

# Pasvik Inari

## Trilateral Park

### Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting of Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park 28.08.2012

Zapolyarny,

The Pechenga Hotel

The meeting was attended:

Russian participants: V.E. Chizhov, M.G. Trusova, O.A. Makarova (Pasvik Reserve), A.A. Smirnov (Committee for Nature Management and Ecology of Murmansk region), V. Latyeva (Ministry for Economic Development, department for tourism of Murmansk region), Kirushkin, Chief Administrator of Pechenga district,

Norwegian participants: Bente Christiansen and Tiia Kalske, Office of the Finnmark County Governor Tor-Arne Bjorn (Bioforsk Svanhovd) and Trygve Sarajärvi (Sør-Varanger Municipality)

Finnish participants: Pirjo Seurujärvi and Riina Tervo, Metsähallitus, Tervo Katajamaa (Inari Municipality), Leif Rantala- Professor of Lapland University, Rovaniemi Journalists of "Kolskiy Nickel"

Chairman: V.E. Chizhov, secretary: O.A. Makarova

Interpreter: M. Trusova

The addendum to the agenda proposed by Bente Christiansen was adopted; the participants had been informed about it in advance: Information on changes of Management system of the Specially Protected Nature Territories in Norway.

Riina Tervo, project manager of the "ABC Heritage" - KO368 project informed the participants about the start up of the project. One of its main goals is to extend knowledge on nature, cultural history and geology, promote development of sustainable nature tourism and to follow up and build new networks between project partners and relevant stakeholders. The main target group is teachers, tour operators and local inhabitants. We plan to publish a small booklet on chosen red listed species from the the Trilateral Park area within the framework of the project.

After a detailed discussion regarding preparation of the Red booklet on of the Trilateral Park within the framework of KO368 project it was decided that every party would prepare its proposals, present them for consideration and discussion by the end of October 2012. The final decision will be taken at a meeting of the working group of the Park in February 2013 and then a specimen copy will be made in PDF format, trial copies will be published and a decision will be taken on the number of copies published. The book will be published in hard copy form and electronically with the funding provided by KO368 project.

The following things will be done within the framework of the project (from our Action Plan – Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park): a temporary exhibition under the umbrella of the Green Belt of Fennoscandia and multivisio film about the Trilateral Park.

As for cooperation with Oulanka-Paanajärvi Park, it was decided that the Park's participation in the Transboundary Park meeting of EUROPARC Federation which took place in June 2012 as a

continuation of our cooperation. The Finnish partners will be in charge of the coordination of the Trilateral park cooperation in 2013, it was proposed to organize a joint meeting with the representatives of Oulanka-Paanajarvi Park within the framework of the Advisory Board meeting at the end of August or at the beginning of September, 2013.

As for creating a common database of Trilateral Park publications, the Russian list is ready; the Norwegian and Finnish partners will add their lists at the end of October, 2012. The final list will have been compiled by the working group meeting which will take place in February.

The annual meeting of Transboundary Parks (Europarc TransParkNet) which took place in Pasvik–Inari Park in 2012 was considered to be successful by the attendees. The partners expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the well organized meeting in the three countries.

The participants approved a fresh wording of vision of Pasvik-Inari territory for the Action Plan proposed by the working group in accordance with the recommendations made by the Europarc verification commission (see attached).

Work of Norwegian partners aimed at supporting and updating the common web site ([www.pasvik-inari.net](http://www.pasvik-inari.net)) was highly appreciated too. It has been visited 26 000 times in 2012.

Cooperation in the field of monitoring was discussed. The parties expressed their readiness to go on working on joint monitoring of the brown bear population if funding is available; this project is very important for the region and it involves such issues as human safety and as well safe farming.

The parties also expressed their wish to keep on monitoring of the golden eagle and joint registration of birds.

A common monitoring of ants was considered as desirable if financing and right experts is available.

It was decided to monitor visitors. The Finnish partners have been monitoring visitors in their territories using a counter; Norwegian and Russian parties would use guest books and forms.

During the joint bird registrations to Varlam Island in June 2012 a puppy of the raccoon dog was found there and it was jointly decided to investigate the issue. It was proposed to organize a meeting to discuss it at the regional level: Murmansk region –Finnmark as the issue is of partners` serious concern especially in Norway.

White deposit on the stones below the Janiskoski HEP station caused concern to the partners too and it was decided to deliver this information to the Norwegian Finnish transboundary water commission; the meeting will take place in September 2012.

In 2013 the partners will work to confirm the EUROPARC certificate. The Norwegian party will be in charge of coordination of activities.

Due to the changes in the management of SPNT in Norway the proposal made by Bente Christiansen to appoint a member from the local management board for Øvre Pasvik national park was approved. The name of the new member to the Pasvik-Inari TP Advisory Board will be given later.

As for participation in different forums, to which the representatives of the Trilateral Park are invited, it was decided to participate in them in case of funding would be available. Regarding participation in the next annual meeting of Transboundary parks of EUROPARC Federation it was decided to raise funding for participation of the representatives of the three countries of Pasvik-Inari Park.

The following issues were informed about and discussed in miscellaneous.

Regarding the issue on Border crossing reindeer from Norway to Russia: Authorities involved in this process in Norway has come to a joint decision and a fence will be built in Norway in order to prevent reindeer from Norway to come to Pasvik Reserve in Russia.

Trygve Sarajarvi told about environmental activities in Sør-Varanger municipality.

On behalf of Inari municipality Teuvo Katajamaa expressed hope that cooperation within the framework of the Trilateral Park would be aimed at promoting nature tourism in SPNT without any damage to nature but interests of people would be taken into consideration.

A.A. Smirnov presented a printed report of the Committee for Nature Management and Ecology of Murmansk region. He also informed the participants that Administration of Murmansk region was going to establish a nature Park in the area of Sredniy and Rybachiy Peninsulas.

V. Latyeva, Ministry for Economic Development, department for tourism of Murmansk region informed the participants about the activity on sustainable tourism development in the region.

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