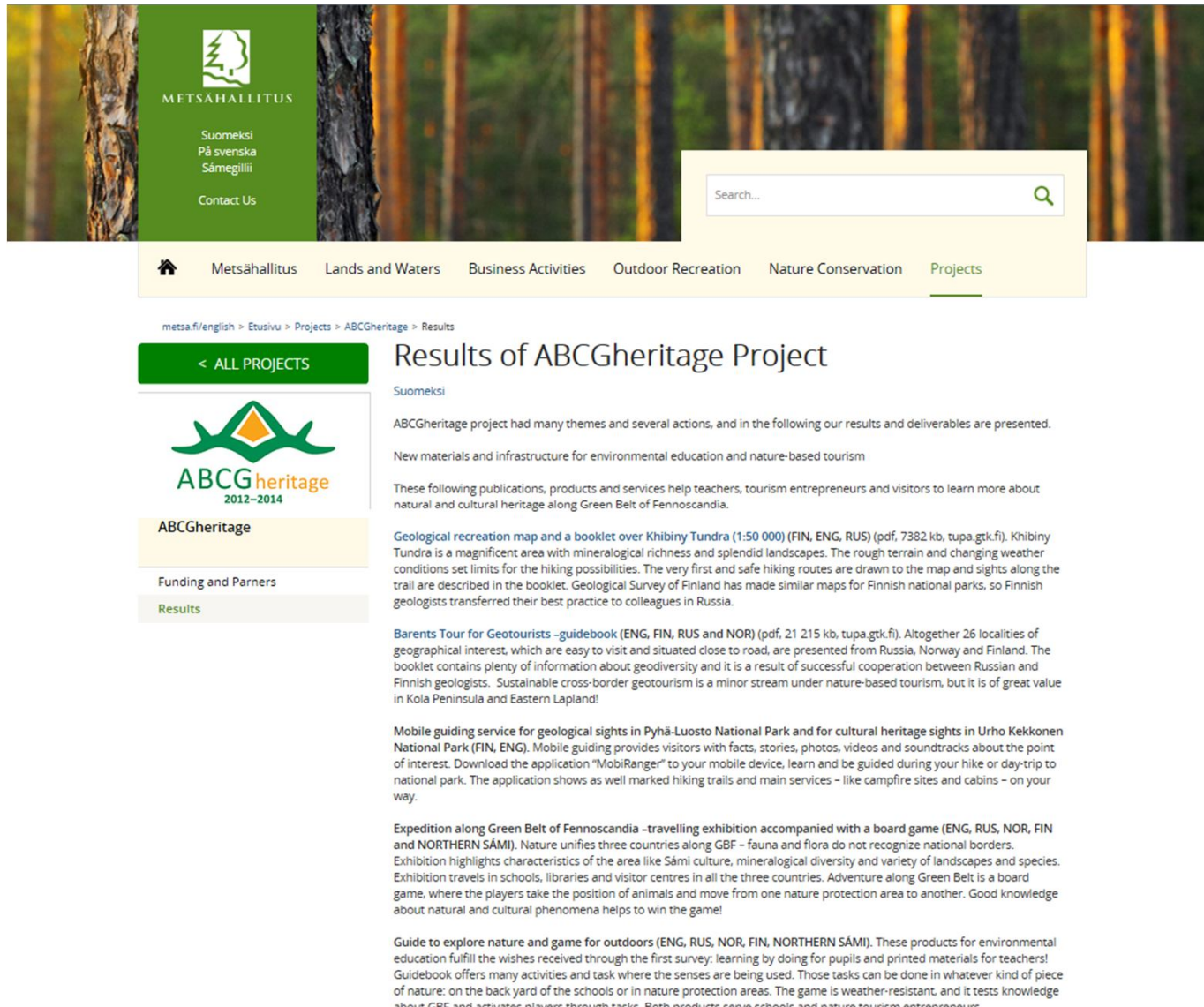


Pasvik  Inari

Trilateral Park

Annual Meeting of the Advisory Board,  
Murmansk, August 27th 2015

# 5.a. ABCGheritage –project and its results



The screenshot shows the website for the ABCGheritage project, which is part of the Metsähallitus (Forest Management) organization. The page is titled "Results of ABCGheritage Project" and is written in Finnish. The website features a green header with the Metsähallitus logo and navigation links. A search bar is visible in the top right corner. The main content area displays the project's logo and a list of results, including a geological recreation map, a Barents Tour guidebook, a mobile guiding service, and an expedition along the Green Belt of Fennoscandia.

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**ABCGheritage**  
2012–2014

ABCGheritage

Funding and Partners

Results

## Results of ABCGheritage Project

Suomeksi

ABCGheritage project had many themes and several actions, and in the following our results and deliverables are presented.

