





Establishment and increase of rare wild herbs

Goal	Reestablishment of rare wild herbs	
Short description of the measure	<p>This measure aims on the reestablishment of rare wild herbs which do not exist in the seed bank of the soil anymore but occur in the surrounding area.</p> <p>On suitable sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it should first be tried to let the target species establish itself by applying measures to support them 2. if, however, after two years target species did not settle on the plot, selected wild herbs should be sown in with autochthon seeding material or by soil transfer <p>There is a combination of measures that is additionally necessary to promote the occurrence of the species on the site. E.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No harrow on at least 50 % of the field ■ Minor crop density or drill gaps on at least 20 % of the field 	
Quality elements of soundly implemented biodiversity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Establishment of target species ■ Increase in their abundance over the years <p>Examples of rare wild herbs:</p> <div>    </div> <div> <p>Common corn-cockle (<i>Agrostemma githago</i>)</p> <p>Wild Candytuft (<i>Iberis amara</i>)</p> <p>Corn Toadflax (<i>Linaria arvensis</i>)</p> </div>	
Effects on biodiversity (ecosystems, species, soil biodiversity)		<p>Support of endangered, mostly low-growing and concurrence weak wild herbs. Endangered species, which do not occur in the seed bank of the soil anymore, may not be able to establish themselves even under good praxis.</p>
Other positive effects/benefit for the farmer		
Indicator/key data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Total size of area (ha) dedicated to this measure/managed as described above 	

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