Pastoralism in the French Alps

Quick presentation of pastoralism organisation in France and particularly in the Alps.
Context

- 2 states
- 8 counties

- 1000 to 1500 independant shepherds (hard to get any informations)
- 28.6M€ states assistance in 2020
  - 35% breeder/shepherds
  - 40% independent shepherds
  - 13% protective dogs
  - 10% investments
ABBASP (Association des Bergères et Bergers des Alpes du Sud et de Provence)

A french Shepherd organisation in the Alps
40 years of existence

±100 members for ±1000 shepherds in french Alps

- Create a shepherds network
- Defend Shepherds rights
- Set forth the Pastoralism world
ABBASP Goals - 1. Networking

- Training sessions and skill exchange days
- Working days with Shepherds to define common position
- Lettre aux bergers (communication: annually printed paper)
- SMS network (Roger Minard SMS network is born in ABBASP)
- Federation
ABBASP Goals - 2. Protect (rights and persons)

- Being present in most of State organizations, two share and defends Shepherd rights and work conditions where most things are decided
- Work Hand to hand with syndicates to defend and protect shepherd rights
ABBASP Goals - 3. Set forth

- Work hand to hand with other pastoralism organisation (ASPIR, Maison du berger)
- Photo exposition
- Shepherd handbook (with ASPIR)
- Cleopatre network (with ASPIR)
Pastoralism Histogram

ASPIR

Maison du Berger

ABBASP

Service Pastoraux
- CERPAM / FAI / SEA / ADEME
- AFP

State
- Agriculture Chamber
- DDT
- Dreal
- GNL
- Parc
- Natura 2000
- OFB

Other Shepherd organisation
- FABBF - Shepherds Federation
- PAN - Pâtres des Alpes du Nord
- Pyrénées and Jura’s shepherd association
- Syndicates

Others
- Organisation Nationale des Forêts
- Semagreph
- INRAe (Research Institute)
- Fondation Landry
- Idele
Others shepherd organization

- **FEDERATION**
  - ABBASP
  - Association des Bergers du Jura Franco-Suisse et Ami.e
  - Association des bergers du 64
  - Association des bergers du 65
  - Association pour le pastoralisme Limousin

- **Not present in the federation:**
  - Association des pâtres de hautes montagnes (Ariege)

- **Historics association in the Alps:**
  - ABI
  - PAN

- **Syndicates**
Maison du berger

About 20 years of existence

“Museographic space” - under Champoleon / Champsaur communal administration

Lots of ressource around pastoralism and Shepherd profession

Blog Emploi berger // in collaboration with CERPAM and agriculture chamber
ASPIR

Association de Soutien pour un Pastoralisme Inventif et Responsable

Support for a Inventive et Accountable Pastoralism Association

About 10 years of existence

Originally directly in link with maison du berger, more independence nowadays

Support tools : Shepherd Handbook, Cleopatre network, Alpages.info
Service Pastoraux
(Pastoral departments?)

Cerpam (04 et 05, 13, 84, 83) / FAI (38) / SEA 73 / SEA 74 / Ademe (26)

AFP (French Pastoral Association)

Organism mainly in links with stock breeders and mountains owners

Different running course dependant of each organization

Mission :
- Pastoral diagnosis
- Technical support for pastoralism (heliport, caban and lodge, water, fundraising)
State organizations

- **DDT** - Direction Départementale Territoire (under county’s jurisdiction + the national predators prefect)
  - Caban and Lodge / road access / predation compensation

- **DREAL** - Direction régionale de l’environnement de l’aménagement et du logement (under states jurisdiction + predators prefect)
  - Environment administration. Main interlocutors relative to wolf (counting, circle, killing autorizations…)

- **GNL** - Groupe National Loups (National Wolf Group)
  - Under predator prefect’s jurisdiction. Place which are discussed most of the national wolf regulation between states, ecologist organizations and agricultural organizations

- **OFB** - Office Français de la Biodiversité / National parcs / Natura 2000 areas