

Native seeds mobilization's methods

Partner	Seed mobilization methods	State of the art at the beginning of the project	What we learned from the project	What to do to go further
CEN Occitanie	Collecte manuelle (manual seed collecting)	This method does not represent a real alternative for the production of native seeds in the increasing quantities demanded by restorers, landscapers, and farmers.	It's an effective and important method for single-species harvesting, especially in order to collect samples for further multiplication. This method provides a good knowledge of source populations, on condition that the localities are located by GPS and recorded in a well managed database. This method requires nevertheless good botanical knowledge.	
CEN Occitanie	Transfert de foin (hay transfer)	May be an effective method in certain conditions. However, the seed content (quantity and diversity) of dry bales will vary and may be low as seed will have dropped out while the hay was drying and when it was turned and baled.	Apparently simple, but a lot of work in terms of logistics - requires a lot of equipment in one place at one time.	
CEN Occitanie	Collecte à la brosseuse (collect with a seed brusher)	This method may be pertinent in some vegetation types with easily "brushable" seeds. You must organize several sessions because the seeds of the different species in one stand are never ripe and the same time.	This method requires specific equipment and experienced staff, good knowledge of "source" grasslands and species identification. We managed to harvest an important quantity of seeds of several target species. This remains a very interesting technique on condition that the land owners and users accept the harvesting (which may induce some additional costs).	
CBMA	All seeds used by CBMA were bought			
Semillas Silvestres	Semillas comerciales del stock de Semillas Silvestres	Disponíamos de las semillas en nuestro stock comercial	Es necesario aumentar la diversidad y cantidad de semillas para mezclas de conservacion	
FGN	Siega y empacado de pasto natural	Ninguna experiencia	Sistematizado el método para la provincia de Cácers	
FGN	Caracterización y uso de restos de limpia de cereal ecológico	Ninguna experiencia	Viabilidad del uso de estas semillas.	
IPB	Manual seed collecting	We had already experience in reseeding hay-meadows with collected seeds and in in sown herbaceous cover crops	Native seeds harvest can be very expensive. Seeds have to be properly managed after harvesting. It is important to test the harvest and handling of other native seeds.	Important to deepen relationships with national private seed companies