



Report from the *ad hoc* working group in Pasvik-Inari cooperation

Including agenda for the bi-lateral nature protection meeting
6.9.2024, Siida, Inari, Finland



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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and presentation of the participants
2. Selection of chair and secretary
3. Important information from each organization (c. 10 minutes each)
4. Current situation in cross-border cooperation: Issues for discussion and information
5. Report from the working group on implementation of the bilateral work, so far in 2024 (targets for 2024 – status for implementation).
6. Targets for year 2025 and workshop
7. Other items
8. Next meeting
9. Closing of the meeting



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4. Current situation in cross-border cooperation: Issues for discussion and information

- a. EUROPARC -cooperation: re-evaluation of Transboundary Park's certificate in 2024/2025.
 - Re-evaluation application for EUROPARC must be left 15.11.2024.
 - **Suggestion:** the working group - Tiia, Rolf, Kirsi and Alex - drafts the application during autumn 2024. If we pass the desk evaluation - plan onsite visit for spring/summer 2025, NB: MH, SFTF, ØP NPB - secure funding
 - **Suggestion:** on-site visit 1st week of June, Working group plans and coordinates the program.
 - Recommendations from last re-evaluation
 - Joint recommendations fulfilled: cooperative agreement and guiding rules for the cooperation have been jointly updated.
 - Recommendations for Norway/Russia: Ramsar status for part of Pasvik zapovednik – Not applicable due to war on Ukraine - this recommendation will not be worked on. + Recommendation to Norway: minimize wake from patrolling boats on the river in the NRs – guiding rules worked out.
 - Recommendation for Finland
 1. To collect a light plan for Lake Inari Natura 2000 area from existing data.
List of data has been collected, A4 summary will be written by Riina and/or Kirsi
 2. Invite representative(s) from Sámi people to Advisory board, under work.



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4. Current situation in cross-border cooperation: Issues for discussion and information

- b. Is there need for a new agreement for bilateral cooperation: if yes, before or after re-evaluation?
 - Official name for cooperation: From Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park to
 - Pasvik-Inari cooperation
 - Pasvik-Inari Transboundary cooperation
 - Pasvik-Inari Transboundary Park
 - Pasvik-Inari Transboundary Area

We need to know how we shall call ourselves in the re-evaluation process

Suggestion: New logo after re-evaluation, if we are approved



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c. Involvement of the youth in Pasvik-Inari cooperation: Suggestion was given by the Municipality of Inari in advisory board 2023 to involve youth in Pasvik-Inari cooperation

- Opinion Municipality of Inari: how, who and when
- Metsähallitus's aspect
- Experiences of Norway

Greetings from TPN: **Youth4Cooperation Ambassadors: Connecting European youth across borders**

- https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/whats-new/panorama/2024/07/31-07-2024-youth4cooperation-ambassadors-connecting-european-youth-across-borders_en
- Deadline 10.9.2024



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5. Report from the working group fulfilling the chosen targets for 2024 – implementation so far

5a. Management and bi-lateral cooperation

- staff exchange in 2023 implemented:
 - report as attachment
 - Staff exchange for 2024 postponed to 2025
- work group meetings:
 - 1 online in March 2024 and
 - 1 in- person at Gjøken, Norway in June 2024
- virtual coffee breaks: once a month
- advisory board meeting in Finland 6.9.2024



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5a. Management and bi-lateral cooperation

- Networks, participation in EUROPARC:
Annual TransParcNet -meeting in Hálði
Transboundary Area (NOR/FIN) 2.–5.9.2024.
fresh news
- Transboundary Task Force:
Kirsi Ukkonen represents P-I cooperation from 2024
- STEC - Steering and evaluation committee, Tiia Kalske
(chair)
- EUROPARC annual conference
 - Every second year online
 - General assembly on 6.11.2024 and e-Forum
«Effective Management, Better Parks» on 7.11.
 - Work group members?



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5b. Monitoring activities 2024

Waterfowl registrations in Norway (NIBIO):

- Spring registrations dates: 31.5. (649 ind., 28 species) and 3.6. (409 ind., 30 species)
- Autumn registrations dates: 17.8. (511 ind., 19 species) and 3.9. (368 ind., 13 species)



Golden eagle in Finland:

- **FI:** In the municipalities of Inari and Utsjoki altogether 102 territories and 36 successful breedings in 27 nests in 2023.
- **FI:** In the municipalities of Inari and Utsjoki altogether 103 territories and 33 successful breedings in 29 nests in 2024.

