Expert input sheet

Conservation and management of Continental Grassland in Poland

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Habitat(s):
6410 - Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae); 6510 - Lowland hay meadows (Alopecurus pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis)

Biogeographical region:
Continental

Member state:
Poland

Region(s) (if applicable):
Lower Silesia

Issues and pressures
A03.01 intensive mowing or intensification
A03.03 abandonment / lack of mowing
I01 invasive non-native species
I02 problematic native species

Conservation requirements
1. Extensive use of hay, hay-pasture, permanent grassland grazing under the Rural Development Program
2. Removal of invasive species
3. Removal of trees and shrubs

Conservation management
Extensive use under the Rural Development Program

Species specific management:
No

1060 Lycaena dispar
6177 Phengaris teleius
6179 Phengaris nausithous

Barriers and bottlenecks
1. Lack of state financing of active conservation
2. Lack of wish to realize active protection
3. Lack of knowledge on the occurrence of habitats in large Natura 2000 sites

**Solutions and opportunities**
1. Subsidies from the Rural Development Program
2. Higher financial support from government institution for nature conservation, including organisations responsible for the implementation of management measures

**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**
Ngo projects and agri-enviromental payments

**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

**References**
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