



“2nd International workshop”

Large-scale extensive grazing systems in Europe: advancing knowledge to improve policy

At the International Academy for Nature Conservation - Isle of Vilm, Germany
20th – 24th September 2010

Organised by

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Objectives

The intention of this 3-day workshop is to improve the state of knowledge on European High Nature Value pastoral systems from various perspectives. The speakers and participants are a mix of ‘knowledge builders’ – people working on the ecology, sociology and economics of HNV systems – and ‘knowledge users’ – administrators who convert facts into policy and NGOs who try to influence them.

In the four sessions the following topics will be introduced with invited lectures from various European regions. The workshop is accompanied by a full day field trip to visit large-scale extensive farming systems in the area.

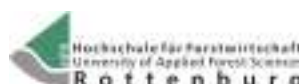
- The ecological complexity of European pastoral systems: what does this mean for achieving EU biodiversity goals, including Natura 2000?
- The social context of European pastoral systems: what features are central and how can social change embrace them?
- The key importance of identifying and monitoring HNV farming systems – how can best practice overcome the technical issues?
- What guidelines can be drawn up for European agricultural policy following 2010 which take into account the needs of HNV pastoral systems?

Venue and accommodation

For details about the venue and accommodation see www.bfn.de/0607_kontakt.html. There will be no conference fee charged, costs for accommodation and meals are at very reasonable prices.

Registration

For further information and registration, contact Dr. Norbert Wiersbinski norbert.wiersbinski@bfn-vilm.de





Monday, 20-09-2010 – arrival on Vilm

From 15.00	For early arrivals: coffee at 15.00 and possibility for a guided walk to see the Isle of Vilm sanctuary (16.00-18.00)
18.30	Dinner
20.00	Evening programme: Why this seminar? Domestic issues, getting to know each other (Norbert Wiersbinski, Peter Finck/Manfred Klein, Rainer Luick, Guy Beaufoy)

Tuesday, 21-09-2010

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	<p>Session 1: Ecological and historical complexity in landscapes and ecosystems formed by pastoralism in Europe - Chair: Benjamin Hill)</p> <p>Introduction and overview (Rainer Luick)</p> <p>Pastoral agricultural systems –past management as a factor in producing nature and landscape value (Jorgen Wissmann, Sweden)</p>
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	<p>Microstructures and carrion as key factors for biodiversity in pastoral ecosystems (Krawczynski, René, Germany)</p> <p>From gaelic pastoral systems to CAP supported extensive livestock production – socio-economic factors at the western fringes of Europe (James Moran, Ireland)</p> <p>Discussion of first session</p>
12.30	Lunch
14.00	<p>Session 2: Socio-economic context of HNV farming systems - Chair: Peter Finck</p> <p>Farm bird communities and benefits from extensive pastoral systems (Paul Terwan, Netherlands)</p> <p>Economics of extensive grazing systems in HNV farming case studies from France (Soizic Jean-Baptiste, EFNCP France)</p> <p>Trends in shepherding systems and what it means for biodiversity in the Kotel Mountains in Bulgaria (Emilian Stoynov, Bulgaria)</p>
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	<p>Where the Middle Ages still seem to exist – societies in transition: what socio-economic changes will mean for extensive livestock systems in Eastern Albania (Johann Kurtz)</p> <p>From shepherd's cottage to mountain restaurant: Touristic uses in Austrian Alpine farming areas (Andreas Muhar, Austria)</p> <p>Discussion of second session and first day topics</p>
18.30	Dinner
20.00	Evening programme: Presentation, results & discussion of research & practical projects on large-scale grazing systems in Germany (Margret Bunzel Drüke, Edgar Reisinger, Florian Wagner)



Wednesday, 22-09-2010

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Full day excursion by bus to see livestock based farming systems in the region (Estates Lodmannshagen & Dalwitz): Extensive beef production, organic farming, regional sustainable economy, adding-value, matching ecology with economics, policy issues such as support / constraints, extension services and education.
18.15 approx	Return from excursion
18.30	Dinner
20.00	Evening lecture by Alexander Mischenko, Russia: Farm birds and grazing systems in Russia (Russian Society for Bird Conservation) Cultural programme "Rivers and Tides" – documentary on the work and life of the Land-Art Artist Andy Goldsworthy

Thursday, 23.09.2010

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Session 3: Identification and monitoring of HNV farmland and of grazing systems Chair: James Moran The HNV farmland indicator – current situation and future prospects - Zélie Peppiette, DG Agri The implementation of the HNV baseline indicator into practice – lessons from the German approach (Rainer Oppermann, Germany) The high nature value farmland concept – indicators and monitoring: what is it really for? (Guy Beaufoy, UK/Spain)
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Project to identify HNV farmland areas in Spain – Georgina Alvarez MARM / Beatriz Arroyo IREC Example from Spain – the Navarra approach to implementing the HNV indicator – Carlos Astrain / Uxue Iragui, GAVR Navarra HNV pilot projects in Devon and Wales (UK) – exploring a more integrated monitoring approach for farmland and farming systems – Gwyn Jones HNV farming identification and indicators in Finland – Irina Herzon, to be confirmed Discussion of morning session
12.30	Lunch
14.00	HNV farming identification and indicators in Austria – Andreas Bartel, Umweltbundesamt GmbH, to be confirmed Estonia – wider issues of HNV farmland identification: is it counted as farmland at all on national data bases? – Pille Koorberg or Iiri Selge (to be confirmed) The JRC CAPRI model to monitor HNV farmland and response to policy changes at EU level (Maria Luisa Paracchini) (to be confirmed) Discussion of third session – what can indicators and monitoring realistically achieve in policy terms, and what data systems are needed?
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	Session 4: Conclusions from the seminar – recommendations for policy and research Chair (for plenary): Zélie Peppiette Parallel workshops to draw lessons from the seminar: what do we know already, and can integrate into policy? And what needs more research? Ecological aspects, Socio-economic aspects, Conclusions and wrapping up
18.30	Dinner

Friday, 24-09-2010

08.00	Breakfast	09.00	Departure
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