Opening remarks

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Documented Estimated

Over 40 million ha!
Needs of the farmer:
- Dependable grazing resource at reasonable cost
- Ability to deal fairly with other graziers and other users
- Mechanisms to maintain pasture quality
- Ability to get at least same support as other farmers

Policy pre-requisites:
- Secure, guaranteed access to land
- Governance of the pasture
- Secure, guaranteed access to ‘forage’ (on paper)
- Regulations which recognise and cope with common pasture
- Support measures which ‘work’ on common pastures
- Applicants eligible for support

Needs of society:
- Food products from semi-natural resources
- Resilient food supply (climate, fuel…)
- Cultural and landscape values
- Habitats and species
- Fire control
- Combatting rural poverty
- Needs of the farmer
- Needs of society
- Policy pre-requisites