

Sandy habitats after Sand Life



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HOW DO WE RETAIN THE LANDSCAPE WE HAVE ACHIEVED?



SWOT-ANALYSIS



STRENGTHS

- Improved knowledge about restoration and management
- A big step forward in improving sandy habitats and its species
- Cooperation between partners, net-working
- Knowledge among contractors has increased
- Increased accessibility of wooded dunes
- Monitoring has conciliated the best practice
- Raised knowledge and awareness among the public and landowners
- Less *Rosa rugosa* in the dunes today

WEAKNESSES

- Limitations due to rules connected to the compensations to farmer for grazing
- Difficulties to call for contractors for prescribed burnings
- Not all *Rosa rugosa* has been removed
- Removing *Rosa rugosa* is expensive
- Time for monitoring biodiversity is too short
- Limited access to military shooting areas

OPPORTUNITIES

- The areas of sandy habitats with favorable conservation status has improved considerably
- The development of the rare and priority habitat Xeric sand calcareous grasslands has improved
- Information and signs will continue to increase the visitors interest about sandy habitat and conservation
- Possibilities for keeping grazing animals and meat production in the sandy environments have improved

THREATS

- Less funding to finance future management
- The maintenance costs for restored areas compete with financing other valuable habitats of importance in the Habitat Directive
- Financing restorations and management actions in protected areas may not increase in proportion to increased numbers of nature reserves
- Interruption in management of sandy habitat
- Lack of animal keepers and grazing animals in the sandy areas

REFLECTIONS ON AFTER LIFE



***This was all friends . . .
. . . now keep on managing!***

***Thank you all
and have a safe trip home***

The Sand Life team

