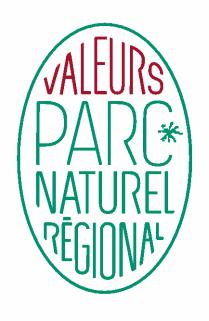
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# French parks networks

#### **Regional Natural Parks**

#### **Territories:**

- with a rich natural and cultural heritage that is threatened
- with a development project based on the preservation and valorisation of this heritage.



#### **National Parks**

To preserve exceptionnal heritage and promote sustainable development

- Earth or sea core zone with rules to preserve heritage
- Adhesion area in geographical continuity and/or ecological solidarity with the core

# Mark attribution process

#### **Regional Natural Parks**

**User Agreement** the only contracting tool with:

- reference to mandatory criteria
- possibility of park-specific requirements
- optional criteria: follow-up of margins of progress

Project of convention between

Candidate and Park

**National commission** 

Accreditation audit

Agreement by the Park



#### National Parks

**Generic Use Regulation**: the use of the mark and the general principles

**Categorical Use Regulations:** technical criteria developed for all national parks:

- \* mandatory criteria
- \* optional criteria : adaptation to local context and margins of progress

Accreditation audit

Local commission

Agreement by the Parc

Partnership agreement

Award for 3 years

# A "network" dimension with communication and animation

#### **Regional Natural Parks**

Awareness and training days
Facebook, page on the Web site of RNPs
Press Campaign

Events: « Village des Parcs 50 ans »
Newsletter for awarded

#### **National Parks**

Local meetings and trainings
National and local Events
Facebook, espritparcnational.com
Press Travel in parks
communication kits for Parks

# Some figures

#### **Regional Natural Parks**

2000 marked companies; 300 markings

- . 50% agri-food products
- . 40% tourist and educational services
- . 10% artisanal production (wood and stone)

#### **National Parks**

300 participants in 9 NPs

- > 500 products and/or services
- > 75% tourist services

Project implemented in 2015

# **Context of agriculture in French parks**

**Regional Natural Parks**: 58 000 farms, 11 % France Park is an asset not a constraint for farmers, strategic players in the park.



National Parks: 15 000 farms

Moutain, tropical and mediterranean context

#### Values of the marks:

- Attachment to the territory
- Agroecological and eco responsible practices
- Activities allowing a decent income to the farmers
- Products diversity and short circuit distribution
- Biodiversity and landscape quality/attractivity
- Preservation of natural resources
- Limitation of chemical inputs





### Values of the mark

#### **Regional Natural Parks**

Park is an asset not a constraint for farmers, strategic players in the park.

#### Values of the mark:

- Attachment to the territory,
- Human dimension of agriculture,
- Valuation of the environmental asset and natural resources
- •Preservation of agricultural activities allowing a decent income to the farmers
- Preservation of landscape quality

#### **National Parks**

#### Values of the mark:

• Commitment, Authenticity, Respect, Sharing, Vitality

#### **Characteristics:**

- Attachment to the territory,
- Agroecologic and eco-responsible practices,
- Préservation of landscape biodiversity,
- Consummer awareness of environnement

# Some examples of marking

#### **National Parks**

#### **Agroforestry products:**

- System associating trees and cultures on the same plot: at least 2 species cultivated or culture under shade of trees
- Protection of local, old or threatened varieties
- Examples : coffee, cacao, vanilla

# National and Regional Natural Parks

#### Food low miles:

- Short sales circuits
- Contact between producer and consumer

















### Interest of these marks Parks

- These marks value products and services created by people who make a commitment in the conservation of parks, territories of exception (landscape and biodiversity)
- These marks combine economic development with respect for the values of sustainable development
- From the consumer point of view, citizen and local purchasing act
  - meets a citizen need to know what is consumed, where and how it was produced preserving natural resources / environment
  - is an expressing European demand today

Encourage, promote these approaches and integrate them in the CAP with an agricultural policy on food

