

# Measuring Success in Results-Based Schemes: Assessing Results-based Indicators

Once a set of result-based indicators have been selected, we need to know how to measure these indicators. Indicators are usually monitored through on-farm assessments, to determine each indicator's quality and/or abundance. Score cards can be an effective tool to measure the indicators' presence and quality in each habitat. Scorecards can vary from very specific assessment devices to more holistic tools. Here we compare two scorecards (A and B) for grassland habitats.

Scorecard A is from the English results-based grassland pilot for species rich hay meadows, ran by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Natural England. The scorecard is an example of a more specific scorecard: the scoring directly counts the individual occurrence of positive and negative plant species at set points on a transect line. The scorecard then adds this score to an additional indicator for habitat quality: the area of cover which is negatively impacted by 'damaging activities.' The damaging activities are more loosely defined.

Scorecard B is from <u>Wild Atlantic Nature</u> (WAN) in West Ireland for their results-based pilot programme to promote blanket bog conservation and restoration. This grassland scorecard is more holistic: it assesses more indicators, but it is slightly with less precise in counting the presence of indicator species. The card identifies present positive species, and the assessment score groups species variety for banded scores. The combined cover of species is also scored in bands.

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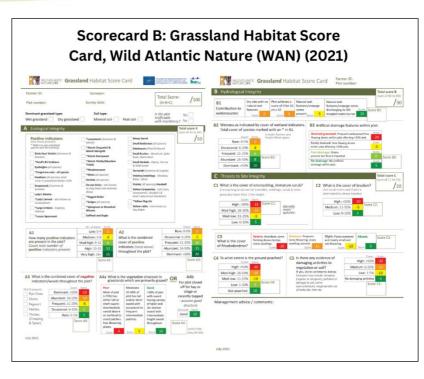
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