

Erratum to: Impacts of Land Abandonment on Vegetation: Successional Pathways in European Habitats

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Table 1 Main characteristics of sampling protocols and successional pathways for the different field case studies

| Type of vegetation | Study area: location | Sample* characteristics | Successional pathways: stages sampled | | | | Data sources (references) |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | | | Time elapsed since land abandonment (yr) and number of plots (n) | | | | |
| | | | Initial (I) | Grass (II) | Shrub (III) | Woodland (IV) | |
| Calcareous grasslands | Province of Limburg (NL) 50°50'–5°41' 50°54'–6°09' | <i>n</i> =747 NP <i>s</i> =1–100 | Yes n=467 | Yes 5–10 yr n=208 | Yes 15–20 yr n=72 | No | Dutch National Vegetation Database |
| Low-elevation heathlands | Province of Drenthe (NL) 52°45'–6°13' 52°55'–6°50' | <i>n</i> =1,021 NP <i>s</i> =4–80 | Yes n=434 | Yes 5–15 yr n=393 | No | Yes 30–35 yr n=194 | Dutch National Vegetation Database |
| Dry and moist dune grasslands | Flemish coast Belgium 51°05'–2°32' 51°21'–3°22' | <i>n</i> =1,282 NP <i>s</i> =4–250 | Yes n=758 | Yes 3–10 yr n=67 | Yes 10–30 yr n=404 | Yes >30 yr n=53 | Vlavedat (INBO-vegetation database from Flanders, Belgium) |
| Alpine pastures & meadows | Enns Valley, Styria, Austrian Alps 47°38'–14°06' | <i>n</i> =12 P <i>s</i> *=50–100 | Yes n=6 | Yes 3–5 yr n=6 | No | No | Not published |
| Mid-elevation grasslands | Chaîne des Puys (Massif central, France) 45°46'–2°58' | <i>n</i> =340 NP <i>s</i> =25–400 | Yes n=125 | No | No | Yes 30–35 yr n=215 | Coquillard 1993; Prévosto 1999 |
| Arable fields | Univ. Göttingen (Germany) 51°34'–9°56' | <i>n</i> =232 P <i>s</i> =150–200 | Yes n=69 | Yes 5–10 yr n=56 | Yes 5–15 yr n=61 | Yes >20 yr n=46 | Schmidt 1993, 2006; Dölle et al. 2008 |
| Arable fields | Halle, Saxony-Anhalt (Germany) 41°30'–12°10' 51°23'–11°52' | <i>n</i> =125 P <i>s</i> =4 | Yes n=65 | Yes 3–18 yr n=60 | No | No | Stadler et al. 2007 |

*Sample characteristics (*n* – number of relevés, P/NP – permanent/non permanent plots, *s* – size in m²).

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