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Wet Meadowland, Czech Republic

In brief - Wet sphagnum meadowlands were once common in the Czech Republic but are now becoming increasingly rare due to intensive agriculture. The trust aims to purchase and rent areas of wet meadowland with the aim of protecting and further enhancing the land.

Project - The project is targeting the purchase of approximately 2 Hectares of designated wet meadow and the renting of a further 10 Hectares. Once accomplished this will then allow for a programme of works to protect and enhance the land which includes bridge building, removal of invasive species and mowing. Mowing is particularly important to the natural cycle of these meadows yet with restoration heavy machinery cannot be used, the meadows will be hand mown and the hay removed on 75 Hectares. More than 150 landowners and other stakeholders will be involved (Municipalities, local authorities etc)

Organisation - Sdružení Krajina is a land trust founded in 1997 to protect and enhance endangered wetland meadow habitats. It is now one of the largest preservation land trusts in the Czech Republic yet only controls 150 Hectares of land. Wet sphagnum meadowlands were once common in the Czech Republic but increasingly intensive agriculture has led to them disappearing at an alarming rate. The wet meadowland sustains a very wide and extensive biodiversity and is an important element in local water quality.

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