

DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENT PROJECT

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**SEMI-NATURAL GRASSLAND SCORECARD**

Participant:	
Herd Number:	
Survey Date:	
Plot Number:	
Surveyor:	
Proposed 100% Payment	€
Total Plot Area	Hectares
Plot Score	/100 % (marks)
Total Measure Payment	€

Bird's Foot Trefoil	<i>Marsh Pennywort</i>	<i>Mosses</i>
Devil's Bit Scabious	<i>Marsh Thistle</i>	Selfheal & Bugle
Eyebrights	<i>Meadow Thistle</i>	Sheep Sorrel
Forget-me-nots	<i>Meadow Sweet</i>	Small Bedstraws/Stitchwort's
Heathers	<i>Mints</i>	Small Rushes
Knapweeds	<i>Orchids</i>	Small Umbels
Lady's Smock	<i>Ox-eye Daisy</i>	Tormentil
Large Umbels	<i>Ragged Robin</i>	Vetches
Lesser Spearwort	<i>Sedges</i>	Vetchling
Violets	<i>Yellow Composites</i>	Yellow Flag Iris
Yellow Rattle	<i>Yorkshire Fog</i>	Creeping Bent
Red Fescue	<i>Meadow Grasses spp</i>	

**A. COMPOSITION OF NEGATIVE INDICATOR SPECIES 20 MARKS**

\*Negative species including Nettles, Docks, Ragwort, Perennial Ryegrass, Creeping/Spear Thistle

Dominant >50%	Abundant 25-50%	Frequent 11-25%	Occasional 6-10%	Rare 0-5%	Absent 0%
-15 marks	-10 marks	-5 marks	5 marks	10 marks	20 marks

**B. VEGETATION STRUCTURE 20 MARKS**

Poor	Moderate	Good
Vast majority of the plot has either tall or short vegetation with lodging or overgrazing evident. Little or no flowering plants.	25-50% of plot has a variety of tall and/or short vegetation throughout with occasional to frequent patches.	>50% of the plot with a diverse sward of tall and short vegetation mosaics
-5 marks	10 marks	20 marks

**C. CONTRIBUTION TO WATERCOURSES 20 MARKS**

Plot is a dry site with no natural wet features	Natural wet features/natural seepage areas/critical source areas present.	Natural wet features/natural seepage areas/critical source areas discharging to natural watercourse.
0 marks	10 marks	20 Marks

<b>D. ARTIFICIAL DRAINAGE FEATURES</b>			<b>20 MARKS</b>
Newly maintained and/or free flowing drains throughout the plot -20 marks	Minimal or <10% of the plot with free flowing or recently maintained drains -10 marks	Well vegetated historic drains present with flow slowed and impeded significantly 10 marks	No artificial drainage within the plot  20 marks

<b>E. THREATS TO SITE INTEGRITY</b>				<b>20 MARKS</b>
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>NONE</b>	
Evidence of severe Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides. -20 MARKS	Some evidence of Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides -10 MARKS	Minimal evidence of Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides 10 MARKS	No evidence of any damaging activity at the site.	20 MARKS

**COMMENTS:**