

Workshop 2/2:

Agriculture, Alpine Landscapes and Biodiversity (NRP 48 synthesis 2)

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Concept:

The alpine landscape is particularly fine-structured, rich in habitats and may be considered as a refuge of biodiversity of the European continent. Alpine landscapes and biodiversity have been shaped by centuries of human land use. Socio-economically motivated changes in recent decades have large effects for landscape quality, habitat and their biodiversity. The workshop will explore a) the consequences of changes in agriculture, forestry and by policy in Switzerland for landscape quality and biodiversity, and b) the pros and cons of the large increase of forest area in Alpine regions all over Europe. Foreseen inputs are:

- **Markus Fischer/Jürg Stöcklin** (CH-Basel): Landscapes, habitats and biodiversity in the Swiss Alps: changes, causes and prospects
- **Georg Grabherr** (A-Vienna): Forest expansion in the Alps: consequences for landscape and biodiversity