Year Cycle of trilateral cooperation

- Main Schedule

Autumn meeting for the Advisory Board



September)

# Report from the Action plan working group

year (eg 2011)

Annual Meeting of the Advisory Board Inari, Finland, 24th August 2016

Spring/summer:

Carry out actions

(April – August)

Field work

Office work



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these actions

low/when/who/financing

\* Additional unilateral actions could be added freely by each country

# 5a. Monitoring activities

- Brown Bear
  - Short review of results 2015 joint action

Norwegian action in 2016 – Sametti NR area using hair-trapping

#### Birds

- Review of joint water bird registration results 2016
- Golden Eagle
- Information about bird ringing actions

#### Other issues

- Peppered moth information exchange implemented
- **Visitors**

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# Monitoring of the Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga brown bear population in 2015 using hair-trapping

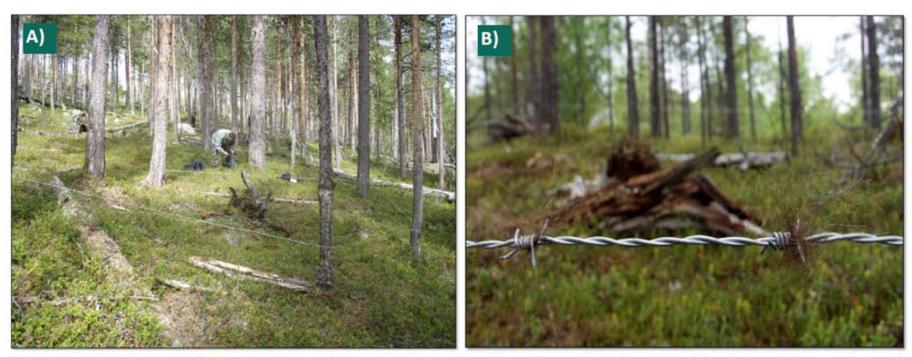
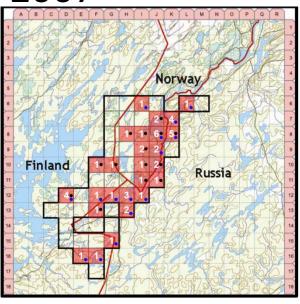


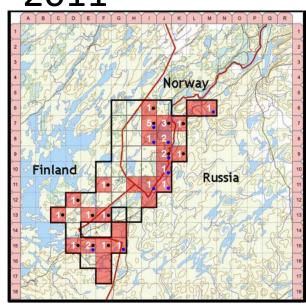
Figure 2: A) A typical hair snare with scent lure in the center ringed by a single barbed wire strung between trees at 40-50 cm from the ground. B) Hairsample on a wire. Photos: Sari Magga (left), Alexander Kopatz (right).

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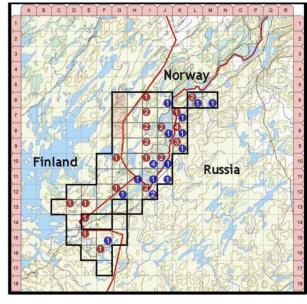
2007



2011



2015



196 samples collected
26 of 56 grids showed activity
24 bears identified

(10 females, 14 males)

11 new identified, 13 known

88 samples collected
27 of 56 grids showed activity
20 bears identified

(12 females, 8 males)

4 new identified, 16 known

209 samples collected
25 of 56 grids showed activity
26 bears identified

(17 females, 9 males)

13 new identified, 13 known

#### Remote wildlife cameras

#### No harm to wildlife was documented or observed







All footage from 2015 has been compiled and can be viewed here: <a href="http://vimeo.com/144482693">http://vimeo.com/144482693</a>

# Monitoring of the Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga brown bear population in 2015 using hair-trapping

#### **Conclusions**

- Hair-traps have shown their power in detecting bear abundance and individuals
- Compared to 2007 and 2011, the total number of identified individuals in 2015 increased, respectively with 3 and 7 individuals
- Seven (35%) individuals, detected in 2011, were recaptured in 2015. Four (16.7%) bears, detected in 2007, were recaptured in 2015
- Two individuals were detected in two countries, and one individual were detected in grids in all three countries
- The higher number of samples and detected brown bears in 2015 may be caused by more bear activity within the study area, compared to 2007 and 2011
- A total of 13 new bears were identified in 2015 as compared to 4 in 2011
- Hair-trapping can lead to a substantial increase in the number of detected bears in the area
- As is previous studies, no harm to wildlife was documented or observed.
- Sample collection during summer period
- Unique, prestigious pioneer project and study in management and research

