

Integrate a network of participatory science

<p>Goal</p>	<p>Implement easy protocol to better understand the local and common biodiversity (targeted species: earthworms, wild bees, butterflies, invertebrates)</p> <p>Increase biodiversity awareness of farmers with participatory science</p>
<p>Short description of the measure</p>	<p>Earthworms, wild bees, butterflies, invertebrates are interesting indicators because of the importance in provision of many ecosystem services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earthworms: soil functioning, soil fertility, organic matter recycling, water infiltration etc. ▪ Invertebrates: biological control of organisms (pest management). ▪ Butterflies: Sensitive to landscape change, to weeds / wild plants, pollination ▪ Wild bees: pollination <p>4 protocols has been designed by the biodiversity farming observatory (complete description in reference). The indicators are mainly the number of species or families identified.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Pic. 1: Indicators for ecosystem services</p>
<p>Quality elements of soundly implemented biodiversity measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equipment on the field ▪ Book registration of the protocol results (families and species identified) ▪ Oral exchange with the advisor / coordinator of the measure (collective measure involving several farmers of an area)
<p>Effects on biodiversity (ecosystems, species, soil biodiversity)</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Better understanding of local and common biodiversity (air and soil biodiversity) and of ecosystem services provided (pollination, soil fertility, biological control of organisms...)
<p>Other positive effects/benefit for the farmer</p>	<p>This is rewarding action for the farmer on which he can communicate to its consumers or others clients.</p>
<p>Indicator/key data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of protocol implemented ▪ Wild bees, butterflies, invertebrates, earthworms diversity and abundance

Reference

- **Observatoire Agricole de la biodiversité**
<http://observatoire-agricole-biodiversite.fr/>
<http://oab.mnhn.fr/sites/observatoire-agricole-biodiversite.fr/files/upload/attached/postersoab.pdf>
- **OPVT, participative earthworm observatory, Université de Rennes**
<https://ecobiosoil.univ-rennes1.fr/page.php?93>
https://ecobiosoil.univ-rennes1.fr/e107_files/downloads/poster_OPVT_GSBI_2014.pdf

Further information: [Knowledge Pool](#)

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