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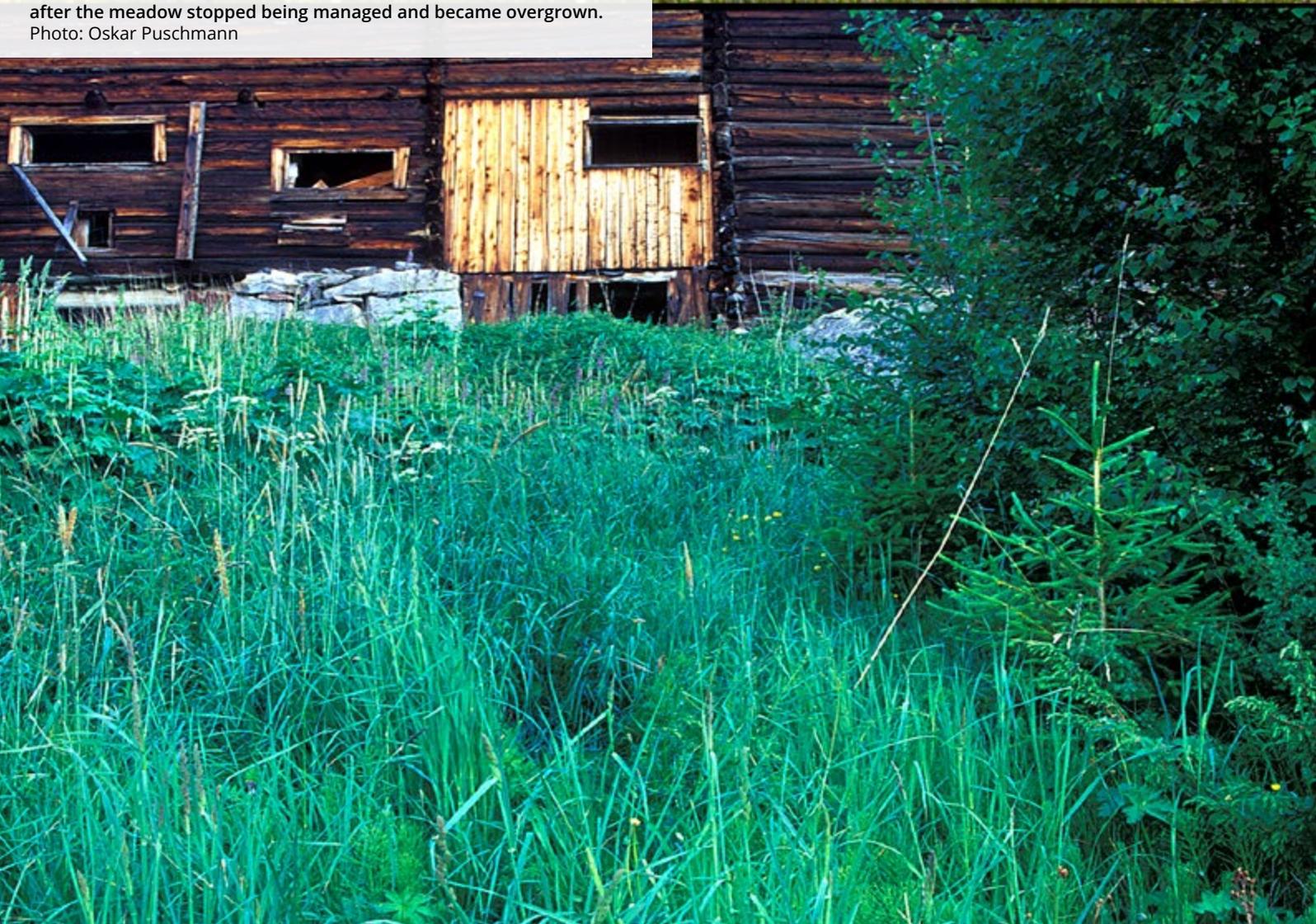
# National pollinator strategy

A strategy for viable populations of wild bees and other pollinating insects





Hay meadow in Buskerud. This meadow was registered in 1993 as being of national importance. The photo below was taken in 2004, after the meadow stopped being managed and became overgrown. Photo: Oskar Puschmann



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# Foreword

The Government has published a national strategy, as requested by the Norwegian Parliament (Storting), with the aim of ensuring continued diversity of wild bees and other pollinating insects.

Pollinators play vital roles in ecosystems and in food production. At an international level, the decline in numbers of these beneficial insects is on the agenda of the IPBES (the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services), with some countries having drawn up their own strategies.

One important objective of this strategy is to establish common goals and focus areas for a coordinated national commitment that builds on what has already been initiated in the public and private sectors. Anyone who manages an area of land can make a difference for pollinators, and the effect of individual efforts will be reinforced by means of effective cross-sector coordination. This strategy can help to strengthen the knowledge base and target established actions, as well as to identify and implement new actions that are essential in order to secure the living conditions necessary for pollinators in the long term.

While there is sufficient knowledge to implement targeted actions, it is also necessary to find out

more, about trends in pollinator populations and habitats, and about which actions are most effective.

The strategy has been developed by the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food, in collaboration with the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment, the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, the Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research and the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. The Norwegian Agriculture Agency and the Norwegian Environment Agency, with contributions from defence and transport agencies, have prepared the technical report for the strategy. Experts and organisations have contributed with their knowledge and experience.

In connection with work on strategy, there has been dialogue with interested parties in both the public and private sectors and in research environments, including through start-up meetings, dialogue meetings and written contributions. We wish to thank all those who have assisted with their great commitment and useful contributions, and we look forward to further dialogue on following up the strategy.



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