

SMALL WETLANDS HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIMS

- To ensure that there is no further loss in the area and biodiversity value of small wetlands in the dales of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- To restore a more natural hydrology across the dales of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to maintain and enhance wetland areas that have been lost or degraded.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of small wetlands in the dales of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and;
- prevent further loss of small wetlands and, wherever possible, restore lost or degraded small wetlands by preventing further drainage and promoting sustainable management including appropriate grazing management.

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 small wetlands.	2003	10,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve and, where necessary, enhance the biodiversity value of small wetlands through a return to less intensive mixed livestock farming.	2010	63,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to restore a more natural hydrology to the uplands (see Rivers & Streams).	ongoing	-
To re-create 100 ha of wetland in the floodplain of Dales rivers	2010	25,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

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