Bird ringing

- **Norway:** period 1.8-1.10.2024, in vicinity of Pasvik NR and at Skrøytnes (mid-Pasvik). Birdlife Norway in charge of the activity. Continuing bird audio studies in Pasvik (using wildlife acoustics - "Song Meter"). Public event at Nyrud 25.8. in cooperation with Nibio and Øvre Pasvik NP board.
- **Finland:** Volunteering ornithologists have ringed birds at Mellanaapa, Ivalo, individual days in July, continuous ringing 10.–30.8.



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Bird ringing database 2016-2023

The database is updated for Norway until 2023 and for Finland until 2022.

Database is up-dated regularly. Also, re-captures are noted.
All ringing information is sent to national ringing centres.

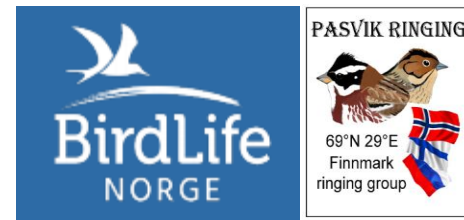


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Bird ringing database - recaptures

Species name			Ring		Capture		Re-capture		Capture-recapture details		
Norsk	English	Latin	Number	Focal point	Date	Place	Date	Place	Distance, km	Azimuth, °	Duration, days
Sivspurv	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		Pechenga	3.8.202	Varlama	24.8.2021	Nyrud	1		386
Sivspurv	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		Pechenga	2.8.202	Varlama	4.9.2021	Nyrud	1		398
Kjøttmeis	Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>		Pechenga	31.7.2020	Varlama	23.8.2021	Nyrud	1		388
Løvsanger	Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	VC56081	Pechenska distr.	2.8.2020	Varlama	23.8.2020	Nyrud			
Sivspurv	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	EK26865		21.8.2019	Nyrud	5.8.2020	Varlama			
Granmeis	Wallow tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	HF58839		5.9.2017	Nyrud	12.8.2020	Varlama			
Grønnsisk	Eurasian siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	HH30097		15.8.2019	Vaggetem	15.1.2020	Pollwitz DE			
Heipiplerke	Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	EK26928		22.8.2019	Nyrud	18.10.2019	Malta			
Sivspurv	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	RUMXX51090		5.9.2018	Varlama	13.9.2022	Nyrud			1469
Sivspurv	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			9.1.2022	Tsjekkia	17.9.2022	Nyrud	2336		251
Rødstrupe	European robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			13.9.2022	Nyrud	17.10.2022	Mimbaste	3314		
	Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	FPP N27782		21.3.2023	Wolfhuiskraal Boskamp Wes (South Africa)	23.8.2023	Nyrud	10477		155

Bird ringing database - recaptures

Cool facts:

Common reed bunting (Sivspurv/ *Emberiza schoeniclus*/ Pajusirkku) with Russian ring, ringed 5.9.2018, controlled at Nyrud 13.9.2022 – after 1469 days/ 4 years and 8 days!

Common reed bunting, ringed in Czech Republic: 2K+ male ringed in Skoronice. Flown 2336 km in 251 days.

Robin (Rødstrupe/*Erithacus rubecula*/punarinta) ringed at Nyrud on 13.9.2022, controlled 17.10.2022 in Mimbaste, Landes, France – 3314 km.





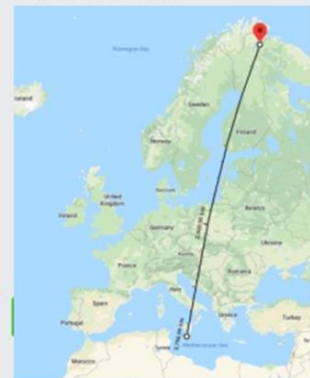
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BirdLife Malta

25. mars kl. 14:03 ·

During a ringing session done on Comino by BirdLife Malta Ringing Scheme bird ringers on the 18th of October of last year, a Meadow Pipit with a ring from Norway was processed.

Only recently, the Norwegian ringing scheme got back with the original ringing details of this bird. Although not the first bird from Norway, this bird is probably the one originating from the most northern spot ever controlled (i.e. the process of catching a bird that is already carrying a ring) by the BirdLife Malta Ringing scheme.

