

# Land-use data harmonization

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This report explains the steps taken to correct the land-use data. The masterfile used is the version 1.22, as found on December 6th 2018. The sheet in Grassplot 1.22.xlsx containing the LU information is the sheet ‘datasets’ and was read and saved as a .rds file to ease the process (faster loading)

```
df <- readRDS(file.path(path_grassplot, 'Grassplot 1.22_Data.rds'))
df <- df %>%
  mutate_at(.vars = lu_columns, funs(ifelse(. %in% c('NA', '[NA]'), NA, .)))
initial_colnames <- colnames(df)
```

The columns 99 (mowing frequency) and 101 (grazing intensity) are renamed as `mowing_frequency` and `grazing_intensity`:

```
names(df)[which(names(df) %in% c('Mowing frequency: cuts per year (2=2cut/yr; 1=1cut/yr; 0.5=1 cut/2 yr
```

The column 105 (Fertilized (1/0)) should be a binary column. Yet, it contains the values c(“0”, “1”, “0.5”, “0.3”), meaning that it is an intensity column. The column is thus renamed `fertilization_intensity`

```
names(df)[which(names(df) == 'Fertilized (1/0)')] <- 'fertilization_intensity'
```

The column 104 (Ex arable years (years since last ploughing)) is renamed `years_abandonment`

```
names(df)[which(names(df) == 'Ex arable years (years since last ploughing)')] <- 'years_abandonment'
```

**PRELIMINARY NOTE:** there are no duplicated ID in the column Grassplot ID of plot.

## 1 Correction of the land use column

The file `lookup_table_LU.xlsx` contains two sheets:

- `land_use_detail`: lookup table between the column 96 and other column. This needs to be discussed further before I finalize the table.
- `global_land_use`: lookuptable matching the values in column 95 with a new classification. This new classification is a set of binary columns (allowing for mixed land-use) plus one declarative column. Each binary column correspond to a management practice (grazed, mown, burnt, fertilized, abandoned, natural\_grassland), the declarative column stores additional information that cannot be put in one of the 6 columns (*i.e* trampled) and that will be used afterward. **NOTE** LAS, P, L were noted as land-use for the dataset PL\_C and N was noted as land-use for the dataset RU\_J. I could not find what these stand for. I assumed that these plots don’t have a land-use but the info is still in the column ‘other’.

```
global_land_use <- read_excel(file.path(path_grassplot, "lookup_table_LU.xlsx" ),
  sheet = 'global_land_use')
```

The `global_land_use` lookup table is used to harmonize the column 96 with the new binary columns:

```
df <- df %>%
  left_join(global_land_use,
    by = c("Land use (5 standard categories: mown, grazed, abandoned, natural grassland, NA)"
```

## 2 Correction of the intensity/frequency/duration columns

These three columns (mowing\_frequency, grazing\_intensity, fertilization\_intensity) are presently coded as text columns

The column mowing\_frequency contains 1 non-numeric values : x.

The column grazing\_intensity contains 4 non-numeric values : low, middle, high, overgrazing.

The column fertilization\_intensity contains 0 non-numeric values .

The column years\_abandonment contains 0 non-numeric values .

### 2.1 Mowing frequency

The mowing\_frequency does have non-numerical values.

A closer look (manual) at the master files shows that there is some information in the column 96, that can be converted into mowing\_frequency.

The column is converted to numerical, meaning that we lose the information for now, but it will be retrieved later using the column 97.

```
df$mowing_frequency <- as.numeric(df$mowing_frequency)
```

**Post correction check:** original number of plots with frequency - present number of plots with frequency (should be 0) = 15. **Manual note** The difference here is due to the removal of the plots with mowing\_frequency == 'x'.

