



NATURE PROTECTION SUBGROUP

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- United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020)
- Convention on Biodiversity (2011-2020)
- Declaration of 11th Meeting of Environment Ministers, Inari 2013.

BARENTS PROTECTED AREA NETWORK AND THE GREEN BELT OF FENNOSCANDIA





BARENTS PROTECTED AREA NETWORK (BPAN I, 2011-2014)

- *evaluated and analyzed* the PA network in the Barents Region
- Recommendations for Strengthening the PA Network in the Barents Region
- Regional activities and communication
- Connectivity between PA's is of outmost importance
- To maintain the functionality of the ecosystems and ecosystems services
- Funded by NCM, *governments of Finland, Sweden and Norway* and WWF Russia.

GBF – ONE OF THE LARGE ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS IN THE BEAR



GREEN BELT OF FENNOSCANDIA (GBF)

- Cooperation scheme between FI, RU and NO
- Core is the network of PA's near the border of FI, RU and NO
- Focus on *mainstreaming* biodiversity conservation to other sectors in the *cooperation of stakeholders* and in *participatory cross-border processes*
- Platform also for
 - Developing livelihoods and social well-being based on nature
 - trilateral cooperation in research on biodiversity and on impacts on it
 - improvement of environmental awareness



STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GBF UNTIL 2020

The Vision in 2020

The GBF is developed into a widely acknowledged transboundary model area for biodiversity conservation, social well-being, and environmentally sustainable economic growth generated by the region's unique biological and geological diversity and cultural heritage.

- **Goals:**

1. Development of a network of protected areas and ecological connections within the three countries to ensure conservation of biodiversity, as well as sufficient north-south and east-west connectivity for migration
 2. Intensified trilateral research cooperation on biodiversity conservation, climate change, culture and social well-being in the GBF
 3. Strengthened sustainable economic and regional development based on human capacity building and ecosystem services in the GBF area
 4. Strengthened livelihoods based on the natural values and cultural heritage of the GBF area
 5. Intensified cross-border cooperation within the GBF network
 6. High level of awareness of the GBF's unique biological and geological diversity and their conservation among all stakeholders
- + 19 subtargets

SYNERGIES BETWEEN BPAN AND GBF

- Key biodiversity projects of the BEAC WGE
- Both projects aim for
 - transboundary biodiversity conservation,
 - reaching of CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets and
 - strengthening adaptation capabilities to climate change by developing connectivity of the PA's and therefore supporting migration of species
- Partial overlapping geographically
 - Specific approaches ensure that the actions and results support each others and feed information to another
 - GBF implements the BPAN recommendations into practice
- Lot of synergy opportunities in communication activities
 - Partially different network of stakeholders widens the audience for results and gives an opportunity for stakeholder groups to mix and change information

BPAN II AND GBF II

- Focus of the BPAN II, 2015-2017
 - compiling information on high conservation value forests
 - analysing connectivity of the protected area network
 - preparation of map presentation on coastal protected areas – expert workshop in spring 2016
- Focus of the GBF II, 2015-2017
 - supporting mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation in the regions
 - supporting stakeholder networking and cross-border cooperation in BD conservation related activities
 - Supporting project development with priority themes
 - communication actions aiming for developing the GBF into a widely acknowledged transboundary model area for BD conservation
 - deepen the cooperation with the EGB
- Both projects are coordinated by the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)



Paanajärvi National Park, Russia, Photo: Aino Rekola

International Conference «Methods of Assessment of Status of the Threatened Species for the Barents Region Red Data Books, Based on IUCN-Criteria»



VIII International Habitat ContaForum (Petrozavodsk, 27.09 – 2.10.2015)



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Г. ПЕТРОЗАВОДСК



An aerial photograph of a wide, winding river flowing through a vast, forested landscape. The river is the central focus, curving from the upper right towards the lower left. A large, grassy island with scattered trees sits in the middle of the river. The surrounding land is covered in dense forests, with some areas showing autumnal colors. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is serene and natural.

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THANK YOU!