Work Group 4: Marketing Strategies

How important are Rare Breeds?
How to finance ARS?

(ARS = Ark and Rescue Stations)

Different Strategies for Funding and Marketing

- Location of ARS
 - near towns (for public, "city farms", education),
 - in the cultural landscape (organic farming, trational use, ark farm)
 - in marginal areas (use for grazing services, landscape protection),
 - in tourism areas for promotion and offers to guests (national or nature parks, scenery protection, souveniers)
- difference in goals need different solutions

Education is important in many ARS

- Raising awareness of children through experience with the animals
- Lobby for the involvement of rare breeds organizations in nature / city farms / zoos
- Develop regional identity and markets
- Preserve cultural and natural heritage
- Help marketing of products

BOX: Chaam Chicken

- Certified Breeding Centres for example in Chaam, Rotterdam and other ARS
- Birds are shown in City Farms to people as a part of education
- Monument near Chaam with alive chickens inside (art used to promote)
- Meat promoted with Slow Food certificate
- Special dish for Christmas

Tourism

- Local Breeds are Unique Selling Point (UPS);
 - → Hungary: Grey cattle (National level)
 - → Istria: Boskarin (Regional)
 - → Camarque: Camarque Horse (Landscape)
 - → Flag Ship Breeds are important to promote destinations on national, regional and landscape level
 - → USP for the image building and promotion

Scenery related to Traditional Breeds

- Scenery is important for Tourism
- Tourism depends on traditional use as the landscape is often a key attraction
- Example Lake District: Tourism sector understood that the traditional breeds are important to preserve the landscape
- National and Nature Parks : Preserve valuable areas for tourism
- Tourists can buy products like horn or others products from traditional breeds (Souvenirs)

Example: Shetland

- Scenery Shetland island → Linking landscape- region – sheep breed – product (wool)
- Product marketing for tourism plus special regulations for the area
- Shetland lamb is Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)
- Wool marketing is based on special regulations

Services

- Grazing is an important service of rare and traditional breeds especially in marginalised and protected areas
- → who is paying for it?
- Support for Service can come from Mountain Farmer Programme, Nature Conservation, ...
- But marketing is important for lang-term protection of breeds

Services -> Recommendations for lending and using animals

 Breeds must first identified if they are suitable for each of service:

Classify the breeds for services in categories

- Examples for breeds which can be used
 - to control sucession or
 - in wet areas are important and can be used for the rescue programme
 - Rooting of soil, "Christmas Tree plantations...)
 - Riding, recreation, contact area,....
- Training courses for hobby "Ark" farmers to raise their knowledge

Marketing

- Marketing is the key to the rescue programmes
- → BUT not all breeds can be marketed in the same way (meat, wool, tourism, education..... many opportunities!)
- For example meat of horses can not be market in UK (BUT in Italy)

Recommendation for Meat Marketing

- Rare Breeds can not be marketed, as you should not eat a rare animal. The public does not understand that you should eat rare animals.
- You eat Traditional Breeds

(experience and presentation from UK)

BOX: Traditional Breeds Meat Marketing



Marketing Is The Answer

 Marketing is the management process responsible for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customer requirements profitably

Creating a Niche Market

- Identify USPs
- Identify likely users (end customers)
- Identify way to market
- Obtain endorsements
- Promote product
- Link producers to outlets

How TBMM Operates

Set up as conservation measure for rare/traditional breeds
Accredits independent butchers/farm shops to market meat from pure bred stock (beef/lamb/pork)
Links producers and butchers
Sets standards and prices
Certifies all stock
Promotes the eating qualities of rare breeds

Labelling

- PGI: Protected Geographical Indication (Schwäbisch-Hällische PIG is PGI)
- PDO: Protected Designation of Origin (Parma ham)
- Distribution: PDO, PGI mostly in southern countries (France, Italy);
- TSG: Traditional Speciality Guaranteed → List of ingredients and a specific process (Mozzarella)
- Labelling of products (not only ARC),
 - but for small scale agriculture, local production on basis of local and old varieties

EC 2092/91 – concerning the Bio Label but also concerning the rural development we propose a new label that

 Small-scale local production on basis of local and "old" varieties should in future be distinguished from large-scale production with modern varieties as regards to the support of Ark and Rescue Station and the rescue and conservation programmes for rare and traditional breeds and varieties.

(compare SAVEeNews 2/2004)

Special Labels and Cooperation

- For ARC-Farms cooperations with
- Artists
- Programmes for Special Certificates and
- Slow Food

for promoting and marketing is recommended

Unique Certification

Purebred Traditional Meat

Total traceability, high welfare standards from non-intensive farming to give the very best eating quality.

British Beef

Purebred Longhorn Steer

Grassfed in a non-intensive system.

Born 08 April 1999

in England.

Raised in Hertfordshire.

Product assured by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust



Accredited Butcher

Reference Code CS01-002215 / UKTJ121800162
Slaughtered in Hants, UK

Slaughterhouse No. 6060

Cut in these premises

Signed HOerober 2001

R.B.S.T. National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LG

Registered Charity No. 269442

Beef Labelling

- Licensed by Defra
- Independently audited every year



Promotion of ARStation

- Meat or milk products
 Through VIP
 statements and head chefs of restaurants
- Save cultural heritage connected with old breeds, e.g. production method, skills,
- Wool > promote sheep breeds in small numbers through special products

BOX: Wool Marketing

- Goal→to link Breeds and Products
- ATELIER describes the wool of 50 sheep breeds
- Exhibitions with pictures from the breed and wool sample, product samples
- Process: spinning, weaving is shown to the people
- Documentation centre to promote producers, products and breeds
- Small machines and facilities are needed for small amounts of wool

Tracing of Products

- Example from Hungary:
- WASP-System → State Initiative

Funding Rescue

- Rescue needs special funding
- Transport, food and purchase of animals has to be supported
- Lobby work is needed to create rescue funds
- The can be based on private and state funding and be organised on EU, national or regional level
- (Rescue funds are comparable to fund for damages created by wildlife, savegard cultural heritage, etc.....)
- ...and are needed for short time intervention)