### 2.2 Grazing intensity

The grazing\_intensity does have non-numerical values. The verbal descriptors low, middle, high, overgrazing are replaced by numerical values and the column is converted to numeric:

- overgrazing and high are replaced by 1
- middle is replaced by 0.5
- low is replaced by 0.1

```
df[df$grazing_intensity %in% c('overgrazing', 'high'),]<%>%  
  mutate(grazing_intensity = 1)  
  
df[df$grazing_intensity %in% c('middle'),]<%>%  
  mutate(grazing_intensity = 0.5)  
  
df[df$grazing_intensity %in% c('low'),]<%>%  
  mutate(grazing_intensity = 0.1)  
  
df$grazing_intensity <- as.numeric(df$grazing_intensity)
```

**Post correction check:** original number of plots with intensity - present number of plots with intensity (should be 0) = 0.

### 2.3 Fertilization intensity

The fertilization\_intensity column does not have non-numeric values.

The column is converted to numerical.

```
df$fertilization_intensity <- as.numeric(df$fertilization_intensity)
```

**Post correction check:** original number of plots with intensity - present number of plots with intensity (should be 0) = 0.

## 2.4 Abandonment length

The year\_abandonment column does not have non-numeric values. The column is converted to numeric.

```
df$years_abandonment <- as.numeric(df$years_abandonment)
```

## 3 Matching new binary columns and frequency/intensity columns.

In this step, we identify datasets with discrepancies between the new binary columns and the matching intensity column to:

- Manually check in the original datasets or publications
- Correct the discrepancies.

**NOTE** in the following, I assumed that if the intensity/frequency/duration column was non empty, but the binary was, the intensity/frequency/duration column takes precedence (*i.e* if the frequency/intensity/duration, the binary column **HAS** to be == 1)

### 3.1 Mowing and mowing intensity

#### 3.1.1 *Datasets containing plots for which mowing intensity > 0 & mown != 1 (here and after, we refer to the new binary columns)*

- The datasets CZ\_J, DE\_S, EU\_K contain 237 plots having a mowing intensity but classified as mown == 0. These plots have been manually checked the 8/11/2018 (masterfile v1.8) and contains not errors or additional information. They are thus reclassified as mown == 1.

**NOTE** If necessary, we can discuss a frequency threshold the classify a plot as mown or not.

```
df[df$mowing_frequency != 0 & !is.na(df$mowing_frequency) & df$mown == 0,] %<>%  
mutate(mown = 1)
```

**Post reclassification check:** number of plots with a discrepancy - number of plots reclassified (should be 0) = 0

### 3.2 Grazing and Grazing intensity

#### 3.2.1 *Datasets containing plots for which grazing intensity > 0 & grazed != 1:*

- The datasets AZ\_B, EU\_K, IR\_A, PL\_D, TR\_B, UA\_G contain 1189 plots having a mowing intensity but classified as grazed == 0. These plots have been manually checked the 8/11/2018 (masterfile v1.8) and contains not errors or additional information. They are thus reclassified as grazed == 1.

```
df[df$grazing_intensity != 0 & !is.na(df$grazing_intensity) & df$grazed == 0,] %<>%  
mutate(grazed = 1)
```

**Post reclassification check:** number of plots with a discrepancy - number of plots reclassified (should be 0) = 0

### 3.3 Fertilization and fertiliation intensity

#### 3.3.1 *Datasets containing plots for which fertilization intensity > 0 & fertilized != 1 (here and after, we refer to the new binary columns)*

- The datasets DE\_S, ES\_P, EU\_K, PL\_D, TR\_A, TR\_B contain 433 plots having a fertilization intensity but classified as fertilized == 0. These plots have **not** been manually verified (to be done). They are thus reclassified as fertilized == 1.

```
df[df$fertilization_intensity != 0 & !is.na(df$fertilization_intensity) & df$fertilized == 0,] %<>%  
mutate(fertilized = 1)
```

**Post reclassification check:** number of plots with a discrepancy - number of plots reclassified (should be 0) = 0

## 4 Matching new and old binary columns

In this step, we identify and correct discrepancies between the newly created and corrected binary column, and the former ones. Here, we consider that `mown == 1` or `grazed == 1` is always correct, since it is based on the above correction (based either on the broad land-use or on the mowing / grazing intensity). Thus, we only identify (and potentially correct) plots for which the old binary column is 0 or NA and the new one is not 0 or NA.

