

LIFE IN QUARRIES IN ACTION — PHASE I

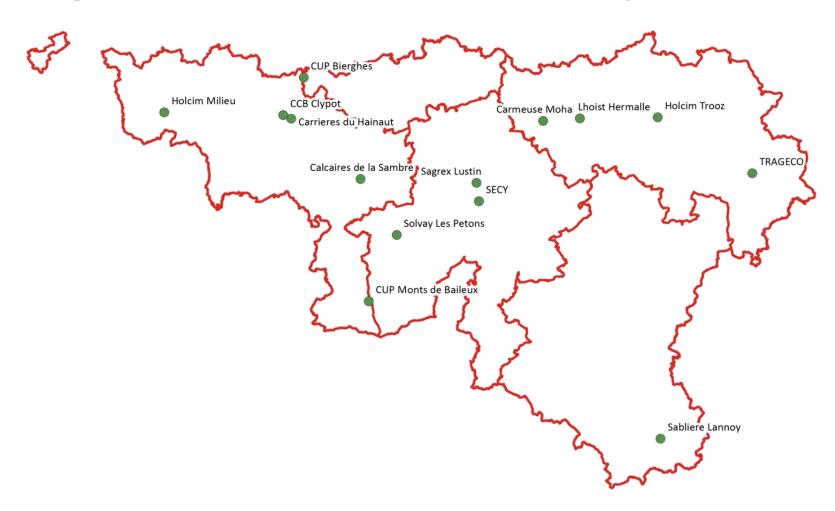
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Objectives of the Life In Quarries



Biological inventories in 14 Phase I Quarries - objectives







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Five target biological groups

- Vascular plants
- Birds
- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Dragonflies





Biological inventories in 14 Phase I Quarries - objectives

Identify target species & habitats & define biological context Develop management plans along with quarry manager/env. resp.

→ Implementation of actions through 2019

Temporary → creation during & after the project

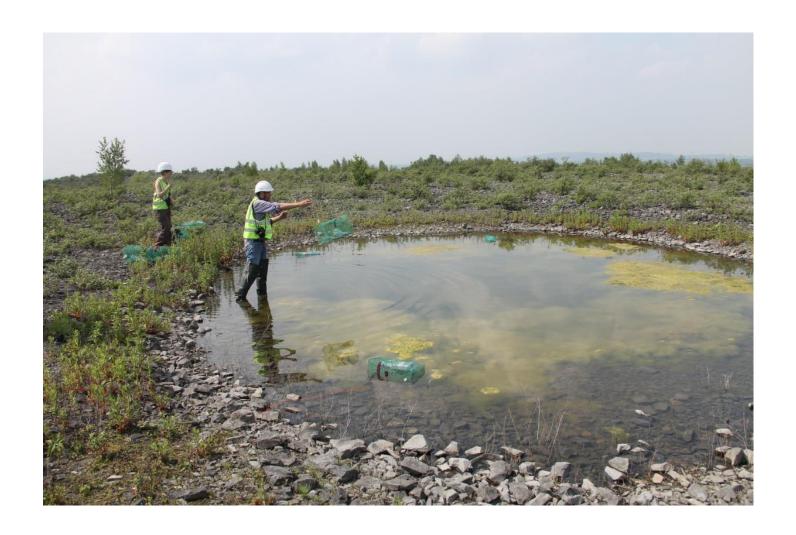
Permanent → during the project – conserved afterwards

Presentation Structure



- Outcomes of target groups inventories
- Related actions within the Life In Quarries project
- Case study
- Phase I objectives







Inventories

Amphibians

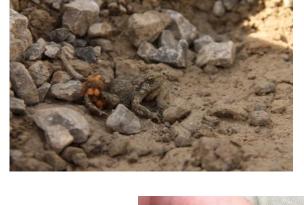
Presence of 12 out of 13 Walloon species

Pioneer nature



Permanent nature

Great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*) (2) Pool frog (*Rana lessonae*) (4)











... and also



Alpine newt (*Ichthyosaura alpestris*) (11)



Smooth newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*) (10)



Common frog (*Rana temporaria*) (9)



(Bufo bufo). Ponds (10)



Inventories

Dragonflies

Presence of 32 out of 64 Walloon species

Pioneer nature

Keeled skimmer (Orthetrum coerulescens) (3)

Southern skimmer (*Orthetrum brunneum***)** (5)

Scarce blue-tailed damselfly (*Ischnura pumilio*) (7)









... and also



Banded darter (Sympetrum pedemontanum) (1)



Common winter damselfly (*Sympecma fusca*) (5)



Small red damselfly (*Ceriagrion tenellum*) (1)



Charas spp. Ponds (10)



