

## SMALL UPLAND WETLANDS HABITAT ACTION PLAN

### AIMS

- To ensure that there is no further loss in the area and biodiversity value of small upland wetlands in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- To restore a more natural hydrology across the Dales bottoms 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 upland wetlands in the Yorkshire Dales National park, and;
- prevent further loss of small upland wetlands and, wherever possible, restore lost or degraded small upland 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 timescale given:

Actions	Target date	3 year cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of small upland wetlands.	2005	5,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve and, where necessary, enhance the biodiversity value of small upland wetlands through a return to less intensive mixed livestock farming.	2010	10,000
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	-

### WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

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