### 4.1 Mowing

Table 1: Contingency table of columns `mown` and `Mowing (1/0)`

Mowing (1/0)	0	1	<NA>
?	NA	NA	6
0	7990	213	22
1	NA	778	NA
x	NA	NA	18
NA	150148	6807	22049

#### 4.1.1 Datasets with discrepancies between `mown` and `Mowing (1/0)` (automatic report):

The dataset(s) `AT_E` contain(s) 18 plots with `mown = NA` and `Mowing (1/0) = x`

The dataset(s) `PL_A` contain(s) 6 plots with `mown = NA` and `Mowing (1/0) = ?`

##### 4.1.1.1 Manual verification of discrepancies (has to be updated manually if necessary for each version of the masterfile)

##### 4.1.1.1.1 *Datasets containing plots with `mown = NA` & `Mowing (1/0) == ?` (new vs former column):*

The following plots in `PL_A` have `mown = NA` and `Mowing (1/0) == '?'`

```
## [1] "PL_A_N003_0.0001a" "PL_A_N003_0.001a" "PL_A_N003_0.01a"
## [4] "PL_A_N003_0.1a"    "PL_A_N003_10a"    "PL_A_N003_1a"
```

No additional information could be found, so the plots are left with `mown = NA`

##### 4.1.1.2 Check

Table 2: Contingency table of columns `mown` and `Mowing (1/0)` after reclassification (check)

Mowing (1/0)	0	1	<NA>
?	NA	NA	6
0	7990	213	22
1	NA	778	NA
x	NA	NA	18
NA	150148	6807	22049

## 4.2 Grazing

Table 3: Contingency table of columns grazed and Grazing (1/0)

Grazing (1/0)	0	1	<NA>
?	NA	7	6
0	3585	13	17
1	136	6813	NA
2	NA	1	NA
probably	6	NA	NA
NA	125971	29404	22072

### 4.2.1 Datasets with discrepancies between grazed and Grazing (1/0) (automatic report):

The dataset(s) PL\_A contain(s) 6 plots with grazed = NA and Grazing (1/0) = ?

The dataset(s) PL\_A contain(s) 6 plots with grazed == 0 and Grazing (1/0) = probably

The dataset(s) PL\_A, UA\_L contain(s) 136 plots with grazed == 0 and Grazing (1/0) = 1

#### 4.2.1.1 Manual verification of discrepancies (has to be updated manually if necessary for each version of the masterfile)

##### 4.2.1.1.1 Datasets plots with grazed = NA & Grazing (1/0) == '?':

The following plots in PL\_A have grazed = NA and Grazing (1/0) == '?'

```
## [1] "PL_A_N003_0.0001a" "PL_A_N003_0.001a" "PL_A_N003_0.01a"
## [4] "PL_A_N003_0.1a"    "PL_A_N003_10a"    "PL_A_N003_1a"
```

No additional information could be found, so the plots are left as grazed = NA

##### 4.2.1.1.2 Datasets plots with grazed == 0 & Grazing (1/0) == 'probably':

The following plots in PL\_A have grazed == 0 and Grazing (1/0) == 'probably'

```
## [1] "PL_A_N004_0.0001a" "PL_A_N004_0.001a" "PL_A_N004_0.01a"
## [4] "PL_A_N004_0.1a"    "PL_A_N004_10a"    "PL_A_N004_1a"
```

No additional information could be found, so the plots are left as grazed == 0.

