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Native seeds in Wallonia

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- History :

- 1995 to present :

- The program of protection and multiplication of native seeds from Wallonia has begun in 1995 at the Laboratoire d'Ecologie des Prairies of the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), thanks to the financial support of the Direction de la Conservation de la Nature (Ministère de la Région Wallonne) ;
 - The company's creation in May 2001 ;
 - Currently we have **+/- 37 HA** of crops distributed in Belgium and North of France (Bassin parisien Nord) **7 HA BIO** ;
 - We have been harvesting *in situ* for restauration projects of wild meadows (LIFE, ...) for 10 years

- Program :

We collect seeds and plants of not less than 80 species in Belgium and in the North of France

For each species we try to have 9 origins across the territory

In Wallonia we've simplified the territory and have selected 3 ecological Districts where we collect Native seeds or plants

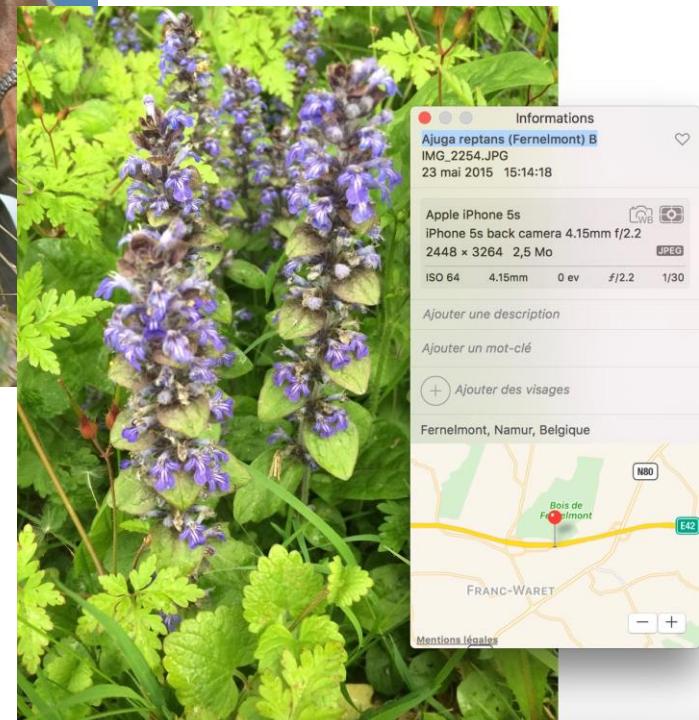
Districts : Picardie-brabançon
Mosan
Ardennais





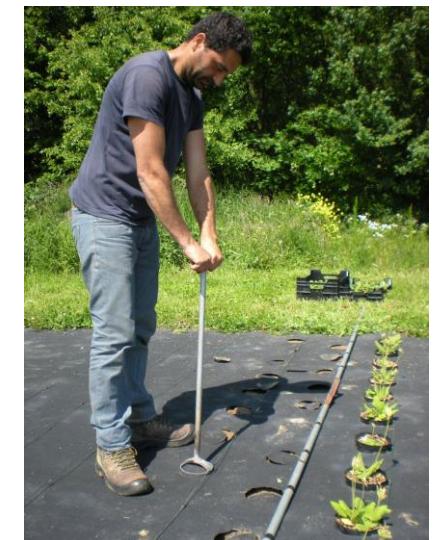
Seeds collect – *Succisa pratensis*

Each origin is photographed and automatically geo referenced



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Collections established in LLN



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Different species, different fields and different harvests...



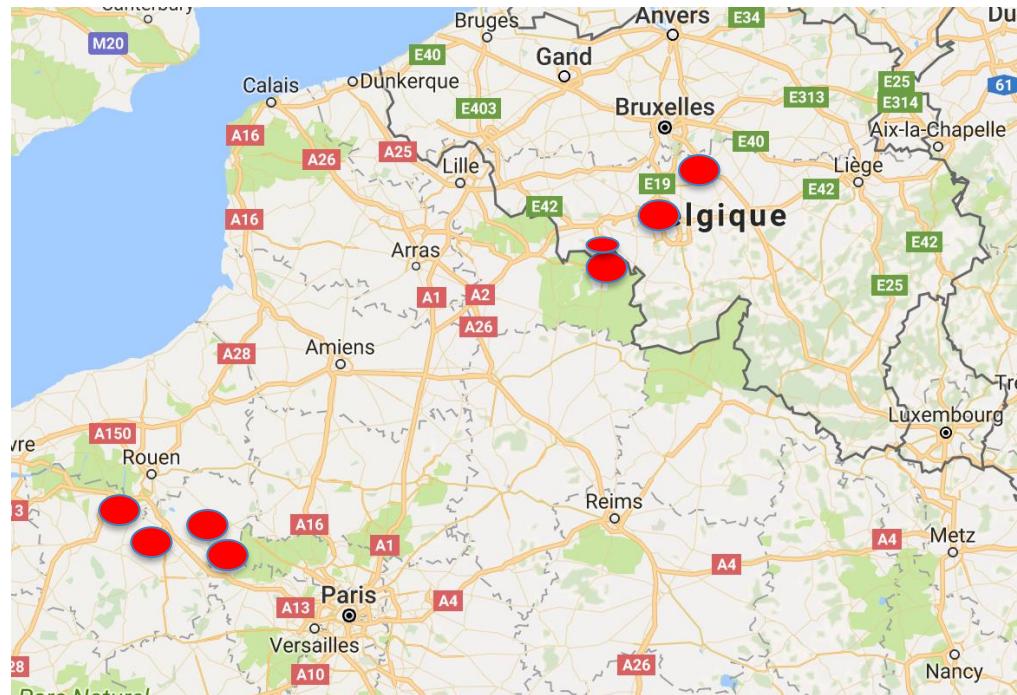
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Location of our production fields



