting issues
Stakeholder involvement should be encouraged to take part in the processes of Natura 2000 sectoral activities

Lessons learned / best practice
The best practice should be based on the current knowledge about the traditional grazing management.

Opportunities for joint action
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References