



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

Including agenda for the bi-lateral nature protection meeting
15-16.6.2023, Svanvik Norway



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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. 15 minutes each)
4. Current situation in cross-border cooperation
5. Issues for discussion and information from Pasvik-Inari cooperation
6. Report from the working group on implementation of the bilateral work, so far in 2023 (targets for 2023 – status for implementation).
7. Targets for year 2024
8. Other items
9. Next meeting
10. Closing of the meeting



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5. Issues for discussion and information from Pasvik-Inari cooperation:

- a. EUROPARC -cooperation: postponement of reverification of the certificate to year 2024/2025
- b. Bilateral work plan – status
- c. Networks, participation in EUROPARC:
 - *TransParkNet and Transboundary Task Force*
 - *STEC (Steering and evaluation committee)*
 - *EUROPARC annual conference – Note! NB film a short video greetings from this meeting to the 50-year anniversary!*
 - *presentation at Council of Europe in Green Public Administration – seminar in Strasbourg April 2023*



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To: Norwegian and Finnish protected areas in Pasvik-Inari Cooperation
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Kurt Wikan | Jyväskylä National Park Board
Pirjo Seurujärvi | Metsähallitus, Finland

Regensburg, 10.03.23

Regarding: Pasvik-Inari cooperation's bid for postponement of re-evaluation of TB-certificate

Dears,

Further to your letter of 10th October last year. Apologies for the tardy reply, but I can now confirm that the EUROPARC Council has considered your request and agree to a two-year postponement of your transboundary certificate.

Being one of the most mature Transboundary areas, and an exemplar of peace and cooperation, we would very much like to give your area the best chance to re-establish contact with your Russian colleagues. We hope that once again, you will be able to show, that collaborating in the management of nature can bring a reconciliation to your three countries.

We all hope the war will come to an end soon.

We would therefore seek a re-evaluation in 2025, with submission prior to that. Dates and deadlines can be agreed nearer the time.

In the meantime, we look forward to continuing the work with you all.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MH'.

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Hendrik Oosterveld (NL), Nikos Pangelos (GR), Sonja Miller (DE), Leonardo Carro (IT)

6. Report from the working group on implementation of the bilateral work, fulfilling chosen targets for 2023 – status for implementation so far:

6a. Management and bi-lateral cooperation

- **Staff exchange:** report from 2022 was finalised in January 2023 and new report template done to be used for coming joint reports; invitations to staff exchange have been sent out for autumn 2023, themes on birds in Pasvik, plants in Inari
- **Workgroup work:** two **digital meetings** implemented, February 9-10th, and April 28th; **virtual coffee break** once a month for the WG group – flexible info exchange and continuous contacts
- **Advisory board meeting** currently



6b. Monitoring activities 2023



Waterfowl registrations in Norway (NIBIO):

- Spring registrations dates: 25.5. (729 ind., 37 species) and 1.6. (370 ind., 31 species)
- Autumn registrations dates: 17.8. (294 ind., 16 species) and 30.8. (208 ind., 20 species)
- Summer duckling counting: no counting on Norwegian side in 2023



Golden eagle in Finland:

- **FI:** In the municipalities of Inari and Utsjoki altogether 81 territories and 28 successful breedings in 2022.
- **NOR:** three known nesting localities checked since 2018-2022: Sametti, Sukkeråsen and Villreinåsen. In Sametti nesting trial in 2021, and the same at Villreinåsen in 2020.

Bird ringing

- **Norway:** periode 5.8-25.9. at Nyrud in Pasvik NR and a new locality at Skrøytnes (mid-Pasvik). Birdlife Norway in charge of the activity. New in 2023 – bird audio studies in Pasvik (using wildlife acoustics - “Song Meter”).
- NIBIO Svanhovd offers bird and ringing activities to the local schools.
- **Finland:** Volunteering ornithologists are ringing birds at Mellanaapa, Ivalo, at least 22.-30.8 booked



Bird ringing database 2016-2022



The database is updated for both Norway and Finland.
There will be also recapture data, when we get it from the ringing centers.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R				
Species name				2015	2016				2017				2018				2019				
№	Russian	English	Latin	NO	RU	NO	FI	RU	NO	FI	RU	NO	FI	RU	NO	FI	Total				
67	Щур	Pine grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Сем. Овсянковые				Emberizidae																	
68	Обыкновенная овсянка	Yellow hammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				12	14			
69	Овсянка-крошка	Little bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	23	0	0	2	0	0	5	4	1	6	1			17	59			
70	Овсянка-ремез	Rustic bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	2	3	2	4	5	26	26			
71	Камышовая овсянка	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	384	76	91	106	46	50	307	68	29	319	194	72	253	1995	1995			
72	Лапландский подорожник	Lapland longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				2	2			
total, individuals				3 883	318	374	466	497	344	1 605	616	262	1 213	1 065	671	1 568	12 882	12 882			
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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.

