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Biodiversity data helps at targeting Agrienvironmental scheme actions in Wallonia

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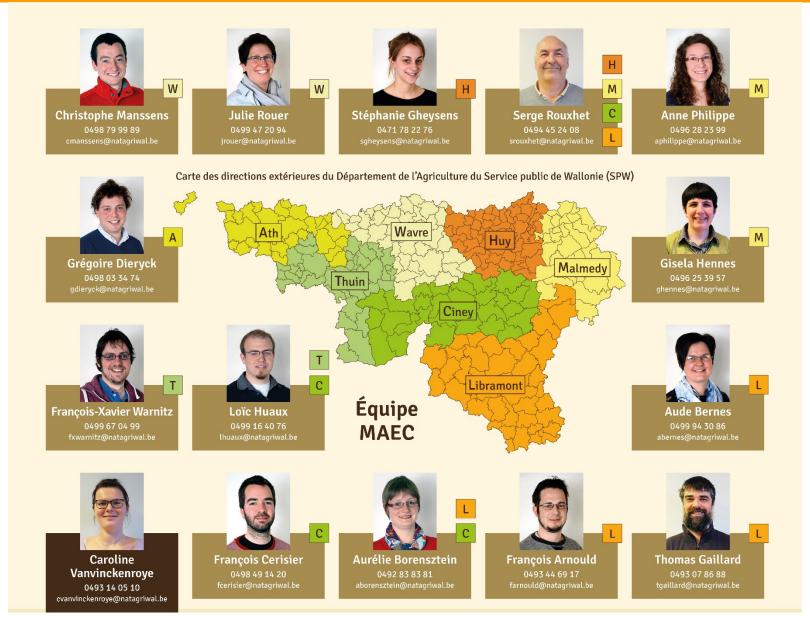
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Targeted AES in Wallonia

- Broad "administrative" legal constrains:
 - For AES 8 (targeted strips): be an arable field border (no permanent grassland); 3-30 meters width; No pesticides N; No fertilizers (with possible derogations); Max. 9% of total arable field area of the farm; 5-year contract, 1250€/ha.
 - For AES 4 (grasslands with high biological value): be permanent grassland; No pesticides N; No fertilizers (with possible derogations); 5-year contract, 450€/ha.
- Other obligations defined by Natagriwal based on targeted (group of) species or habitats:
 - Sowing/mowing/grazing dates and rates
 - Seed mix
 - Pond creation
 - Unmown refugees
 - ...



Farm advisors team





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Where to act? For which (group of) species?

- Creation of decision tools for farm advisors (responsible for AES contracts).
- Based on biodiversity data (species occurrence):
 - Buffering
 - Models
- Adaptation of the AES management





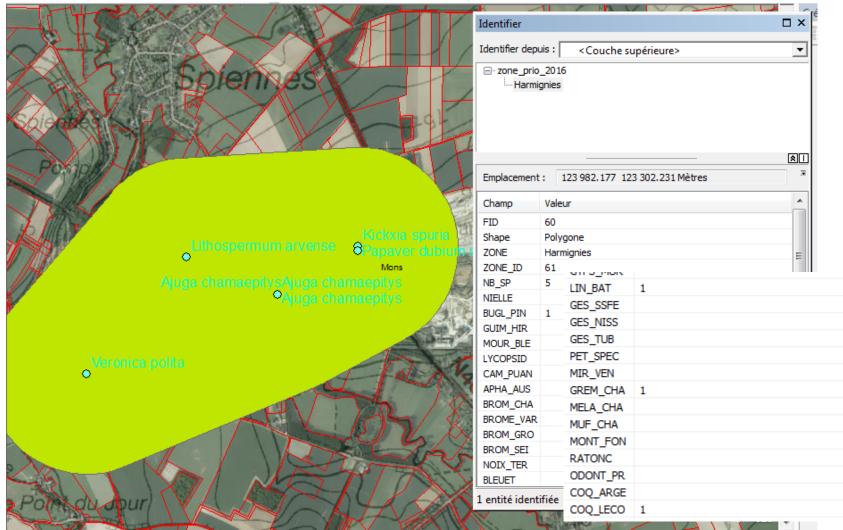


➤ Gathering of observation data by DEMNA, transmitted to Natagriwal. Period: 2010-2016.



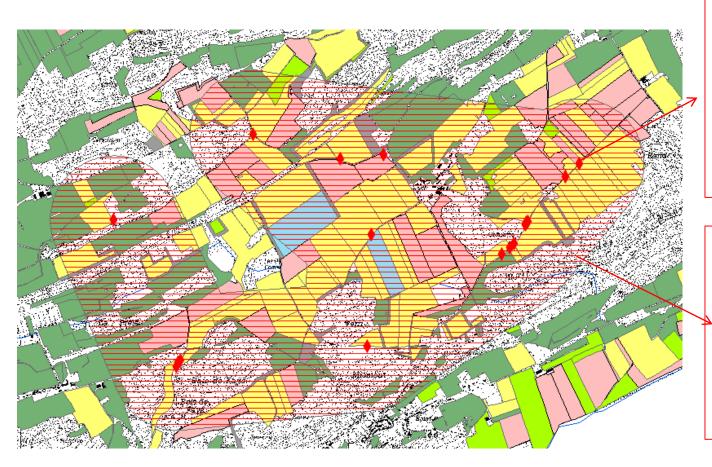


➤ Buffers around observation aggregates => arable plant priority zones.





> Targeted actions.