##### 4.2.1.1.3 Datasets plots with grazed == 0 & Grazing (1/0) == '1':

The following plots in PL\_A have grazed == 0 and Grazing (1/0) == 1

```
## [1] "PL_A_N005_0.0001b" "PL_A_N005_0.001b" "PL_A_N005_0.01b"
## [4] "PL_A_N005_0.1b"    "PL_A_N005_10b"    "PL_A_N005_1b"
## [7] "UA_L_N001_0.0001a" "UA_L_N001_0.0001b" "UA_L_N001_0.001a"
## [10] "UA_L_N001_0.001b" "UA_L_N001_0.01a"   "UA_L_N001_0.01b"
## [13] "UA_L_N001_0.1a"    "UA_L_N001_0.1b"    "UA_L_N001_100"
## [16] "UA_L_N001_10a"     "UA_L_N001_10b"     "UA_L_N001_1a"
## [19] "UA_L_N001_1b"      "UA_L_N002_0.0001a" "UA_L_N002_0.0001b"
## [22] "UA_L_N002_0.001a"  "UA_L_N002_0.001b"  "UA_L_N002_0.01a"
## [25] "UA_L_N002_0.01b"   "UA_L_N002_0.1a"    "UA_L_N002_0.1b"
## [28] "UA_L_N002_100"     "UA_L_N002_10a"     "UA_L_N002_10b"
## [31] "UA_L_N002_1a"      "UA_L_N002_1b"      "UA_L_N003_0.0001a"
## [34] "UA_L_N003_0.0001b" "UA_L_N003_0.001a"  "UA_L_N003_0.001b"
```

```
## [37] "UA_L_N003_0.01a" "UA_L_N003_0.01b" "UA_L_N003_0.1a"
## [40] "UA_L_N003_0.1b" "UA_L_N003_100" "UA_L_N003_10a"
## [43] "UA_L_N003_10b" "UA_L_N003_1a" "UA_L_N003_1b"
## [46] "UA_L_N004_0.0001a" "UA_L_N004_0.0001b" "UA_L_N004_0.001a"
## [49] "UA_L_N004_0.001b" "UA_L_N004_0.01a" "UA_L_N004_0.01b"
## [52] "UA_L_N004_0.1a" "UA_L_N004_0.1b" "UA_L_N004_100"
## [55] "UA_L_N004_10a" "UA_L_N004_10b" "UA_L_N004_1a"
## [58] "UA_L_N004_1b" "UA_L_N005_0.0001a" "UA_L_N005_0.0001b"
## [61] "UA_L_N005_0.001a" "UA_L_N005_0.001b" "UA_L_N005_0.01a"
## [64] "UA_L_N005_0.01b" "UA_L_N005_0.1a" "UA_L_N005_0.1b"
## [67] "UA_L_N005_100" "UA_L_N005_10a" "UA_L_N005_10b"
## [70] "UA_L_N005_1a" "UA_L_N005_1b" "UA_L_N006_0.0001a"
## [73] "UA_L_N006_0.0001b" "UA_L_N006_0.001a" "UA_L_N006_0.001b"
## [76] "UA_L_N006_0.01a" "UA_L_N006_0.01b" "UA_L_N006_0.1a"
## [79] "UA_L_N006_0.1b" "UA_L_N006_100" "UA_L_N006_10a"
## [82] "UA_L_N006_10b" "UA_L_N006_1a" "UA_L_N006_1b"
## [85] "UA_L_N007_0.0001a" "UA_L_N007_0.0001b" "UA_L_N007_0.001a"
## [88] "UA_L_N007_0.001b" "UA_L_N007_0.01a" "UA_L_N007_0.01b"
## [91] "UA_L_N007_0.1a" "UA_L_N007_0.1b" "UA_L_N007_100"
## [94] "UA_L_N007_10a" "UA_L_N007_10b" "UA_L_N007_1a"
## [97] "UA_L_N007_1b" "UA_L_N008_0.0001a" "UA_L_N008_0.0001b"
## [100] "UA_L_N008_0.001a" "UA_L_N008_0.001b" "UA_L_N008_0.01a"
## [103] "UA_L_N008_0.01b" "UA_L_N008_0.1a" "UA_L_N008_0.1b"
## [106] "UA_L_N008_100" "UA_L_N008_10a" "UA_L_N008_10b"
## [109] "UA_L_N008_1a" "UA_L_N008_1b" "UA_L_N009_0.0001a"
## [112] "UA_L_N009_0.0001b" "UA_L_N009_0.001a" "UA_L_N009_0.001b"
## [115] "UA_L_N009_0.01a" "UA_L_N009_0.01b" "UA_L_N009_0.1a"
## [118] "UA_L_N009_0.1b" "UA_L_N009_100" "UA_L_N009_10a"
## [121] "UA_L_N009_10b" "UA_L_N009_1a" "UA_L_N009_1b"
## [124] "UA_L_N010_0.0001a" "UA_L_N010_0.0001b" "UA_L_N010_0.001a"
## [127] "UA_L_N010_0.001b" "UA_L_N010_0.01a" "UA_L_N010_0.01b"
## [130] "UA_L_N010_0.1a" "UA_L_N010_0.1b" "UA_L_N010_100"
## [133] "UA_L_N010_10a" "UA_L_N010_10b" "UA_L_N010_1a"
## [136] "UA_L_N010_1b"
```

