

## SMALL BASE-RICH WETLANDS HABITAT ACTION PLAN

### AIMS

- To ensure that there is no further loss in the area and biodiversity value of small base-rich wetlands in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- To restore a more natural hydrology across the Dales 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 base-rich wetlands in the Yorkshire Dales National park;
- prevent further loss of small base-rich wetlands and, wherever possible, restore lost or degraded small base-rich wetlands by preventing further drainage and promoting sustainable management including appropriate grazing management.

### ACTIONS & TARGETS

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 base-rich wetlands.	2003	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 base-rich wetlands through a return to less intensive mixed livestock farming.	2005	11,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to restore a more natural hydrology to the uplands.	ongoing	See Rivers & Streams-

### 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