New materials and infrastructure for environmental education and nature-based tourism

These following publications, products and services help teachers, tourism entrepreneurs and visitors to learn more about natural and cultural heritage along Green Belt of Fennoscandia.

**Geological recreation map and a booklet over Khibiny Tundra (1:50 000) (FIN, ENG, RUS) (pdf, 7382 kb, tupa.gtk.fi).** Khibiny Tundra is a magnificent area with mineralogical richness and splendid landscapes. The rough terrain and changing weather conditions set limits for the hiking possibilities. The very first and safe hiking routes are drawn to the map and sights along the trail are described in the booklet. Geological Survey of Finland has made similar maps for Finnish national parks, so Finnish geologists transferred their best practice to colleagues in Russia.

**Barents Tour for Geotourists -guidebook (ENG, FIN, RUS and NOR) (pdf, 21 215 kb, tupa.gtk.fi).** Altogether 26 localities of geographical interest, which are easy to visit and situated close to road, are presented from Russia, Norway and Finland. The booklet contains plenty of information about geodiversity and it is a result of successful cooperation between Russian and Finnish geologists. Sustainable cross-border geotourism is a minor stream under nature-based tourism, but it is of great value in Kola Peninsula and Eastern Lapland!

**Mobile guiding service for geological sights in Pyhä-Luosto National Park and for cultural heritage sights in Urho Kekkonen National Park (FIN, ENG).** Mobile guiding provides visitors with facts, stories, photos, videos and soundtracks about the point of interest. Download the application "MobiRanger" to your mobile device, learn and be guided during your hike or day-trip to national park. The application shows as well marked hiking trails and main services – like campfire sites and cabins – on your way.

**Expedition along Green Belt of Fennoscandia –travelling exhibition accompanied with a board game (ENG, RUS, NOR, FIN and NORTHERN SÁMI).** Nature unifies three countries along GBF – fauna and flora do not recognize national borders. Exhibition highlights characteristics of the area like Sámi culture, mineralogical diversity and variety of landscapes and species. Exhibition travels in schools, libraries and visitor centres in all the three countries. Adventure along Green Belt is a board game, where the players take the position of animals and move from one nature protection area to another. Good knowledge about natural and cultural phenomena helps to win the game!

**Guide to explore nature and game for outdoors (ENG, RUS, NOR, FIN, NORTHERN SÁMI).** These products for environmental education fulfill the wishes received through the first survey: learning by doing for pupils and printed materials for teachers! Guidebook offers many activities and task where the senses are being used. Those tasks can be done in whatever kind of piece of nature: on the back yard of the schools or in nature protection areas. The game is weather-resistant, and it tests knowledge about GBF and nature along the route. Both require some skills and nature tourism experience.

# Results of ABCGheritage -project

- Last auditings of finance going on
- Concrete results for Pasvik-Inari cooperation
  - Products: films, Venue for meeting –guide book, Schaaning –book, buff-scarve, puzzle and other games, GBF travelling exhibition and regional development plan for GBF
  - New information boards: Varlam Island in Pasvik zap, Pasvik nature reserve (NO) and Övre-Pasvik Landscape Protection Area
  - Networking: nature protection areas and organisations working along GBF, teachers and local people
  - New project idea: Arctic network of nature/visitor centres

## 5.b. TEC-project

Report (scientific-popular) on web-page of monitoring results project.

*Pasvik Zapovednik contribution:*

- Children` book: popular material about study nature in common Pasvik-Inari area, including preview of the project results (rus-eng +pdf on web-page)
- Newspaper "Pasvik Times" (special volume)



## 5.c. Brown Bear monitoring 2015



Same system as in 2007 and 2011



# Results so far - samples

- Norway 137

- Russia 45


- Finland +/- 20

Total: c. 200

DNA analyses at NIBIO + reporting before  
31.12.2015

- <http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/Brown-Bears-are-monitored/>
- <https://vimeo.com/133789639>