# Thank's



















#### What is a « Flowering Meadow »?

- Not sowed herbaceous environment, rich in a wide variety of species
- A biodiversity-friendly habitat
- A fodder resource
- Variuous uses and types: mown, grazed, dry, wet, plains, hills or mountain

#### Why choosing « Flowering Meadows »?

- Could deseapear rapidly
- Basis of the territory biodiversity
- The major fodder resource



# Why this contest on « Flowering Meadows »?

- Create dialogue between actors
- Highlight the need to preserve biodiversity
- Communicate on the interest of these natural meadows in the breeding and also in their conservation
- Communicate on the link between biodiversity and quality of the products

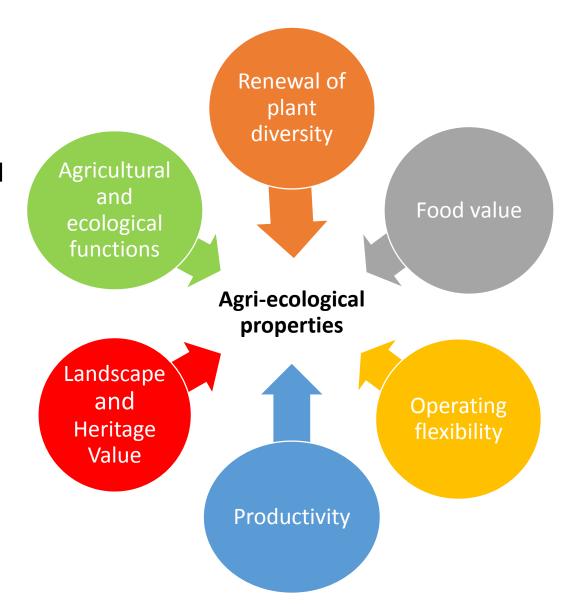
## **Flowering Meadows National Contest**

#### What do we judge?

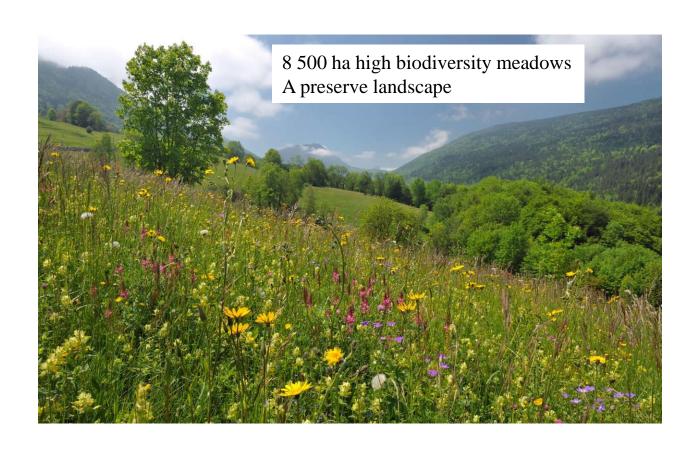
 Balance between agricultural and ecological value based on six criteria

#### How does it work?

- Farmers are candidates
- A jury of experts
- The local winner is candidate at the national contest

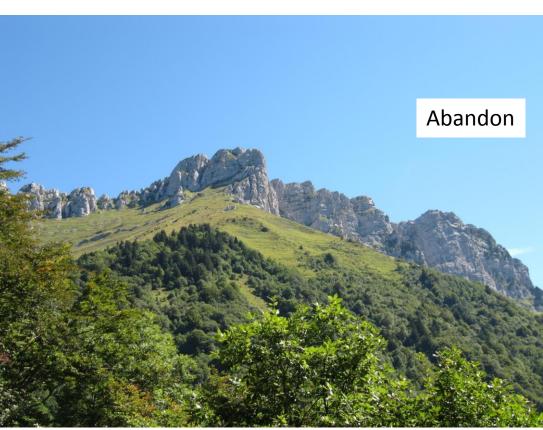


# Grassland: a natural and cultural heritage



# Risks for Grassland: a natural and cultural heritage





Promotion of local products

High quality products

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Flowering meadows products from the Bauges Massif