It was originally ringed in the northernmost part of Norway, specifically in Nyrud Ringing Station in Pasvik Nature Reserve, next to the border with Russia. The bird was ringed on the 22nd of August of the same year (2019). The total distance between the original ringing site and Malta is approximately 3,800km and the days elapsed were 57 in total but the exact date when the bird left Norway and the route taken are both unknown. The #MeadowPipit, known as Pespis in Maltese, is a ground-dwelling bird that often winters in good-sized flocks in Malta and has a thin "psst-psst" call that gives it its Maltese name.

Se oversettelse



Museum Stavanger
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NO-4010 Stavanger
Norway



Finnmark RG
att. Tomas Aarvik, Stabbursnes Naturhus og museum
9710 Indre Billeford

Dato 04.03.2020
Ref. 2019-01916

Melding om kontroll/gjenfunn av ringmerket fugl

En fugl ringmerket av en ringmerker i din gruppe er rapportert til sentralen. Gi beskjed hvis du finner feil i de angitte dataene.

Merkedata for NOS EK26928

Ringnummer	NOS EK26928	Vinge:	79 mm
Art	Heipiplerke (Anthus pratensis)		
Alder/Kjenn	1k [3] /Ukjent [U]		
Ringmerksdato	22.08.2019	Tidspunkt	Nøyaktig på dagen
Merkelokalitet	Nyrud (Pasvik Naturservat) Ringing Station (Norway, Finnmark, Ser-Varanger)		
Koordinater	69°08'50"N, 029°14'35"E	Nøyaktig på gitter koordinater	
Status	Ukjent eller ikke registrert [U]		
Fangstmetode	Mistrett [M]		
Ringmerkergruppe	Henderson, Fergus/		
Kommentar	Ringer: Beth Jasper		

Gjenfunnsdata for NOS EK26928

Art	Heipiplerke (Anthus pratensis)	Vinge:	79 mm
Alder/Kjenn	1k [3] /Ukjent [U]	Vekt:	16,9 g
Gjenfunnsdato	18.10.2019	Tidspunkt	Nøyaktig på dagen
Gjenfunns plass	Wied i-Ahmar, Comino (Malta, Malta, .)		
Koordinater	36°00'00"N, 014°18'00"E	Ett sted i en sirkel med radius 5 km	
Status	Ukjent eller ikke registrert [U]		
Forhold	I live og sannsynligvis frisk og satt fri av en ringmerker [8]		
Omstendigheter	Fanget for ringmerking [20]		
Finner	BirdLife Malta, Valetta Bird Ringing Scheme, Ta' Xbiex MSD 12 (Malta)		
Ringmerkergruppe	Ringmerker ikke registrert/Gruppe ikke registrert (RG)		
Kommentar			

Distanse: 3794 km Retning: 202 Tid: 57 dager (0 år, 1 måned(er) og 26 dag(er)) Ant. kontroller: 1

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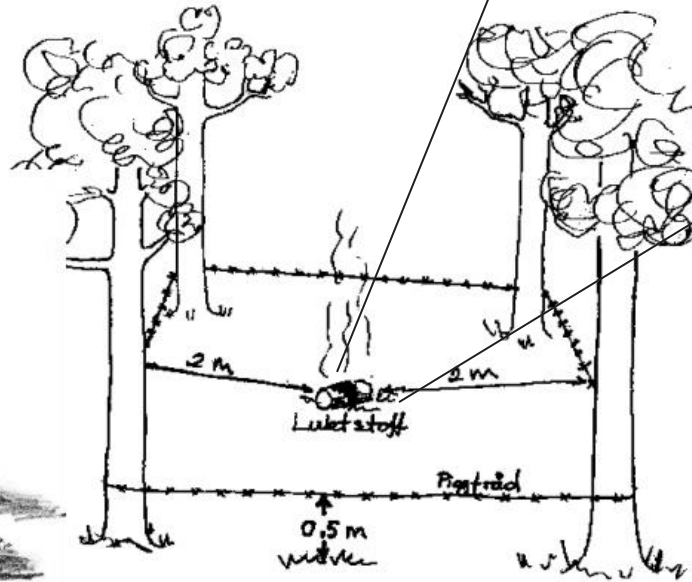
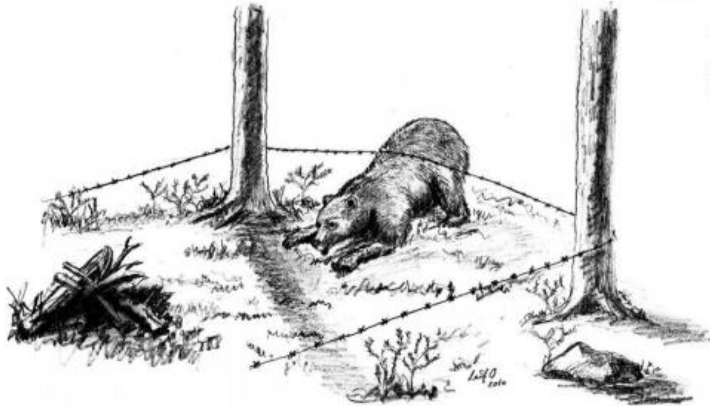
Monitoring Brown Bear

