



LIFE platform meeting on restoration of sand dune habitats NH Hotel, Zandvoort, the Netherlands, 15-17 June 2016

Draft Programme

The LIFE Platform meeting is also a thematic networking event as part of the Natura 2000 Biogeographic Process and will ask;

- Where are we now and where do we need to be?
- What needs to be done?
- How do we proceed?
- Planning for action –what, who, how and when?

The workshop report setting out a 'dune revival' roadmap could form the basis for future cooperation and collaboration and would be a contribution to the Atlantic Biogeographic seminar 2016.

Wednesday 15th June

Arrival and registrations in Zandvoort from 13.00

Session 1: The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

14.30-14.45 Welcomes

- Welcome by Sjakel van Wesemael, Nature and Recreation Manager, PWN
- Welcome from Angelo Salsi, Head of Unit B3 -LIFE and CIP Eco-Innovation, European Commission, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)
- Introductions from Neemo and ECNC

14.45- 15.00 The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process explained

TBA Speaker from Unit B3- Nature, European Commission, DG Environment

15.00- 15.15 Responding to priority issues arising from the Atlantic biogeographic seminar 2012

Jean-Louis Herrier, Flemish Authority- Agency Nature and Forests

- Large scale loss of natural habitat
- Interference with natural dynamics
- Lack of an integrated approach in Natura 2000 planning
- Invasive alien species
- Climate change

15.15-15.30 The Natura 2000 Communication Platform

Neil McIntosh, Deputy Executive Director, European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC)

15.30-16.00 Tea and Coffee

Session 2: Lessons from the projects

Welcome by Ed Cousin, Head of Nature Management, Waternet

16.00-16.15 Revitalising dunes in Kennemerland: beach-dune sand transport and habitat restoration

Marieke Kuipers, PWN¹

16.15-16.30 Amsterdam Dunes- Source for nature, dune habitat restoration project²

Luc Geelen, Waternet

Short project presentations

16.30 -16.40 The SandLIFE project: coastal and inland dune restoration in Sweden³

Magnus Jönsson, Land Manager, County Administrative Board, Skåne

16.40-16.50 Conservation of inland dunes in Belgium

Lennert Damen⁴ and Bart Tessens⁵

16.50-17.00 Light and Fire –LIFE: Dune management in the Boreal Zone^{6,7}

Päivi Virnes, Conservation Biologist, Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife, Finland

17.00- 17.15 The LIFE programme and dune habitats

Joao Pedro Silva,

17.15-17.30 Introduction to rest of programme and field trips

18.30 Buffet dinner

20.00- 22.00 The Knowledge Market: Knowledge exchange and networking

Day 2 Thursday 16th June

Registration 8.30-9.00

Session 3 Practical experiences and lessons: Where are we now and what needs to be done?

9.00- 9.15 Welcome from Angelo Salsi

9.15-9.30 The Nitrogen problem

Annemieke Kooijman

9.30-9.45 Invasive Alien Species in coastal dunes –example of *Rosa rugosa*

Maike Isermann

9.45-10.00 The need for dynamics and bare sand- in both coastal and inland dunes

Speaker to be confirmed

Short project presentations

¹ LIFE09NATNL000418: Dutch dune revival

² LIFE11NATNL000776: Amsterdam Dunes –source for nature

³ LIFE11NATSE000849: SandLIFE-restoration of habitats on sandy soils in southern Sweden

⁴ LIFE11NATB001061: Nature restoration Most-Keiheuvel

⁵ LIFE12NATB001098: Life Together- To get heath restored

⁶ LIFE13NATFI000099: Light & Fire -LIFE

⁷ LIFE05NATFIN000104 Vattajan dyyni LIFE

10.00-10.10 LIFE FLANDRE: cross –border cooperation

Jean-Louis Herrier⁸

10.10-10.20 Restoration of inland dunes and dry grasslands in military areas - Life+ project in Southern Poland

Wojtek Mróz⁹

10.20-10.30 REDCOHA-LIFE Restoration of Danish coastal habitats¹⁰

Uffe Strandby, Danish Nature Agency

10.30-11.00 coffee and workshops to 12.30

Session 4: Workshops

1. Coastal Dunes

Introduction to workshop: challenges for coastal dunes Coastal dunes- Issues and experience (supported by background paper

Contributions from Evert Jan Lammerts, Staatsbobeheer and OBN

2. Inland dunes

Introduction to workshop: challenges for inland dunes Inland dunes- Issues and experience (supported by background paper)

Contributions from Holger Roessling¹¹, Naturschutzfonds

12.30-13.15 Lunch

Field visits

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Discussions in the field include reactivation of dune processes, rejuvenation of slacks, blowouts, mosaic management and invasive alien species.

Dinner at own cost in Zandvoort

Day 3 Friday 17th June

Session 3: Ways to proceed, including feedback from workshops

9.00- 9.55 Welcome from Neil McIntosh, ECNC

Thematic presentations

9.00 -09.15 Research needs for coastal and inland dunes

OBN

09.15-09.30

To be filled

⁸ LIFE12NATB000631: life FLANDRE –Flemish and North-French Dunes Restoration

⁹ LIFE12NATPL000031: LIFE Military Habitats

¹⁰ LIFE12NATDK001073 REDCOHA-LIFE – Restoration of Danish coastal habitats

¹¹ LIFE12NATDE000144: LIFE Sandrasen

Project presentations

9.30-9.45 Using the PAF as a catalyst for restoration programmes

Juris Jatnieks

9.45-10.00 Developing a UK dune restoration programme

Sue Rees, Natural England

10.00-10.15 LIFE+ARCOS: coastal dune habitat restoration in northern Spain¹²

Ignacio Alonso Felpete, University of Oviedo

10.15-10.30

To be filled

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

Session 4: Plenary discussion and input to dune roadmap

Session will include responses to pressures and threats such as Nitrogen plans, recreation management, delivery of PAFs through national programmes and use of EU funding support (LIFE, Horizon 2020 etc).

11.00-11.30 Feedback and discussion from working groups

11.30-11.45 Presentation of draft report to Atlantic biogeographic seminar on coastal and inland dunes, the views of practitioners, and proposals for further networking

Neil McIntosh and John Houston

11.45-12.15 Discussion and conclusions

12.30 buffet lunch or sandwich lunch for those on optional excursion

12.30 -17.00 Excursion to inland dune project

Return coach to Zandvoort or train to Schiphol

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¹² LIFE13NAT/ES/000883 LIFE+ARCOS – in situ and ex situ innovative combined techniques for coastal dune habitats restoration in SCIs of northern Spain