



Theme 3: Defining Favourable Reference Values / Favourable Conservation Status

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- What were the main obstacles to setting FRVs and what solutions have been found to overcome these obstacles?

Main issues raised

- ✓ Lack of data (historical or present)
- ✓ Not appropriate planning (lack of time)
- ✓ Lack of funding
- ✓ No good understanding of FRVs
- ✓ Difficulty to measure/estimate certain parameters of FRVs



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- **What scientific criteria have been used in your country for the setting of favourable reference values?**

Main issues raised:

- ✓ Difficulty of setting certain criteria and combining them
- ✓ The lack of data may prohibit quantitative approaches
- ✓ Data existing only for the N2K network
- ✓ Need for testing of the methodology and funds to do it
- ✓ Lack of historical data hampers the development of FRVs



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- **What scientific criteria have been used in your country for the setting of favourable reference values?**

Solutions / best practices / suggestions

- ✓ Use of different approaches (use of distribution models or expert judgement) according to existing data
- ✓ Use of remote sensing
- ✓ Using 'operators' instead of certain thresholds



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- **Have other than scientific aspects been considered when setting FRVs?**

Solutions / best practices / suggestions

- ✓ Initiating projects to gather data
- ✓ Targeting the areas and surrogates with gaps of knowledge
- ✓ Considering current land-uses



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- What were the main obstacles to setting FRVs and what solutions have been found to overcome these obstacles?

Solutions / best practices / suggestions

- ✓ Citizen science
- ✓ Focus on species habitat
- ✓ Allocating appropriate funding
- ✓ Sharing Examples
- ✓ Seminars
- ✓ Hands on training



Thank you!

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