# Waterfowls registration

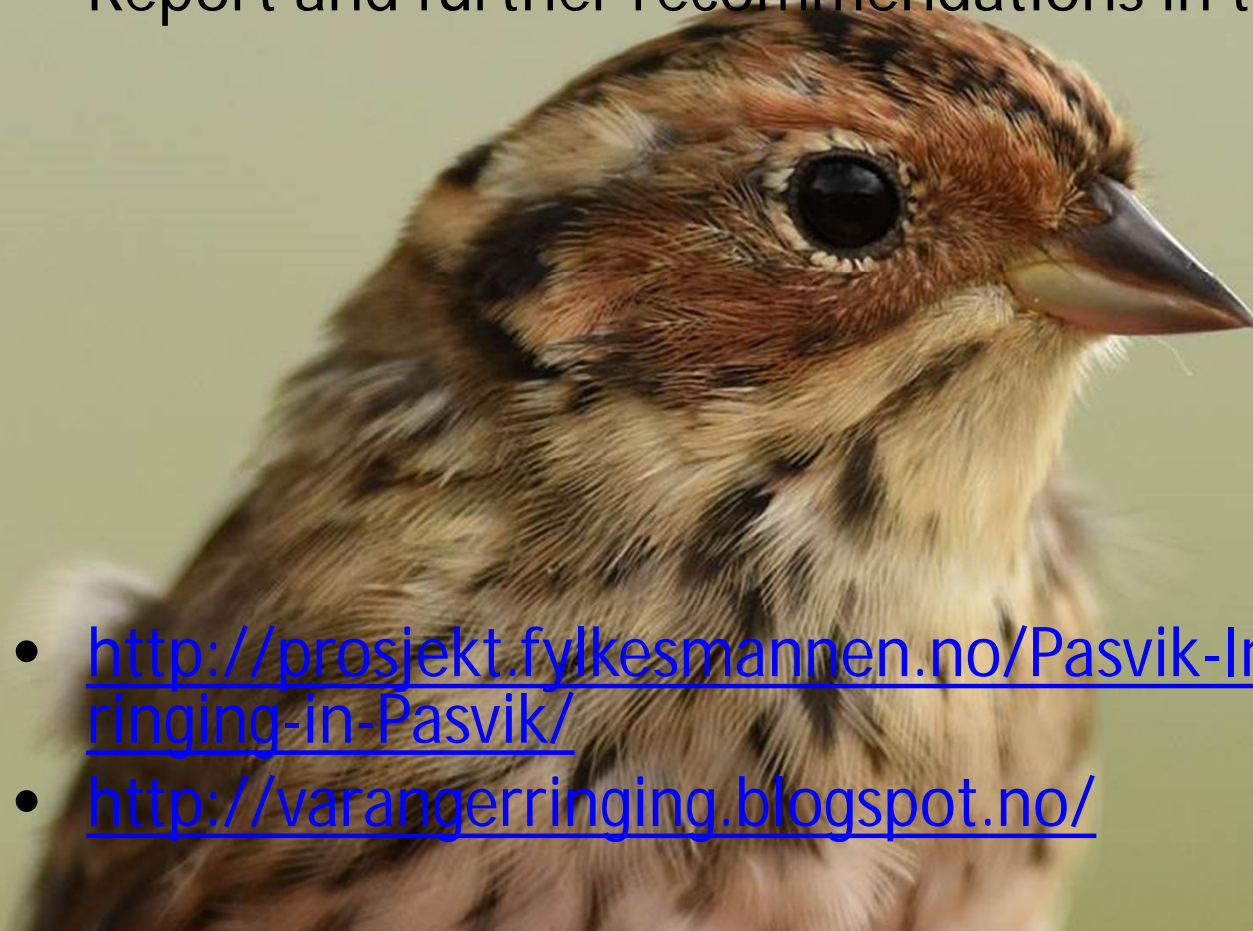
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- Two spring registration: 29.05 and 04.06
  - Russian side – observing all aquatory of Pasvik River + addition registration on Rus side – success of nesting.
  - Additional (planned for 2015) on 20.08 – before starting to fly away (without crossing border.
  - We will have second autumn calculation – on 04.09
  - Database (Excel), exchange information



# Ringling of birds in Pasvik

- Recommendations from seminar in oct. 2013
- Implemented i PNR 7.-28.8.2015
- Open days for locals and schools 23.-25.8.15
- Report and further recommendations in the end of 2015

- <http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/Bird-ringling-in-Pasvik/>
- <http://varangerringing.blogspot.no/>



# Velkommen til Øvre Pasvik Ringmerkingsstasjon

Mandag og tirsdag, 24 og 25 august 2015  
kl 07.00 - 15.00



Tusentvis av trekkfugler flyr langs Pasvikelva på vei sørover hver høst.  
For første gang i nyere tid gjennomføres systematisk ringmerking av fugler i Pasvikdalen.  
Velkommen til Nyrud Politistasjon hvor du kan komme sjeldent tett på fuglene,  
og lære mer om fuglelivet i Pasvik!