5th time since 2007/2008 – hair snare monitoring period June-August 2023

Implementing bodies: Nibio Svanhovd (NO) and Metsähallitus (FI)

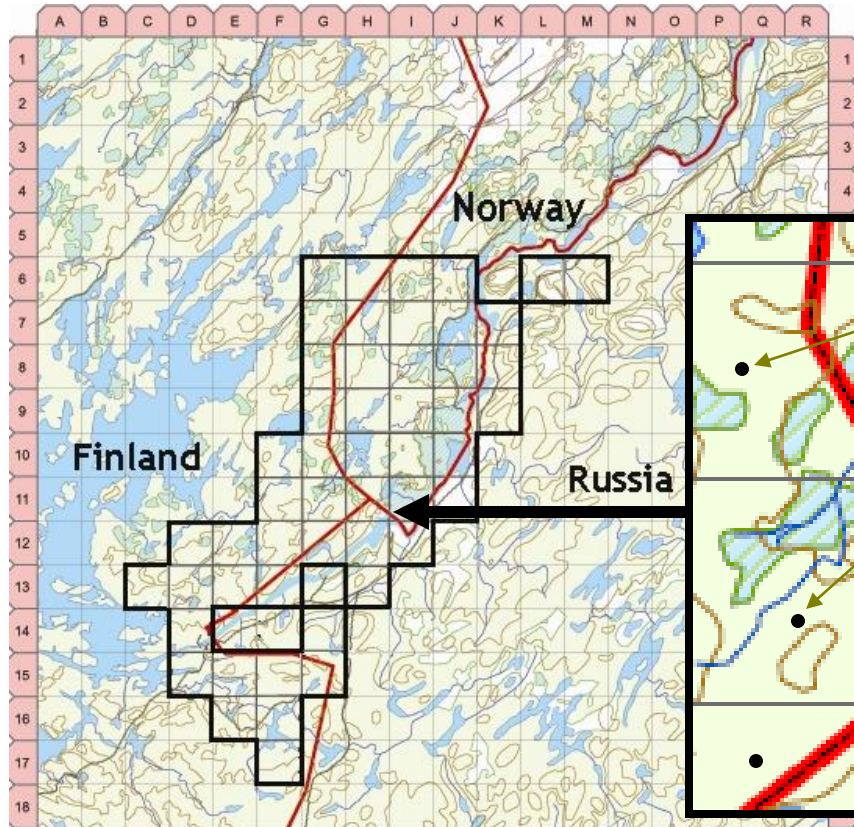
Hair-snares

Barbed wire is placed on 0,5 m height, between 4 or more trees, forming a square or a polygon. C. 5 m between the tree trunks. In the centre – a non-rewarding lure is placed (liquified smell – “Chanell no. 6”)



Source: Nibio Svanhovd

Hair-trap (minus Russia in 2023)