# Brown bears in Sametti - NO



Project on Norwegian side in 2016 - funded by FMFI and implemented by NIBIO Trilateral hair snagging system - 2 months field work Results - 73 hair samples For DNA analysis - own funding is needed Results and report will be shared when finalised

## Results from joint waterfowl registration

#### Spring time 2016:

- 26<sup>th</sup> of May = 680 birds, 29 species (altogether)
- 02nd of June = 516 birds, 26 species

#### Autumn time 2016:

- 26<sup>th</sup> of August, together with Finnish side
- 02th of September

#### Common database MS Excel

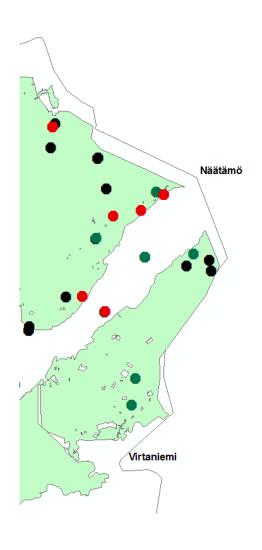


## Golden eagle

- Norway 2016 mapping of golden eagle in East-Finnmark (NINA project, FMFI funding)
  - Results from mapping will be shared when finalised

Finland 2016 – see next slide

# The Golden Eagle in the Eastern Inari



- Red "successful breeding"
- Green "occupied"
- Black "unoccupied"

## **Bird ringing actions**

#### Norway

- Week 28 (mid July) mapping of wader birds in Gjøkåsen area
- Period 8.–20.9. bird ringing in PNR + meet a researcher for local schools and general public

#### Russia

- June 2016 start with Passeriformes group, continuing 15.08-end of September 2016
- Catching few birds ringing by Norwegian side in 2016 (!), report for Russian Ringing Centre (Moscow)
- Serial reportages on Murmansk TV and web-pages, plans popular article in "Pasvik Times", exchange of reports

#### Finland

 local branch of Association of Nature Conservation in Finland does bird ringing in Ivalo from mid-July onwards -> trilateral delivery of results

# Ringing the birds on Varlam Island, June 2016





# Pasvik Bird Survey 2016



- Gjøkmyra, Tommamyra and Nilamyra, 9th-13th July
- Arctic waders as focus
- Unusual weather conditions meltwater and rain - flooding of nests
- 1 km line transects walking and recording of all seen and heard birds

#### **Results**

- fewer birds than expected maybe to late date and most waders had finalised breeding
- high water level
- Full bird list and breeding confirmations in report

Action partly funded by FMFI and implemented by Biotope AS and partners BTO (British Trust for Ornithology)

# Nesting help for a red listed bird



Temporary nesting platform in PNR (NO) for Arctic tern Pilot for 3 years

## **Trilateral Visitor Monitoring**

Core area	Area / Sight	Country	Way of measuring	2014	2015
Pasvik zapovednik	NPA	RUS	counting (permits for entrance)	895	580
Øvre-Pasvik NP	NPA	NOR	estimate, *counter	c. 1500	1956*
Pasvik NR	NPA	NOR	estimate	c. 500	c. 500
Øvre-Pasvik LPA	NPA	NOR	estimate	c. 1500	> 1500
Vätsäri wilderness area	NPA	FIN	estimate	7 000	7 000
<b>Together NPAs</b>				c. 11 395	c. 11 536
Rajakoski nature school	Visitor centre	RUS	counting	580	370
Svanhovd info centre, NIBIO	Visitor centre	NOR	counter	6 950	8 961
Sámi museum and nature centre Siida	Visitor centre	FIN	counter	98 470	113 474
Together centres				106 000	122 805
Piilola hiking trail	Sight	NOR-FIN	counter	381	160





