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## **Monitoring Landscape Changes - Monitoring Landscape "Changers"**

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Changes of cultural landscapes are influenced by a wide range of parameters in a complex way that makes forecasting a difficult task. In any case, it is impossible without involving knowledge on the active users of the landscape. This has been realized by the construction and development of many landscape monitoring programs during the recent years.

As an example the development of a Danish programme for monitoring 'small biotopes' of agricultural landscapes will be presented. From being a technical quantitative description of the structure and dynamics of the small landscape elements at the countryside, more and more aspects concerning general land-use, agricultural structure, non-agricultural interests, economy, sociology and ideology are involved in multidisciplinary projects dealing with the conditions for and consequences of changes of the agricultural landscapes. The role of landscape ecology by the design and, organization and implementation of such projects will be discussed.