

Appendix 1. Standardized interpretation guide

General project information

Name of project				
SNS name		LIFE ref nr.		
LIFE name and abbreviation				
Placing / area				
Number of project areas				
Name of areas				
Participating countries				
Main beneficiaries				
Other beneficiaries				
Period of time				
Start and end				
LIFE program				
Purpose / focus				
Species		Habitat		Other
Description				

Comparison with the attributes of the SER Primer

1. Attribute – References and community structure				
Does the project compare with a reference ecosystem?	Yes		No	
Is the reference ecosystem;	Specific		Imaginary	
What is written about the assemblage of species?				
2. Attribute – Non-indigenous species				
Is the project aiming at a	Cultural landscape		Natural landscape	
Is there an identification of non indigenous species?	Yes		No	
How does the project deal with non indigenous species?				
3. Attribute – Functional groups				
Is there an identification of functional groups?	Yes		No	
How does the project work with functional groups?				
4. Attribute – Physical Environment				
Has special demands of important species been identified?	Yes		No	
How is the physical environment manipulated as part of the project?				

5. Attribute – Functioning ecosystem				
Has ecosystem functions been identified?	Yes		No	
What is written about ecosystem functions?				
Has prospective dysfunctions been identified?	Yes		No	
How does the project deal with prospective dysfunctions?				
6. Attribute – Larger ecological matrix				
Is the project area part of a larger ecological network?	Yes		No	
What is written about ecological connectivity?				
7. Attribute – External threats				
Has external threats and their sources been identified?	Yes		No	
What is done to eliminate external threats?				
8. Attribute – Resilience				
What is written about normal periodic stress events, and the ability of the restored ecosystem to recover from such?				
9. Attribute – Self-sustainability and ecosystem development				
Does the project aim at;	Maintaining a certain type of nature with defined spectrum of species?		Enabling natural processes to develop, with acceptance of changed species composition, appearance etc.?	
Does the project include defined recurring management?	Yes		No	
If so, what does the defined recurring management include?				
Does the project include possibility for adaptive management which is not yet defined?	Yes		No	
Is the recurring and/or adaptive management included in order to;	Maintaining a certain type of nature with defined spectrum of species?		Enabling natural processes to develop, with acceptance of changed species composition, appearance etc.?	