- PL\_A contains 6 plots (PL\_A\_N005\_xxxx) noted as abandoned with ‘occasionally grazed or trampled’ in the detailed column (column 96). These plots will be classified as grazed in the new binary column.

```
df[df$`grazed` %in% '0' & df$`Grazing (1/0)` %in% '1',] %<>%
  mutate(grazed = 1)
```

#### 4.2.1.2 Check

Table 4: Contingency table of columns grazed and Grazing (1/0) after reclassification (check

Grazing (1/0)	0	1	<NA>
?	NA	7	6
0	3585	13	17
1	NA	6949	NA
2	NA	1	NA
probably	6	NA	NA
NA	125971	29404	22072

### 4.3 Burning

Table 5: Contingency table of columns burnt and Burning (1/0)

Burning (1/0)	0	<NA>
?	6	NA
0	7542	62
1	187	3
x	NA	34
NA	158201	21996

#### 4.3.1 Datasets with discrepancies between burnt and Burning (1/0) (automatic report):

The dataset(s) AT\_E contain(s) 34 plots with burnt = NA and Burning (1/0) = x

The dataset(s) BY\_A, CH\_E, IR\_A, IT\_L, RS\_A, RU\_J, RU\_L, TJ\_A, UA\_G, UA\_I, UA\_J, UA\_L contain(s) 187 plots with burnt == 0 and Burning (1/0) = 1

The dataset(s) BY\_A contain(s) 3 plots with burnt = NA and Burning (1/0) = 1

The dataset(s) PL\_A contain(s) 6 plots with burnt == 0 and Burning (1/0) = ?

#### 4.3.1.1 Manual verification of discrepancies (has to be updated manually if necessary for each version of the masterfile)