Related proposed actions

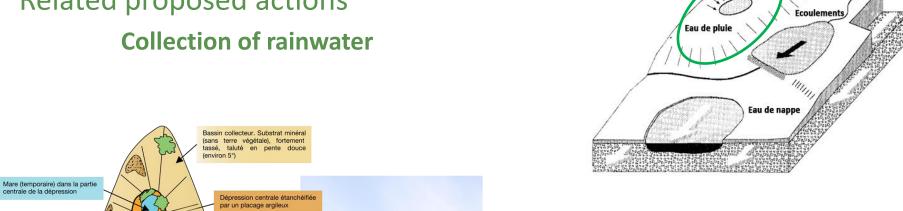
Bassin collecteur

pente ~ 5°

Exutoire

Dépôt de matériaux

stériles non compactés

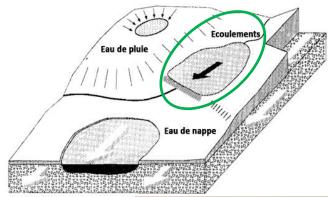






Related proposed actions

Channeling of water runoffs











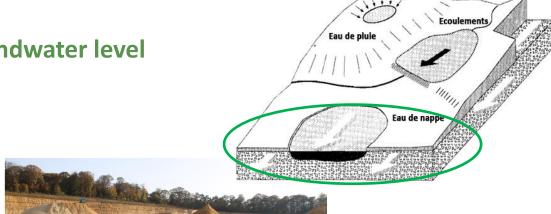
Et donc ... où et comment les créer en carrières ?





Related proposed actions

Digging to reach groundwater level











Related proposed actions

Importance of the biology of species

Temporary habitats



Permanent habitats





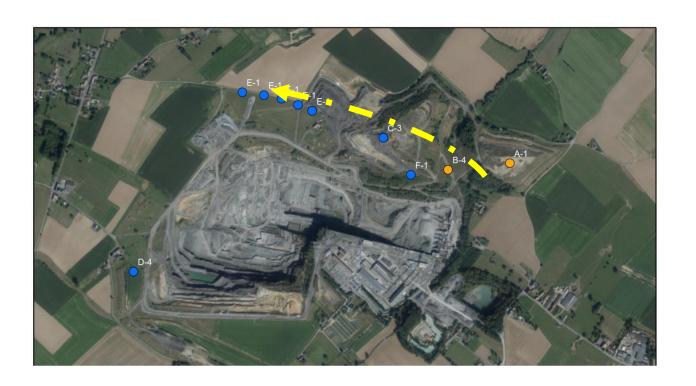
Development of habitats for temporary nature species <u>Natterjack toad</u> – ponds network





Study of the reintroduction potential for 3 amphibians:

Great crested newt – Habitat creation & evaluation of introduction potentialities

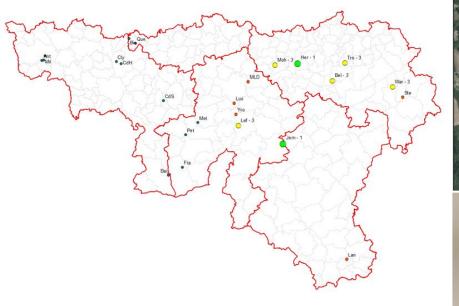


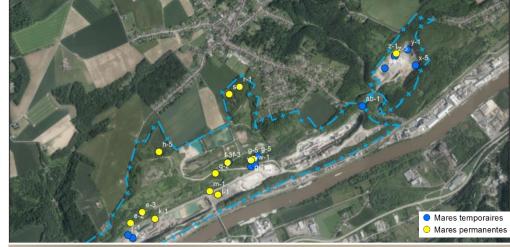


Study of the reintroduction potential of 3 amphibians

Yellow-bellied toad - Habitat creation & evaluation of introduction

potentialities











| Life In Quarries Action | Phase I | |
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| | Objective | Potential |
| Temporary ponds | 60 | 308 |
| Reintroduction Natterjack toad | 2 | 3 |
| Reintroduction Great crested newt | 2 | 6 |
| Introduction Yellow-bellied toad | 1 | 1 |
| Permanent ponds | 12 | 110 |

Rocky structures : Reptiles & Pioneer plants





Rocky structures: Reptiles & Pioneer plants



Inventories

Reptiles

Presence of 6 out of 7 Walloon species



Common wall lizard (*Podarcis muralis*) (6)

Sand lizard (Lacerta agilis) (1)

Smooth snake (*Coronella austriaca***)** (3)

Grass snake (Natrix natrix) (2)







Rocky structures: Reptiles & Pioneer plants





... and also









Calcareous screes



Viviparous lizard (Zootoca vivipara) (6)



