

# UPLAND HAY MEADOWS HABITAT ACTION PLAN

## AIMS

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

## OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

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

## 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 upland hay meadows in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2003	5,000
Ensure no new planning permissions (or extensions to existing ones) are granted which will result in the loss of species-rich upland hay meadows.	ongoing	0
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve the biodiversity value of all of the remaining species-rich upland hay meadows (80 ha)	2005	25,000
Restore, where possible the biodiversity value of degraded hay meadows. Ideally all degraded hay meadows (~20 ha) should be in positive conservation management by the target date.	2005	10,000

## WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

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