##### 4.3.1.1.1 Datasets with burnt == 0 and Burning (1/0) == 1

The following plots have burnt = 0 and Burning (1/0) == '1':

```
## [1] "BY_A_P003"      "BY_A_P004"      "BY_A_P005"
## [4] "CH_E_N003_0.0001b" "CH_E_N003_0.001b" "CH_E_N003_0.01a"
## [7] "CH_E_N003_0.01b" "CH_E_N003_0.1a"  "CH_E_N003_0.1b"
## [10] "CH_E_N003_100"  "CH_E_N003_10a"  "CH_E_N003_10b"
## [13] "CH_E_N003_1a"   "CH_E_N003_1b"   "IR_A_N004_0.0001a"
## [16] "IR_A_N004_0.0001b" "IR_A_N004_0.001a" "IR_A_N004_0.001b"
## [19] "IR_A_N004_0.01a" "IR_A_N004_0.01b" "IR_A_N004_0.1a"
## [22] "IR_A_N004_0.1b" "IR_A_N004_1000" "IR_A_N004_100a"
## [25] "IR_A_N004_100b" "IR_A_N004_10a"  "IR_A_N004_10b"
## [28] "IR_A_N004_1a"   "IR_A_N004_1b"   "IR_A_N004_25a"
## [31] "IR_A_N004_25b"  "IT_L_N004_0.0001a" "IT_L_N004_0.0001b"
## [34] "IT_L_N004_0.001a" "IT_L_N004_0.001b" "IT_L_N004_0.01a"
## [37] "IT_L_N004_0.01b" "IT_L_N004_0.1a"  "IT_L_N004_0.1b"
## [40] "IT_L_N004_100"  "IT_L_N004_10a"  "IT_L_N004_10b"
## [43] "IT_L_N004_1a"   "IT_L_N004_1b"   "RS_A_N010_100"
## [46] "RS_A_N011_0.0001a" "RS_A_N011_0.0001b" "RS_A_N011_0.001a"
## [49] "RS_A_N011_0.001b" "RS_A_N011_0.01a"  "RS_A_N011_0.01b"
## [52] "RS_A_N011_0.1a"  "RS_A_N011_0.1b"  "RS_A_N011_100"
## [55] "RS_A_N011_10a"  "RS_A_N011_10b"  "RS_A_N011_1a"
## [58] "RS_A_N011_1b"   "RU_J_P020"      "RU_J_P021"
## [61] "RU_L_N001_0.0001a" "RU_L_N001_0.0001b" "TJ_A_N007_0.0001a"
## [64] "TJ_A_N007_0.0001b" "TJ_A_N007_0.001a" "TJ_A_N007_0.001b"
## [67] "TJ_A_N007_0.01a" "TJ_A_N007_0.01b" "TJ_A_N007_0.1a"
## [70] "TJ_A_N007_0.1b"  "TJ_A_N007_100"  "TJ_A_N007_10a"
## [73] "TJ_A_N007_10b"  "TJ_A_N007_1a"   "TJ_A_N007_1b"
## [76] "TJ_A_N008_0.0001a" "TJ_A_N008_0.0001b" "TJ_A_N008_0.001a"
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```
## [79] "TJ_A_N008_0.001b" "TJ_A_N008_0.01a" "TJ_A_N008_0.01b"
## [82] "TJ_A_N008_0.1a" "TJ_A_N008_0.1b" "TJ_A_N008_100"
## [85] "TJ_A_N008_10a" "TJ_A_N008_10b" "TJ_A_N008_1a"
## [88] "TJ_A_N008_1b" "TJ_A_N014_0.0001a" "TJ_A_N014_0.0001b"
## [91] "TJ_A_N014_0.001a" "TJ_A_N014_0.001b" "TJ_A_N014_0.01a"
## [94] "TJ_A_N014_0.01b" "TJ_A_N014_0.1a" "TJ_A_N014_0.1b"
## [97] "TJ_A_N014_100" "TJ_A_N014_10a" "TJ_A_N014_10b"
## [100] "TJ_A_N014_1a" "TJ_A_N014_1b" "UA_G_N008_100"
## [103] "UA_G_N009_1" "UA_G_N009_10" "UA_G_N009_100"
## [106] "UA_G_N010_1" "UA_G_N010_10" "UA_G_N010_100"
## [109] "UA_G_N011_1" "UA_G_N011_10" "UA_G_N011_100"
## [112] "UA_G_N012_1" "UA_G_N012_10" "UA_G_N012_100"
## [115] "UA_I_N005_0.001a" "UA_I_N005_0.001b" "UA_I_N005_0.01a"
## [118] "UA_I_N005_0.01b" "UA_I_N005_0.1a" "UA_I_N005_0.1b"
## [121] "UA_I_N005_100" "UA_I_N005_10a" "UA_I_N005_10b"
## [124] "UA_I_N005_1a" "UA_I_N005_1b" "UA_I_N006_0.0001a"
## [127] "UA_I_N006_0.0001b" "UA_J_N008_0.0001a" "UA_J_N008_0.0001b"
## [130] "UA_J_N008_0.001a" "UA_J_N008_0.001b" "UA_J_N008_0.01a"
## [133] "UA_J_N008_0.01b" "UA_J_N008_0.1a" "UA_J_N008_0.1b"
## [136] "UA_J_N008_100" "UA_J_N008_10a" "UA_J_N008_10b"
## [139] "UA_J_N008_1a" "UA_J_N008_1b" "UA_J_N009_0.0001a"
## [142] "UA_J_N009_0.0001b" "UA_J_N009_0.001a" "UA_J_N009_0.001b"
## [145] "UA_J_N009_0.01a" "UA_J_N009_0.01b" "UA_J_N009_0.1a"
## [148] "UA_J_N009_0.1b" "UA_J_N009_100" "UA_J_N009_10a"
## [151] "UA_J_N009_10b" "UA_J_N009_1a" "UA_J_N009_1b"
## [154] "UA_J_P010" "UA_J_P017" "UA_J_P052"
## [157] "UA_J_P053" "UA_J_P074" "UA_J_P076"
## [160] "UA_J_P081" "UA_J_P095" "UA_L_N011_0.0001a"
## [163] "UA_L_N011_0.0001b" "UA_L_N011_0.001a" "UA_L_N011_0.001b"
## [166] "UA_L_N011_0.01a" "UA_L_N011_0.01b" "UA_L_N011_0.1a"
## [169] "UA_L_N011_0.1b" "UA_L_N011_100" "UA_L_N011_10a"
## [172] "UA_L_N011_10b" "UA_L_N011_1a" "UA_L_N011_1b"
## [175] "UA_L_N012_0.0001a" "UA_L_N012_0.0001b" "UA_L_N012_0.001a"
## [178] "UA_L_N012_0.001b" "UA_L_N012_0.01a" "UA_L_N012_0.01b"
## [181] "UA_L_N012_0.1a" "UA_L_N012_0.1b" "UA_L_N012_100"
## [184] "UA_L_N012_10a" "UA_L_N012_10b" "UA_L_N012_1a"
## [187] "UA_L_N012_1b"
```