1 hair -trap per 5x5 km square

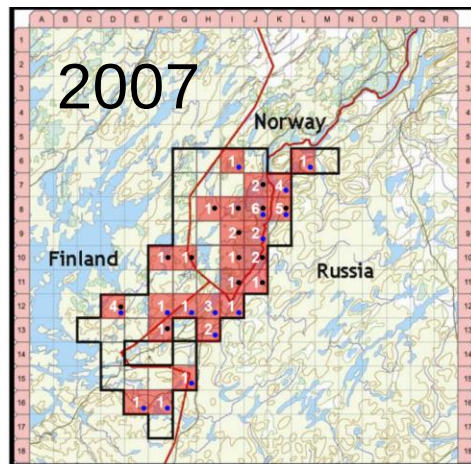
Traps are checked every 14. day

Traps are re-located one time, after 1 month in the same square

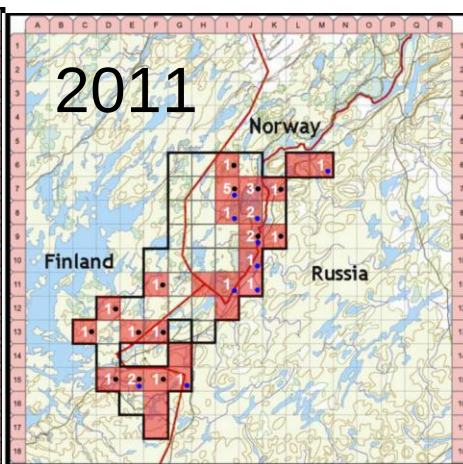
Traps are placed so that they are not in conflict with people

Approx. 50 squares NOR/FIN – over 1200 km² areal

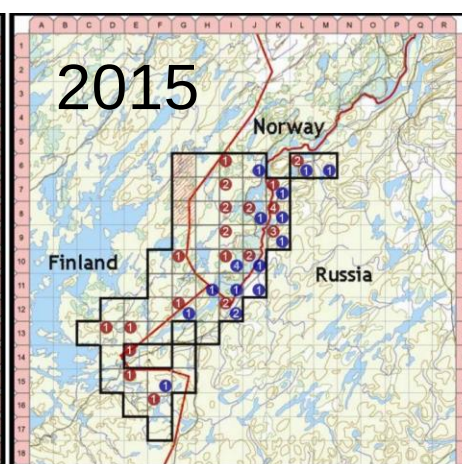
Monitoring results 2007-2019 for Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga brown bears



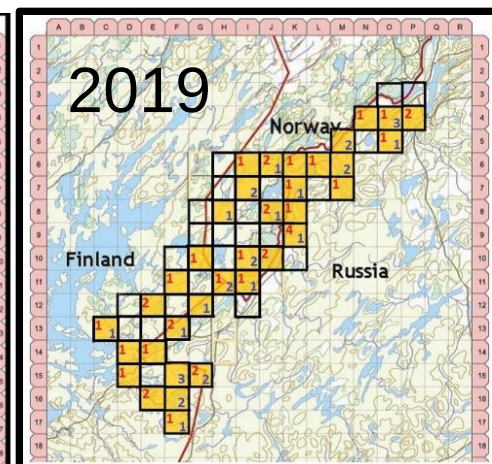
196 samples collected
Activity in 26 of 56 squares
24 bears identified
(**10** females, **14** males)
11 new individuals identified, **13** known individuals



88 samples collected
Activity in 27 of 56 squares
20 bears identified
(**12** females, **8** males)
4 new individuals identified, **16** known individuals



209 samples collected
Activity in 25 of 53 squares
26 bears identified
(**17** females, **9** males)
13 new individuals identified, **13** known individuals



182 samples collected
Activity in 35 of 58 (61) squares
46 bears identified
(**25** females, **22** males)
23 new individuals identified, **24** known individuals

Results 2023 for Pasvik-Inari brown bears



Figure 10: Trap I10 being visited by a male (left-LL61/FI328) and a female (right-MO90/FI280) bear one week after each other (Photo: Camera 5, July 2023).

97 samples collected

Activity in 26 of 43 squares

22 bears identified

(**10** females, **12** males)

10 new individuals identified, **12** known individuals

2 bears were monitored both in Norway and Finland – nature knows no borders!