We limite the marketing at the same area (Belgium and the North of France – Loire)

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MAEC - Wallonie

Bande fleurs des champs → Bande paysagère



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Bande fleurie → Bande butineurs



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Bande butineurs -> bande aménagée à fleurs des prés.

- Cahier des charges Avis d'expert requis (méthode ciblée)
- En remplacement d'une culture sous labour
- Minimum 200 m de long (par tronçons de 20 m), pour une largeur standard de 12 m
- 1500 €/ha (->2.000 EUR Si réseau écologique ?)

Natagriwal

<https://www.natagriwal.be/fr/mesures-agro-environnementales/enquelques-mots>

The Ecosystem approach is welcomed in France.

The Bailleul National Botanical Conservatory supports us from the beginning

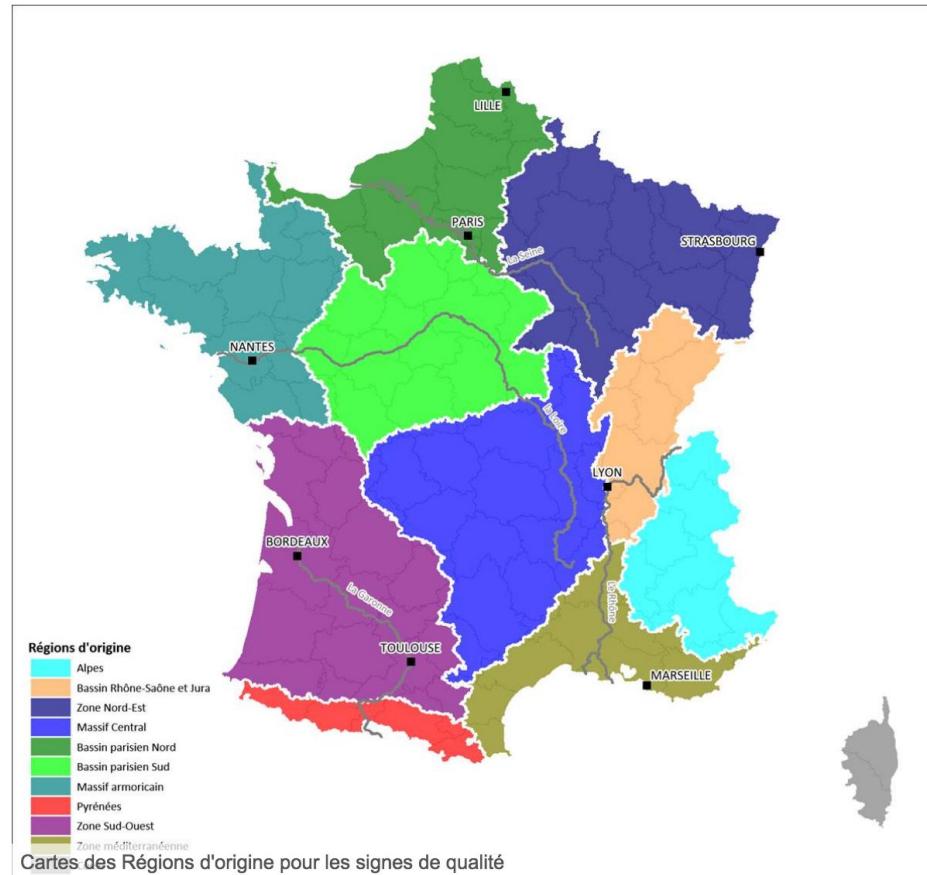
In 2006 we hosted Federation of National Botanical Conservatories in France

We helped them to create 2 labels which guarantee a regional origin and production



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The different ecological areas of France based on a synthesis of existing cartographic elements (hydrography, climate, vegetation, soils, geology)



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Fédérations des chasseurs



Cahiers des charges imposés par les chaînes de grandes surfaces :
-> réseau écologique (bande fleurie, haies, bande insectes auxiliaires)

Ex. : Carrefour, Lidl, ...

BUT...

These labels make sense only if companies comply with the rules !

First of all, most of them are commercial companies and we can already see the first derivatives :

Some of them don't respect the areas and market elsewhere by putting forward their Label

Another one is already putting the label, whereas they are not yet labeled (2017 ?)

So it creates confusion !!!

I think that the current controls are not sufficient.
This could taint the veracity of the labels

Thanks a lot for your attention



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