



Controlling bracken fern through grazing with Black Alpine Pigs

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The Black Alpine Pig

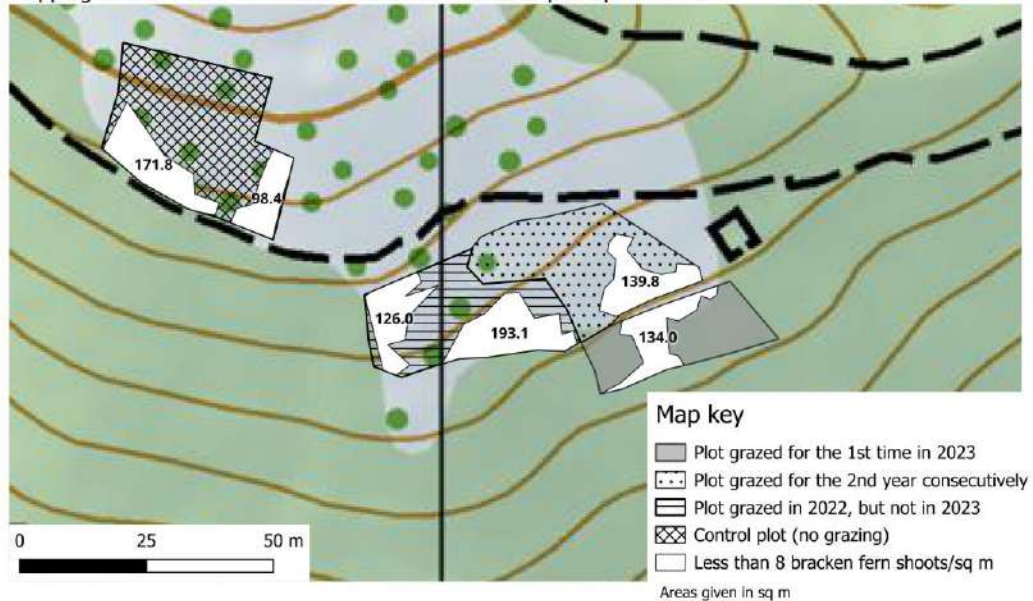
- Extensive
- suitable for mountain terrain
- Robust
- suitable for free-range farming
- Friendly in management



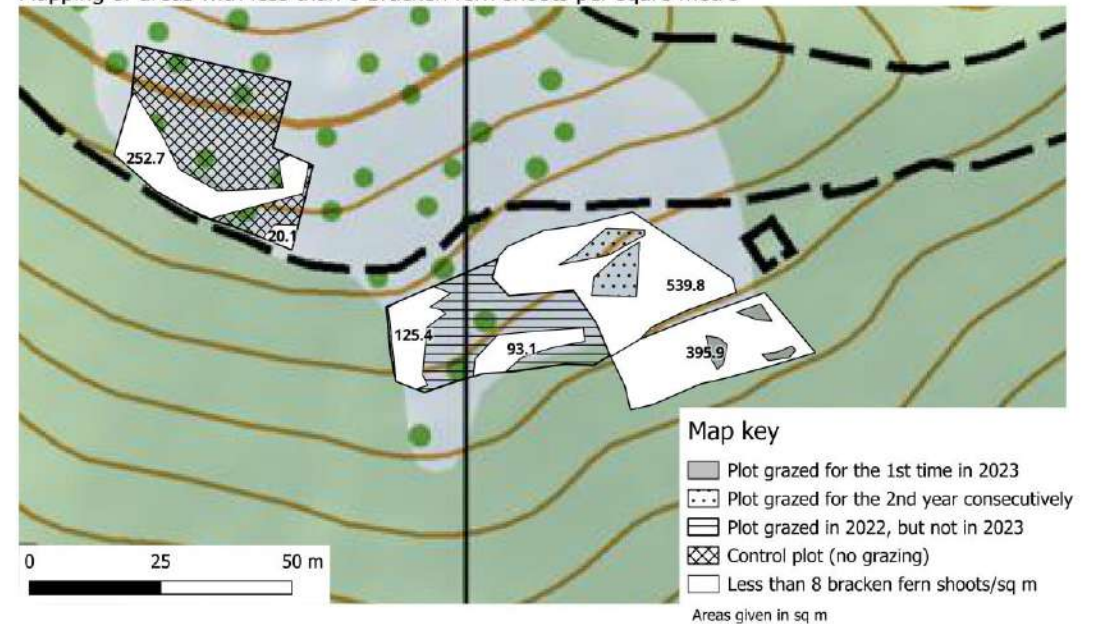


The work of the pigs on a map

Grazing and control plots, 25.05.2023
Mapping of areas with less than 8 bracken fern shoots per square metre



Grazing and control plots, 06.10.2023
Mapping of areas with less than 8 bracken fern shoots per square metre



The work of the pigs in pictures



further data collection

- Animal behaviour and welfare
- Investigation of carcasses / Meat analysis
- Fecal analysis
- Urine analysis

Outlook: different grazing systems, larger areas, more animals



Thank you! Happy to see you at the poster session 😊

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