2		RUSSIA		infected species by date of capture: n=9										intentional transboundary captures not shown									
		Species name			Ring		Capture		Re-capture		Capture-recapture details				Capture registration								
No	Russian	English	Latin	Number	Focal point	Date	Place	Date	Place	Distance, km	Azimuth, °	Duration, days	Sex	Age									
1	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	HF 57 504	Stavanger	10.08.2015	Nyrud	15.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	1101	not ident										
2	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	HD 08 005	Stavanger	21.08.2015	Nyrud	27.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	1100	not ident										
3	Рейниик	Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	24Z 73 548	Bruxelles Sc. Nat.	22.10.2016	Antwerpen (Antwerp), Varlam	08.06.2018	Varlam Isle	2386	34	594 f - capture, m - recapture											
4	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	VF-97186	Moskva	24.08.2017	Varlam Isle	03.09.2017	Norway, Finnmark, Nyrud Ringing Station, Pasvik NR	1	180	10	not ident										
5	Буроголовая гаичка	Willow tit	Parus montanus	XX-51 006	Moskva	30.08.2017	Varlam Isle	04.09.2017	Norway, Finnmark, Sor-Varanger, Vaggatem camp	4	253	5	not ident										
6	Буроголовая гаичка	Willow tit	Parus montanus	HF 58 839	Stavanger	05.09.2017	Nyrud	08.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	337	not ident										
7	Обыкновенная чечетка	Mealy redpoll / Common redpoll	Acanthis flammea	VF-87 052	Moskva	28.05.2018	Varlam Isle	08.11.2018	Denmark, Jylland (Jutland), Lange Mølle Vig, Agger Tange, Vesterby	1746	217	164	f										
8	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	VP-30 019	Moskva	26.08.2018	Varlam Isle	28.08.2018	Nyrud	1	180	2	not ident										
9	Камышовая овсянка	Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	XE-62 044	Moskva	26.08.2018	Varlam Isle	29.08.2018	Nyrud	1	180	3	m										
10	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	VP-30 035	Moskva	26.08.2018	Varlam Isle	31.08.2018	Nyrud	1	180	5	not ident										
11	Варакушка	Bluetit	Luscinia svecica	EK 25 501	Stavanger	28.08.2018	Nyrud	02.09.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	5	m										
12	Варакушка	Bluetit	Luscinia svecica	EK 25 506	Stavanger	28.08.2018	Nyrud	31.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	3	m										
13	Варакушка	Bluetit	Luscinia svecica	EK 25 507	Stavanger	28.08.2018	Nyrud	31.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	3	m										
14	Варакушка	Bluetit	Luscinia svecica	EK 25 563	Stavanger	29.08.2018	Nyrud	05.09.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	7	m										
15	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	VP-30 088	Moskva	30.08.2018	Varlam Isle	31.08.2018	Nyrud	1	180	1	not ident										
16	Пеночка-всесвистка	Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	HH 29 454	Stavanger	30.08.2018	Nyrud	31.08.2018	Varlam Isle	1	180	1	not ident										
17	Варакушка	Bluetit	Luscinia svecica	XX-73 433	Moskva	22.08.2019	Varlam Isle	29.08.2019	Nyrud	1	0	7	m										
18	Обыкновенная зеленка / European greenfinch	Chloria chloris		2K701623	Raksmuseum Stockholm		waiting arrival	08.08.2019	Varlam Isle				f										
21		re-captures, Russia	re-captures, Norway	re-captures, Finland	stations all	list of ringers																	



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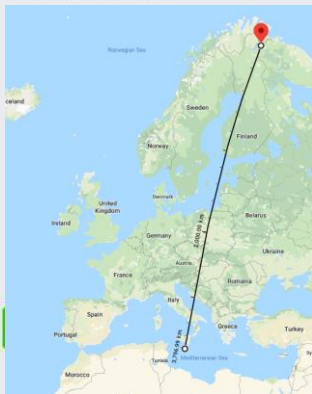
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During a ringing session done on Comino by BirdLife Malta Ringing Scheme bird ringers on the 18th of October of last year, a Meadow Pipit with a ring from Norway was processed.