No other information are found. These plots are reclassified with burnt == 1

```
df[df$burnt %in% 0 & df$`Burning (1/0)` %in% '1',]%<>%
  mutate(burnt = 1)
```

#### 4.3.1.1.2 Datasets with burnt = NA and Burning (1/0) == 1

The following plots have burnt = NA and Burning (1/0) == '?':

```
## [1] "BY_A_P006" "BY_A_P007" "BY_A_P009"
```

No other information are found. These plots are reclassified with burnt == 1

```
df[is.na(df$burnt) & df$`Burning (1/0)` %in% '1',]%<>%
  mutate(burnt = 1)
```

#### 4.3.1.1.3 Datasets with burnt = NA and Burning (1/0) == ?

The following plots have burnt == 0 and Burning (1/0) == '?':



```
## [1] "PL_A_N005_0.0001a" "PL_A_N005_0.001a" "PL_A_N005_0.01a"
## [4] "PL_A_N005_0.1a"      "PL_A_N005_10a"      "PL_A_N005_1a"
```

No additional information could be found, so the plots are left as burnt == 0.

#### 4.3.1.2 Check

Table 6: Contingency table of columns burnt and Burning (1/0) after reclassification (check)

Burning (1/0)	0	1	<NA>
?	6	NA	NA
0	7542	NA	62
1	NA	190	NA
x	NA	NA	34
NA	158201	NA	21996

## 4.4 Fertilization

Non applicable so far, since the old binary column was an intensity one.

## 5 Former land-use.

### 5.0.1 *Datasets containing plots for which years\_abandonment > 0 & 'Ex arable (1/0)' != 1:*

- The datasets contain 0 plots having an abandonment duration but classified as Ex arable == 0.

So far, the only former land-use (and years since abandonment) information is related to arable field. As we aim at creating a gathering information about the time since abandonment for every former land-use (arable, mown, grazed, burnt, recreational), we create a new text column `former_land_use`. Right now, this column only contains `arable`, but will be populated later.

```
df <- df%>%
  mutate(former_land_use = ifelse(`Ex arable (1/0)` %in% 1, 'arable', NA))
```

**Post creation check** number of plots with `former_land_use == 'arable'` - number of plots with `Ex arable (1/0) == 1` (should be 0): 0

## 6 Proposal for a new land-use template

The column 96 provide a lot of information that is so far not fully exploited. To make use of it, it requires to manually check each of the value in this column, to fill other columns. After the Skype meeting (26th), the following columns types were agreed on:

### 6.1 Land-use

Already explained above, these are binary columns providing information on the land-use There is one extra column (`other_lu`) that contains verbal information not found in these five columns.

