

LOWLAND HAY MEADOWS & PASTURES HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIMS

- To ensure that there is no further loss in the geographical area and biodiversity value of species-rich lowland hay meadows and pastures.
- To enhance, where possible, the biodiversity value of degraded lowland hay meadows and pastures.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of lowland hay meadows and pastures in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and;
- promote conservation management of lowland hay meadows and pastures.

ACTIONS & TARGETS

In order to achieve these objectives the following actions should be carried out and the targets achieved within the time-scale given:

Actions	Target date	3 year cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of lowland hay meadows and pastures in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2003	20,000
Ensure no new planning permissions (or extensions to existing ones) are granted which will result in the loss of species-rich lowland hay meadows and pastures.	ongoing	0
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve the biodiversity value of the remaining species-rich lowland hay meadows and pastures. Ideally all should be in positive conservation management (~2025 ha). A minimum target of 50 % should be achieved by the target date.	2010	135,000
Restore, where possible the biodiversity value of degraded lowland hay meadows and pastures. Ideally all degraded lowland hay meadows and pastures (~675 ha) should be in positive conservation management. A minimum of 50 % should be achieved by the target date.	2010	67,500

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

Lead Agency	Key Partners
MAFF / FRCA	English Nature Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Landowners & Managers Wildlife Charities Local Volunteers