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



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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.

Merkeidata for NOS EK26928

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

Gjenfunnsdata for NOS EK26928

Art	Heiplerke (Anthus pratensis)	Vinge:	79 mm
Alder/Kjønn	1k [3] /Ukjent [U]	Vekt:	16,9 g
Gjenfunnsdato	18.10.2019 Tidspunkt 10-- Nøyaktig på dagen		
Gjenfunnsplass	Wied l-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, Valletta Bird Ringing Scheme, Ta' Xbiex MSD 12 (Malta)		
Ringmerker/gruppe	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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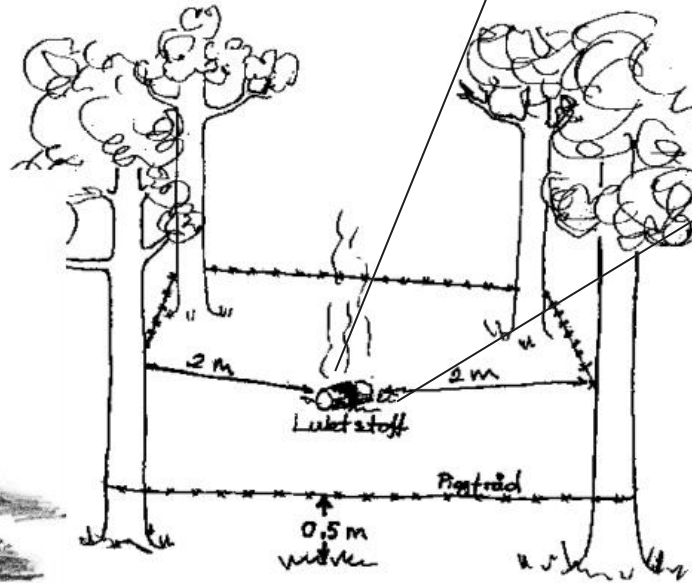
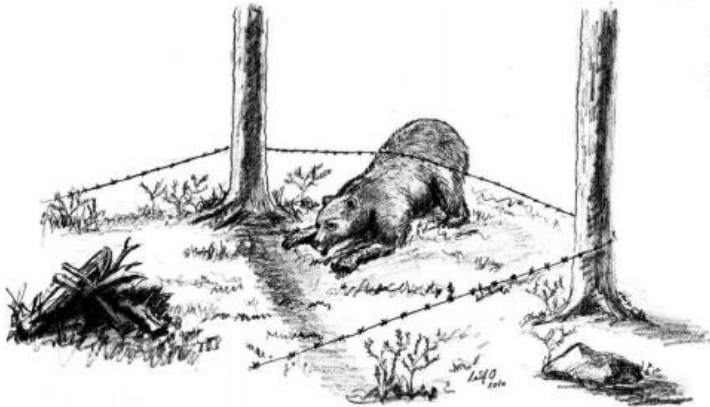
Monitoring Brown Bear