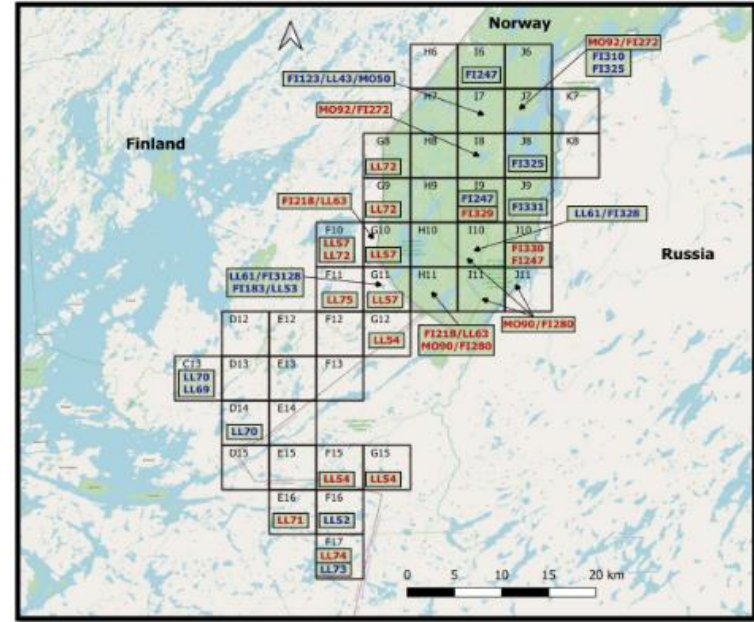


Figure 8: Brown bears detected in the hair trap project of 2023 in the trans-border area of Pasvik (Norway) and Inari (Finland). Sex of the individuals is represented by its colour (red = females, blue = males).

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Ylä-Lapin luonnon kaukokartoitus Projektin loppuraportti osa 1 – Aineistot ja menetelmät

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Arto Saikkonen, Seppo Tuominen, Mikko Impiö, Mika Heikkinen,
Mikko Kervinen, Tytti Jussila, Kristin Böttcher, Elisa Pääkkö,
Aira Kokko, Katariina Mäkelä ja Saku Anttila



5b. Monitoring activities 2024

Remote sensing the habitats of Northern Lapland (Metsähallitus):

Article and links to the report:

- <https://www.metsa.fi/projekti/yla-lapin-kaukokartoitus/>
- [Ylä-Lapin luonnon kaukokartoitus – Projektin loppuraportti osa 1 – Aineistot ja menetelmät \(metsa.fi\)](#)
- [Ylä-Lapin luonnon kaukokartoitus – Projektin loppuraportti osa 2 – Luontotyytit - julkaisut.metsa.fi](#)
- Abstract in English and Swedish

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5c. Dissemination of information

Visitor point Gjøken

Presentations

Web site

SOME: Day of Parks (together) + others individually

Hair taps of the brown bear in Norway and Finland

- Report by NIBIO:

<https://nibio.no/nyheter/overvaking-av-brunbjorn-ved-hjelp-av-harfeller-i-pasvik-og-inari?locationfilter=true>

- Article by Metsähallitus in Finnish and Skolt Sámi

<https://www.luontoon.fi/-/karvapydykset-paljastivat-karhujen-liikkeit-yli-valtion-rajojen>

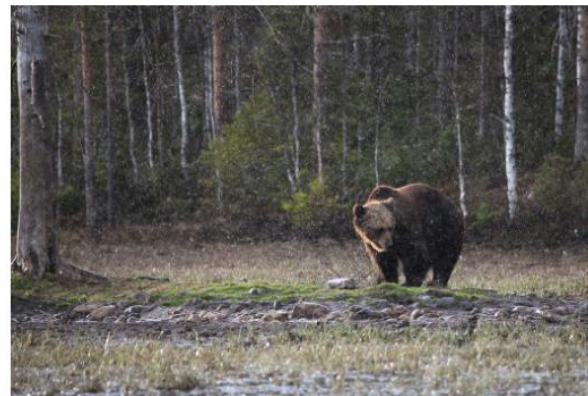
- Numbers updated in the exhibition of Siida

Säämas

17.7.2024

Sõhssâmšiił k̄iõ'le kuõbži vuättjem paai'k̄id p̄at'jel valdia raaji

Tä'vv kuõbžžpopulaatio liä vuättam ee'jjest 2007 vue'ljeen sõhssâm- da p̄õškk̄čuäjtõsaunnsi geneettlaž analyysin Paččjokk-Aanar vuu'din. Määimõs čuäjtõsaunnsinoormõs k̄iõ'li vuu'dest 22 jee'res kuõbžžjad, koin lãäi le'jje odd̄ ouu'dab tu'tkkumša ve'rddeen.



Kuõbžži ku'kes tä'lvnãä'er vuãddmõs da muõtkiõ'ji puuttmõs vaiğğõõtti kuõbžžmie'ri vuättmõõžžid. Kuõbžžmie'ri arvvlãsttmõs vuãddlii ouu'dab ee'jji õõuti kuõbžži vuättjumšid, šiilkamerasnimmõõggid, p̄earbli da p̄õškk̄čuäjtõsaunnsi vuättjumša de šee'llempuãđõõžžid.