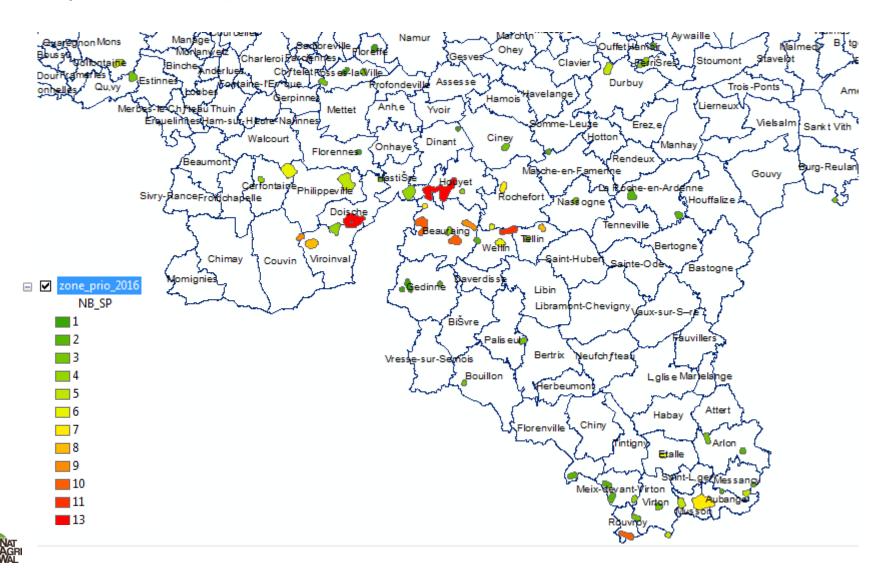


Observation data: direct contact with farmer to propose the implantation of a strip

Buffer zones around observation data: Arable plant conservation strip is available for farmer



➤ 65 arable plant priority zones in Wallonia (1-13 species/zone)





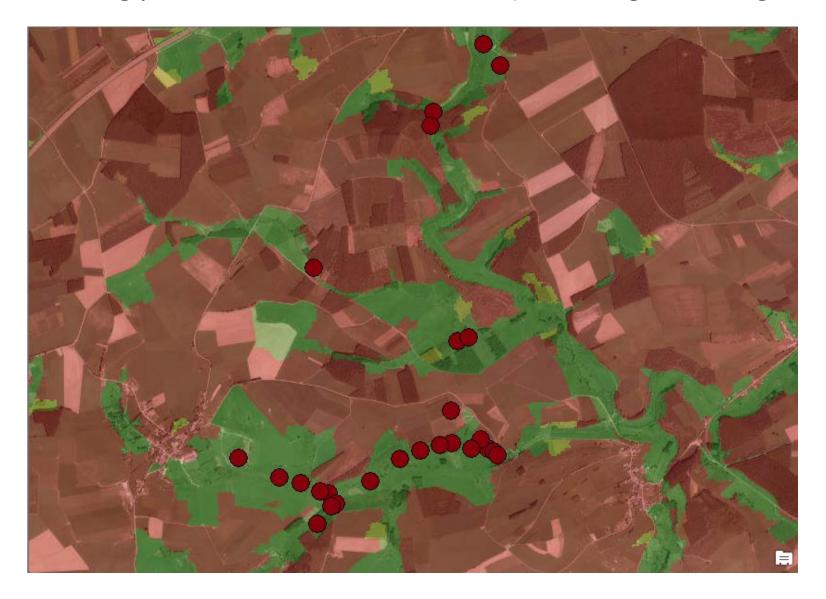


> Starting point : Occurence data 2000-2016 (DEMNA)



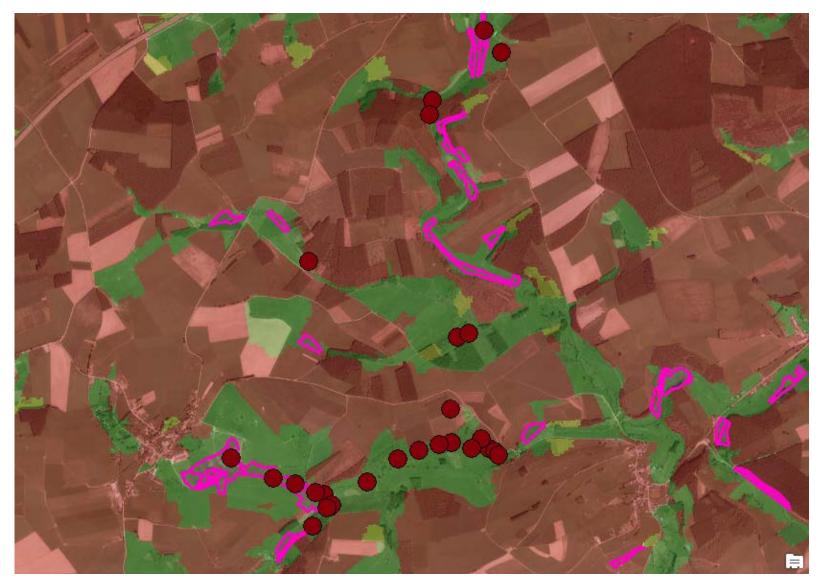


➤ Modelling potential favourable habitat (Univ. Liège & Natagriwal)





> Adaptation of AES grassland management to violet copper (include large unmown refugees)





Conclusions

- Targeting makes the conservation more efficient (Right action at the right place)
- Biodiversity data is needed for targeting
- An interpretation of raw data may be needed before transmission to field actors







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Thank you!



