

Biogeography of grassland management



About the project

Grassland management practices are changing. Some grasslands are being abandoned, others are becoming more intensive, and some are shifting towards a more extensive management. Our research aims to explore these transformations across different biogeographic regions in Switzerland and assess their impact on biodiversity.

This MSc project focusses on grassland vegetation composition. During the field season, you will have the opportunity to travel to mountainous areas, where you'll visit various meadows with different managements and conduct surveys to assess the current vegetation composition. Following fieldwork, we will provide additional data related to the study sites, along with supplementary vegetation surveys. Depending on the student's skills and interests, modelling approaches can be considered.

What we offer

- an excellent opportunity to develop your species ID further
- exciting field season in the Swiss mountains
- independence and support

Dates

Starting date: beginning of April 2024 (flexible)

Field season: beginning of Mai to end of July (continuous)

Our wishes

- 400 Iris botanical certificate or equivalent
- driving licence
- good physical condition
- basic experience in R statistical programming

Application

Please mail us a short dossier, including a half page motivation letter, your CV and a scan of your botanical certificate.

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