Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Grassland in Poland

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Habitat(s):
6510 - Lowland hay meadows (Alopecurus pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis)

Biogeographical region:
Continental

Member state:
Poland

Region(s) (if applicable):
Małopolska province

Issues and pressures
1. Intensive mowing (more than 1-2 times a year)
2. Lack of mowing and grazing
3. Invasive alien species
4. Ecological succession
5. Mass tourism, motocrosses, quads

Conservation requirements
1. Removal of alien species (Juglans regia, Acer negundo, Solidago canadensis) - once a year,
2. Extensive mowing of meadows, annually with leaving 10% of the habitat area each time in a different part of the site,

Conservation management
1. Annual mowing of meadows (once a year).

Species specific management:
No

1061 Phengaris nausithous,
1059 Phengaris teleius,
1060 Lycaena dispers.

Barriers and bottlenecks
1. Lack of state financing of active conservation
2. Lack of wish to realize active protection
3. Lack of management plan for the Natura 2000 site

**Solutions and opportunities**
1. More educational events, projects
2. Higher financial support from governmental institution for nature conservation

**Cross cutting issues**
1. Improving and cooperation with rural programs and stakeholder involvement (involvement in active protection, breeding animals and using them for grazing),
2. Higher involvement of nature conservation aspects in rural development programmes

**Lessons learned / best practice**
1. Annual mowing of the meadow, once a year in one Natura 2000 site Łąki Nowohuckie done by local government.

**Opportunities for joint action**
1. Methods taken to protect habitat, mainly: rules of grazing (how many animals per ha, stocking rates, period of grazing, time of grazing, what kind of animals were used, etc.).
2. Additional species connected with habitat and their requirements (for exam

**References**
Project of management plan for Natura 200 site Łąki Nowohuckie.