Photos: Gunnar Reinholdtsen; Riina Tervo, Metsähallitus

# 5b. Enlightenment actions

- Joint Red listed species booklet printed!
- Bird trips for locals implemented (see next slides)
- Joint info material about Brown bear in preparation...
- Green Belt of Fennoscandia workshop(s) depending on themes
  - postponed to 2017 and to be held in new visitor centre of Pasvik zapovednik in Nikel
  - –additionally 13 000 Euros (half of it as own contribution)
     funding from Nordkalottrådet to GBF -workshop as
     Metsähallitus's and partners action

# Bird trips for locals 2016

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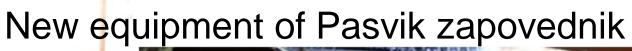


Birdwatching on Varlam Isle and participation in ringing













# 5c. Dissemination of information

### Communication and visibility plan - in prep.

- Identifying
  - best practices in three countries
  - how to improve in general
  - new possibilities f. ex. events and permanent exhibitions in nature and visitor centres
- Summarizing
  - target groups and messages
- PASV Means and methods HISTORY SHARED
  - Agreeing
    - on implementation
    - on follow-up and updating

Question to the members of the advisory board: how can we communicate better towards your organisation and between our organisations?

# 5c. Dissemination of information

- Results from brown bear monitoring
  - -EU's platform on Coexistence between people and large carnivores and Natura 2000 award -application in preparation
- Presentations and articles
  - —Trilateral nature protection cooperation along GBF in Habitat Contact Forum, in Petrozavodsk (RU), October 2015
  - Monitoring and managing brown bears and visitors in TransParcNet in Bad Schandau
     (DE), June 2016
  - -Best practices from Pasvik-Inari cooperation in plenary session of 9th Pan-European Green Belt Conference in Koli (FI), November 2016
  - -Bird trips in Finnish local newspaper, July 2016
  - Webpages
    - -Updated news about trilateral bird trips and bears on Pasvik-Inari internal website
    - —Panorama-solutions: 4 best practice -cases from P-I TP for transboundary cooperation
    - —News about Pasvik-Inari cooperation to be published on BPAN-website and EUROPARC's newsletter, by the end of the year 2016

Virtavästäräkin bongaaminen jäi haaveeksi.



Information about Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park and common monitoring for local people, Nikel library, April 2016

# 5d. EUROPARC cooperation

#### Cross-border visitor websurvey 2017

#### Questionnaire

- in four languages, 12 questions and open-feedback
- delivered in paper, through qr-code and as e-mail in visitor centres, in the NPA's and in the tourism companies

#### Outcomes

- Basic information of the visitors: age, gender, alone/in a group, place/country of origin
- Main reasons for the visit, spending, influence on health and well being
- Estimate on usage of money in the area in correspondence to length of the stay -> effect on local economy (Finland)
- Disseminating information about Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park

# 5d. EUROPARC cooperation

- Follow up from verification...
  - Database about hunting in three countries in preparation / inc. list of hunted species and their hunting times, nr of sold licenses, catch and information about regulations
- Expectations and potential for a common transboundary parks -project coming up
  - Interreg, coordination from Fertö Hansag NP (HU)
  - What is the feeling and attitude in Pasvik-Inari cooperation towards this - positive, negative, neutral? Do we participate?
- TransParcNet, in Saxon Bohemian Switzerland (DE/CZ) 7.–
   10.6.2016
  - 4 PA's 2 countries 1 landscape, millions of visitors, intensive cooperation with tourism businesses and public transportation
  - Next year in Julian Alps Transboundary Ecoregion (IT/SI) 6.–9.6.2017



# New targets for 2017



- Annual activities in monitoring and enlightenment
- Updating Pasvik-Inari action plan incl. reporting status/results on the 51 current actions

  Action Plan for Nature Protection
  - •Start preparation for EUROPARC re-certification in 2018 incl. implement/follow up of the given recommendation: PZ buffer zone, hunting database/information, visitors surveys and web updating, paying the joint re-verification fee of 2 000 Euros and filling-up the application in the end of 2017
  - Planning new KOLARCTIC CBC projects
    - –ANNET Arctic network of nature education and tourism, led by Metsähallitus
      - •networking nature centres, building permanent exhibitions, creating new services with small and medium sized enterprizes...
    - -TransConnect, led by Finnish Environment Institute
      - •connectivity of existing NPA's and inventory of valuable areas, monitoring of wolverine and palsa-mires...