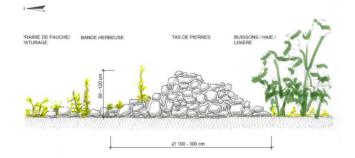
Slow worm (Anguis fragilis) (11)

Rocky structures: Reptiles & Pioneer plants

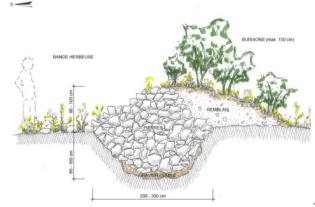


Related proposed actions

Setting up of shelters, linear screes and « Hibernacula »







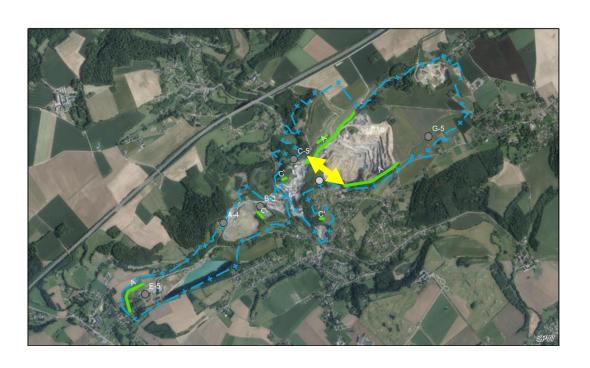




Scree and shelters development on a site hosting **smooth snakes**

Permanent nature species

→ On sites' borders







Rocky structures : Reptiles & Pioneer plants

| Life In Quarries Action | Phase I | |
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| | Objective | Potential |
| Shelters | 48 | 289 |
| Linear screes | 4000m | 4375m |









Inventories



13 orchids species























... and also: a diversity of pionneer grasslands



Calcareous





Sandy



... and also



Little ringed plover (*Charadrius dubius*) (9)



Blue-winged Grasshopper (*Oedipoda caerulescens*) (6)



Related proposed actions

Setting aside pioneer areas of high patrimonial value Re-opening vegetation in semi-permanent areas







Related proposed actions

Creation and sowing of refuge zones





or Creation through transfer of seed banks









Related proposed actions

Introduction of lacking patrimonial species adapted to pioneer conditions (annual – bisannual)

























Developing habitats for rare plant species









| Life In Quarries Action | Phase I | |
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| | Objective | Potential |
| Pioneer grasslands | 6 ha | 28.15 ha |







Inventories

Birds

Presence of 101 nesting species – 158 species observed
Three target species

Sand martin (Riparia riparia) (4)

Peregrine falcon (Falco peregrinus) (2)

Eagle owl (Bubo bubo) (7)









... and also



Common gull (Larus canus) (3)



Common tern (Sterna hirundo) (1)



Bluethroat (Luscinia svecica) (2)



Black redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*) (14)



Related proposed actions



Development of birds platforms







Developing host structures for target birds







| Life In Quarries Action | Phase I | |
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| | Objective | Potential |
| Sandy cliffs | 5 | 12 (6+6) |
| Shallow banks | 200 m | 65m |
| Platforms | 8 | 14 (6+5+3) |

Not individual but Integrated actions



Species evolving on diverse habitats

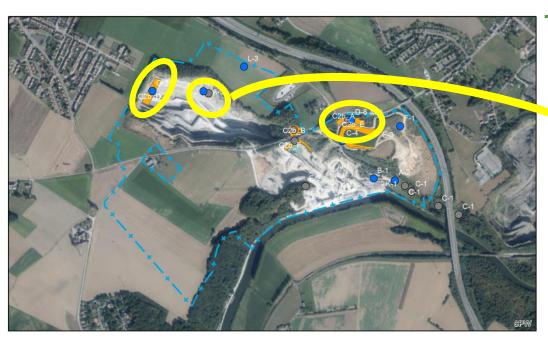


Little ringed plover Pioneer ponds * Pioneer grasslands

Not individual but Integrated actions



Group of actions targeting habitats or species



→ temporary refuge zones

Not individual but Integrated actions







Plan d'actions : Carrière des Monts de Baileux - CUP

Nature temporaire (code action - Nb)

- Mares temporaires
- Mares temporaires (à confirmer)
- Abris
- Abris (à confirmer)
- Introduction Calamite (à confirmer)

Nature permanente (code action - Nb)

- Mares permanentes
- Gites à Chauves souris
 Pierriers linéaires
- Mise en défens temporaires
- Restauration et Convention de fauche
- Restauration et autre type de Convention

Inventaires sites Phase I : Actions du plan de Gestion Site : Carrière des Monts de Baileux - CUP Date : 13/11/2017 Remarques : Document à lire avec le plan d'actions

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Thank you for your attention



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