- mown
- grazed
- burnt
- fertilized
- abandoned
- natural
- other\_lu

## 6.2 Land-use intensity

### 6.2.1 Mowing

- mowing\_frequency. Numeric, from 0 to infinite. Number of cut(s) per year

### 6.2.2 Grazing

- grazing\_intensity. Numeric, from 0 to 1. Self reported relative intensity of grazing.
- grazing\_load. Numeric, from 0 to infinite. Grazing animal load/ha./year (maybe expressed as equivalent cattle)

### 6.2.3 Burning

- burning\_frequency. Numeric, from 0 to infinite. Number of burning(s) per year

### 6.2.4 Fertilization

- fertilization\_intensity. Numeric, from 0 to 1. Self reported relative intensity of fertilization
- fertilization\_type. Text, 'synthetic' or 'natural'.
- fertilization\_details. Text, free values. Details not present in the tzo previous column (**e.g.** frequency, amount, type of chemical fertilizer...)

## 6.3 Abandonement

- years\_abandonment. Numeric, from 0 to infinity. Time since abandonment in years
- former\_land\_use. Text, 5 values that can be combined (arable, mown, grazed, burnt, recreational). Land-use before abandonment.

## 6.4 Grazing details

- grazing\_animal. Text, free values that can be combined, spearated by '/'. New values should be added in agreement with the DB manager.Type of animal grazing the land.

## 6.5 Land destination

- land\_destination. Text, 3 possible values (cropland, farmland, recreational). The primary intent behind the land-use.

## 6.6 Naturalness

- naturalness\_degree. Floating point, 1: natural, 2: semi-natural, 3: anthropogenic. Intermediate values are accepted. Degree of naturalness

Table 7: Summary of the proposed template (**to be discussed**)

Column type	Column name	Variable type	Possible values
Land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mown</li><li>• grazed</li><li>• burnt</li><li>• fertilized</li><li>• abandoned</li><li>• natural</li><li>• other_lu</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• binary</li><li>• binary</li><li>• binary</li><li>• binary</li><li>• binary</li><li>• binary</li><li>• text</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0/1</li><li>• 0/1</li><li>• 0/1</li><li>• 0/1</li><li>• 0/1</li><li>• 0/1</li><li>• free</li></ul>

Column type	Column name	Variable type	Possible values
Land-use intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grazing_intensity</li> <li>• grazing_load</li> <li>• mowing_frequency</li> <li>• burning_frequency</li> <li>• fertilization_intensity</li> <li>• fertilization_type</li> <li>• fertilization_details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• text</li> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to 1</li> <li>• 0 to infinity</li> <li>• 0 to infinity</li> <li>• 0 to infinity</li> <li>• 0 to 1</li> <li>• synthetic/natural</li> <li>• free</li> </ul>
Abandonment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• years_abandonment</li> <li>• former_land_use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• numeric</li> <li>• text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to infinity</li> <li>• arable, mown, grazed burnt, recreational</li> </ul>
Grazing details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grazing_animal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• free</li> </ul>
Land destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• land_destination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cropland, farmland, recreational</li> </ul>
Naturalness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• naturalness_degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• numeric</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to 3</li> </ul>

## 6.7 Hamonizing the land-use details column

The following compares the existing look-up table with the data in the masterfile. The lookup table matches the land-use details columns with the new land-use template and has been manually created from the data in Grassplot v1.19. If there is land-use details that are present in the current database but not in the lookup table, these details, along with the Grassplot ID and possible other informations are added to the lookup table (excel file) and must be corrected by hand. In some cases, the land-use details was corrected in the masterfile, but not in the lookup table. These values (in the land\_use\_details column of the lookup table) need to be corrected manually. If you do it, please **keep a copy of the non-corrected version of the lookup table**, as otherwise we'll lose track of the corrections.

Each land-use details value present in the master file is present in the current version of the lookup table

Each land-use details values present in the current version of the lookup table is present in the masterfile

A new version of the data sheet of the masterfile have been saved, called Grassplot\_data\_v1.22.xlsx. This version only contains columns matching the new land-use template.