

UPLAND WET ACIDIC GRASSLAND HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIM

- To maintain and where necessary, enhance or restore, the biodiversity value of a significant proportion of upland wet acidic grassland within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, particularly where this habitat is important for breeding wading birds.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve this aim we need to:

- determine the current area and biodiversity value of wet acidic grassland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- promote the conservation management of important wet acidic grassland habitats, and;
- restore wet acidic grassland degraded by drainage.

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 wet acidic grassland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2005	15,000
Ensure that at least 2500 ha of wet acidic grassland is in appropriate conservation management through advice and management grant schemes. This will be achieved by reducing stocking rates and where necessary, restoring more natural drainage patterns to moorland fringe habitats.	2010	38,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

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