Lundui.fi –internetpages, Metsähallitus

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5c. Dissemination of information

Exhibition of Siida

- In 2023 over 138 000 visits
- Siida has been chosen as the Museum of the Year 2024 in Finland
- Sámi Museum SIIDA as well European Museum of the year 2024

<https://www.nationalparks.fi/-/sami-museum-and-northern-lapland-nature-centre-siida-chosen-as-museum-of-the-year-2024>



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5c. Enlightenment and dissemination of information activities

- Felology of North Calotte in Norway is taking place this week
- DNA travelling school laboratory not held 2024, succesfull laboratory held in Inari in 2023
- NIBIO applied money for spring 2024 with no succes
- Municipality of Inari has also given a promise to put money to this for 2024/2025
- Bird watching for locals: Norway 31.5.2024
- Arctic Fox
 - Kilpisjärvi area has 3 succesfull nestings and about 10 cubs
 - Press release will be published by Metsähallitus

In Norway, see the table and link below:

[Her er årets første fjellrevkull \(nina.no\)](https://nina.no/nyheter/2024/05/31/first-fjellrevkull-2024/)

- **Ideas for the future 2025-2026:**

Brown bear exhibition, do we have an interest and resource
Possible funding from Barents Secretariat?

Fjellområde	Antall kull	Antall valper	Merknad
Varangerhalvøya	6	13	
Reisa Nord	0	0	
Indre Troms	3	9	
Saltfjellet	10	51	
Junkeren	3	14	
Artfjellet	-	-	
Børgefjell	3	10	
Blåfjella/Hestkjølen	6	27	
Sylan/Kjølifjellet	6	24	
Snøhetta	3	17	
Reinheimen	1		Antatt
Finse	7	27	
Hardangervidda	10	40	
	58	232	

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5d. Other activities from Action plan in 2024

- Update principles of sustainable nature tourism – status on launching webinar: put on hold
 - Due to the changes in organization of Metsähallitus
 - Draft for Sustainable travel seminar made 2023
 - → Suggestion: Spirit of Inari - The Future of regenerative tourism 31.10.2024.
 - Held in Inari, possible to follow through streaming (not possible to take part in conversation),
 - free of charge
 - Sign up no later than 22.10.2024

<https://tapahtumat.inari.fi/spiritofinari2024/EN>

https://ssl.eventilla.com/filebrowser/file?h=nyveP&f=20240813155048_b52610933b6714bc01694c1499029427.pdf

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5d. Other activities from Action plan in 2024

- Cultural Marks on Trees (CMT) –cooperation: put on hold, 2025/2026?
- CLAP – climate change adaptation and communication -project
 - CLAP - Climate change communication and adaptation of Arctic protected areas - Interreg Aurora
 - Prosjekt om tilpasninger til klimaendringer i arktiske verneområder – Reisa Nasjonalpark
 - [Climate change communication and adaptation in Arctic protected areas CLAP | Metsähallitus \(metsa.fi\)](#)
 - Implements activity 2.3.5. Develop cooperation on research and monitoring on climate change issues and effects
 - Visit to U.S. to learn from National Park Service's work done on climate adaptation in various national parks and visitor centres in September 2024
 - Launching adaptation training programme and starting the work with pilot plans for protected areas in Swe, Nor and Fin 2024-2025

6. Targets for 2025 suggestion from the Working Group

A. Management and cooperation:

- staff exchange – postponed in 2024, continue in winter – like April – in 2025?
- Annual meeting of working group organised by Finland and advisory board meeting by Norway.
- Re-evaluation and on-site visit –works for the certification in Transboundary Parks' -programme

B. Monitoring: water bird registrations, bird ringing, collect visitors numbers

C. Environmental enlightenment and dissemination:

- SOME 24.5
- DNA laboratory and Fenology of North Calotte –program by NIBIO?
- CMT-seminar?,
- webinar - Principles for sustainable nature tourism, **instead:** Spirit of Inari -seminar 31.10.2024

D. EUROPARC cooperation – as usual:

- STEC
- Task Force, 1 face to face meeting during TPN, others online
- TransParcNet 2025 in Krkonoše National Park, Poland
- Europarc Annual Conference

E. Implementing CLAP and other Interreg Aurora projects (Oprewa) in the Pasvik-Inari area

7. Workshop, issues for the re-evaluation application

- A. SWOT – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
- B. Advantages and disadvantages of the transboundary cooperation



Takk! Kiitos! Takkâ! Spä'sseb! Giitu!