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

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

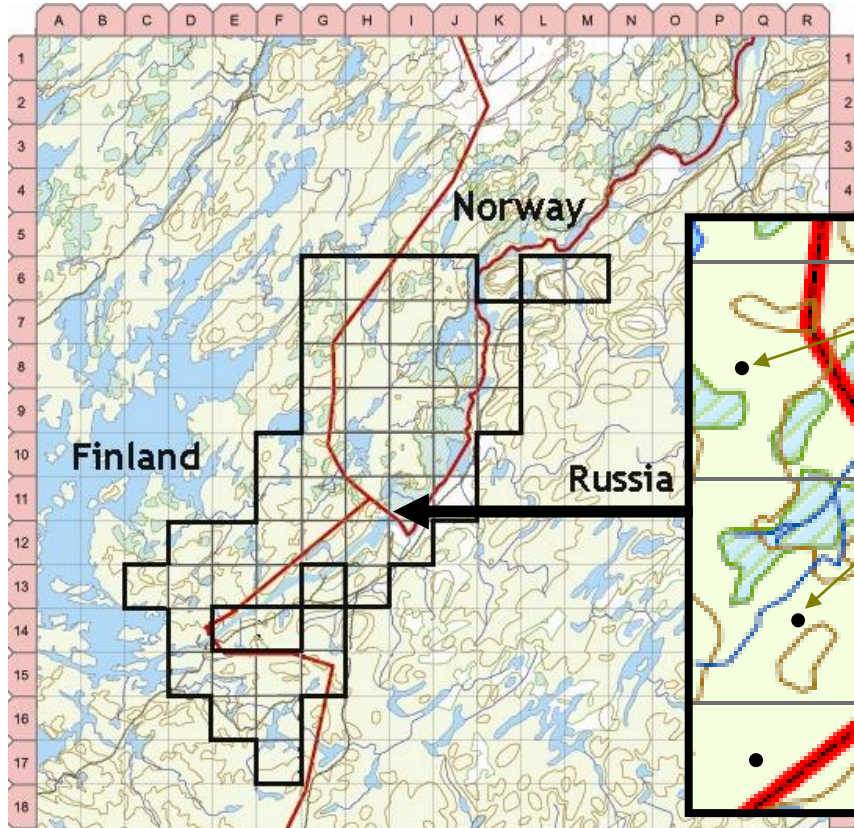
Hair-snares

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 -trapp per 5x5 km square

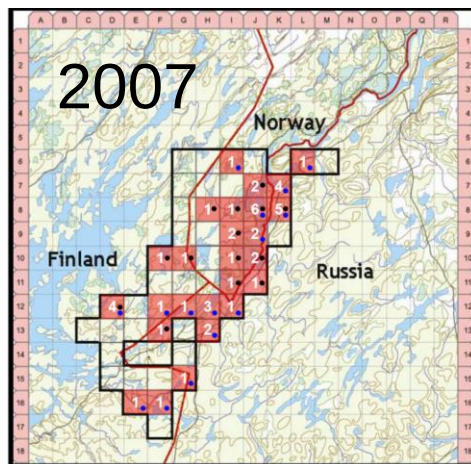
Trapps are checked every 14. day

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

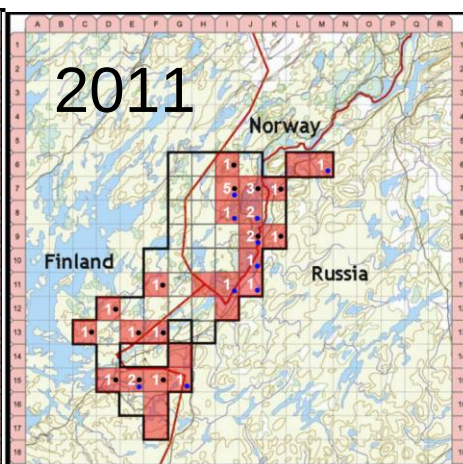
Trapps are placed - so they are not in conflict with people.

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

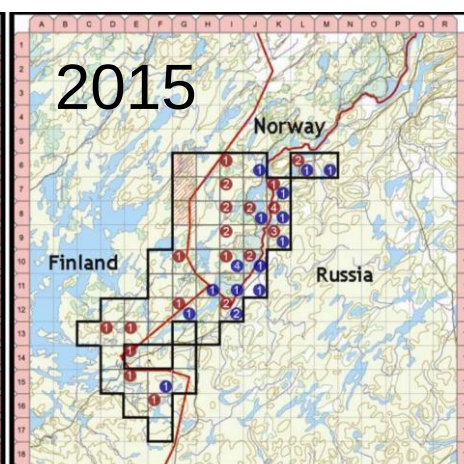
Monitoring results 2007-2019. Pasvik-Inare-Pechenga brown bears



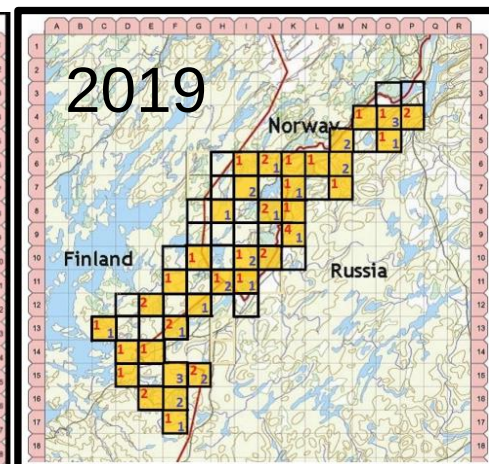
196 samples collected
Activity in 26 of 56 squares
24 bears identified
(**10** females, **14** males)
11 new individuals identified, **13** known individuals



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

6c. Enlightenment activities

DNA travelling brown bear laboratory, NIBIO

Visited Inari (Siida) in April and hosted 9th graders from Inari and Sevettijärvi schools, funding also from municipality of Inari

Bird watching trips for locals in June

NO: 2.6. bird watching trip. Arranged by Nibio and Sør-Varanger naturvernforbund

FI: 5.6. bird watching in vicinity of UKK national park as UKK has 40-year-anniversary in 2023

Gjøken visitor point in Øvre Pasvik NP

17.6 opening of Gjøken visitor point

New temporary exhibition – brown bears of Pasvik-Inari

Meetings and planning in spring 2023. Drafted concept note is written. Materials will be collected under monitoring in 2023. In 2024 funding will be applied and work will start. Plan is to finalise joint exhibition in 2025.

Phenology of the North Calotte (PNC)

Nibio launches cooperation with Finnish schools. Pupils and teacher from Inari school participate in school gathering at Svanhovd in autumn 2023



6c. Dissemination of information

Visitor point Gjøken: Information signs

Presentations: Best practices from 30 years of cross-border cooperation at Council of Europe in April, News from our cooperation for TransParcNet

Webpages: <https://prosjekt.statsforvalteren.no/en/pasvik-inari/>
(no updates)

Social media: NO: Opening of Visitor point Gjøken; **FI:** Bear DNA-lab and lecture, guided bird trip

Travelling exhibitions – Pasvik-Inari photos and Green Belt of Fennoscandia: NO: both exhibitions in Pasvik – will be exhibited when relevant; **FI:** Travelling photo exhibition at Sámi Educational Institute, village of Inari, from spring 2020 until spring 2023

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Besöksenter
Øvre Pasvik nasjonalpark

Velkommen til åpning av Informasjonspunkt Gjøken!

Lørdag 17. juni 2023 – fra kl. 12.00

Etter mange år med planlegging og byggevirksomhet er vi klare for offisiell åpning. Vi håper du kan delta - husk å melde deg på.

Programmet for dagen er ikke helt klart enda, men vi starter kl. 12.00. Du må regne nær 2 timers kjøring fra Kirkenes (100 km).

Vi vil fortelle litt om anlegget og de gamle tømmerhusene som står her. Informasjonspunktet presenterer vår grensehistorie og unike naturarv med fokus på Øvre Pasvik nasjonalpark.

Du kan også vandre på merkede stier til Ildstedrekka fra middelalderen eller gjennom Luftwaffeirenen fra 2. verdenskrig.

Gratis servering av middag og kake.

Av hensyn til bevertningen ber vi om at du melder deg på per



👍 Sinä, Stine Emilie Nøding Hansen ja 50 muuta

6d. Other targets from action plan

Launching the review update Principles of sustainable nature tourism in the Pasvik-Inari area – status (Action 4.1.3): Webinar on sustainable nature-based tourism in the beginning of November, overview to current topics in Norway and Finland prior to updating work

CLAP -Interreg Aurora project application in preparation

(Action 2.3.4 – Climate change and management of PAs): Protected areas adapting to climate change and visitor centres piloting communication on changing climate in Sweden, Norway and Finland

Cultural Marks in Trees/ CMT – cooperation in future (seminar?), (Action no. 2.1.9.)



7. Targets for 2024 – suggestion from the Working Group

- A. Management and cooperation: **continue staff exchange programme** (1.3.1). Annual meetings in both working group and steering group (action 1.1.2). **Prepare re-evaluation and onsite visit in end of 2024** (action 1.1.4/ 3.3.1).
- B. Monitoring: Implementation of on-going annual activities in*: **report on results for brown bear monitoring from 2023** (2.1.1); *waterfowl registration (2.1.2), bird ringing (2.1.4), collecting visitors' numbers (part of action 2.3.1)
- C. Environmental enlightenment and dissemination: ongoing activities*: *day of Parks 24.5. (3.3.2)
*bird watching trips for locals. Other actions: **Phenology of North Calotte** (3.2.2), **Brown bear DNA lab cooperation and Concepting temporary Brown bear exhibition – work and applying for funding. CMT – seminar** (action 2.1.9), **Principles of sustainable nature tourism follow up** (4.1.3)
- D. EUROPARC – cooperation: Continue cooperation in EUROPARC networks (Action 1.3.2 - STEC, TB Task Force, TransParcNet, annual conference etc.).
- E. Application to Interreg AURORA -programme: **CLAP – CLimate change adaptation and communication of Arctic Protected areas -project preparation** and hopefully implementation from March 2024 onwards (part of action 2.3.4)



Takk! Kiitos! Takkâ! Spä'sseb! Giitu!