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Takk til våre bidragsyttere og støttespillere! #PASVIKRINGING 2015 er Produsert av Øvre Pasvik Nasjonalparkstyre og Biotope



## 5.d. Brochure of rare species



Finishing text, collection of photos, proof-reading, edition

4 languages:

- Eng
- Fin
- Nor
- Rus

Lay-out: pdf

Scrolling:

<http://www.calameo.com/read/004390773483b894a9087>

# 5.d. Brochure of rare species

**4 ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Endangered species are such animals or plants that are in danger of extinction. The threats can vary from direct threats such as hunting and pollution, to indirect threats like diminishing of the species native habitat. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has therefore developed an International List, the so-called Red List, in order to better protect and bring up questions about rare and endangered species. The Species Survival Commission (SSC) maintains the International Red List, while national Red Lists are managed by locally appointed bodies.

In this brochure you will find basic information about some of the rare species of the Pasvik-Inari area. We have deliberately chosen species less known to the readers and from different systematic groups that present the unique and wide biodiversity of our northern ecosystems. Most of these rare species are included in the national and international Red Lists; some of them have no red-listed status, but have a very limited distribution in the Pasvik-Inari area.



**IUCN categories:**  
 RE – Regionally extinct  
 CR – Critically Endangered  
 EN – Endangered  
 VU – Vulnerable  
 NT – Near Threatened  
 LC – Least Concern (not listed)

**Also categories:**  
 EX – Extinct  
 EW – Extinct in the Wild  
 NE – Not Evaluated  
 NA – Not Applicable  
 DD – Data Deficient

Figure 2 a and b.  
 IUCN categories and the logo of IUCN Red List  
 (Source: IUCN Red List web site <http://www.iucnredlist.org>)



**5 SUMMARY LIST OF RARE SPECIES IN THIS BOOKLET**

N/N	English name (IUCN global list)	Latin (scientific) name	Name in three countries (national Red List status)		
			Russian	Norwegian	Finnish
<b>Fungi and Lichens</b>					
1.	No name ( )	<i>Atrorhiza crassa</i>	Атрориза толстая ( )	Kittakajale (CR)	Kalkkakaipa (EN)
2.	Horshair Lichen / Tundra Horshair Lichen ( )	<i>Bryoria niodula</i>	Ершориса бородчатая (NT)	Lappsiygg (NT)	Kiloklappu (VU)
3.	Lungwort, Lung Lichen ( )	<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i>	Лобария лёгочная (VU)	Lungslav / lungeslover (LC)	Radankouhokakala (NT)
<b>Mosses</b>					
4.	No name ( )	<i>Dicranum laevigatum</i>	Двухразумное низкорослый мох ( )	Polarstigi (LC)	Napalynstamma (VU)
<b>Vascular plants</b>					
5.	Leathery Grapefern ( )	<i>Botrychium multifidum</i>	Рододендрон многолопастный (EN)	Hesmannekkil (VU)	Atonoidankäki (NT)
6.	Yellow Lady's Slipper (LC)	<i>Cypripedium calceolus</i>	Башмачок желтый (EN)	Mareki (NT)	Tikanlonet (NT)
<b>Insects</b>					
7.	No name ( )	<i>Acmaeops septentrionalis</i>	Усач северный / Аммокс северный ( )	Nordlig barsbuk (EN)	Potjaneyppyyäara (NT)
8.	No name ( )	<i>Nothofila borealis</i>	Карповый шелкопряд карповый ( )	Myrdusky (EN)	Suovenhokas (EN)
<b>Mollusca</b>					
9.	Freshwater Pearl Mussel (EN)	<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>	Европейская жемчужница (VU)	Bivmusing (VU)	Jokihelmisimpukka (EN)
<b>Fish</b>					
10.	Brown Trout (LC)	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Лосось ( )	Ørret (LC)	Taimen (NT)
<b>Birds</b>					
11.	Smew (LC)	<i>Mergus albellus</i>	Лыток (NT)	Lappfikand (EN)	Uivelo ( )
12.	Great Snipe (NT)	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Дупель ( )	Dobbeitskaskan (NT)	Hienäkurppa (CR)
13.	Great Gray Owl (LC)	<i>Syrinx nebulosa</i>	Бородатая неясыть (VU)	Lappgale (VU)	Lapinpöllö ( )
<b>Mammals</b>					
14.	Taiga Shrew (LC)	<i>Sorex isodon</i>	Палеозуб (или дупольфа) ( )	Tagepisimus (DD)	Korppäätäinen ( )
15.	Wolverine (LC)	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	Посохона ( )	Jerv (EN)	Ahma (CR)
16.	Eurasian Common Otter (NT)	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Визуля ( )	Oter (VU)	Saukko ( )

Collected financial support: noticed in the end of brochure – ABCGH, TEC, FMFI, PZ  
 Publication: autumn 2015 – 300 Nor, 500 Eng (300 for Nor+200 for Rus), 500 rus  
 Glance and non-glance facture (interesting)

# 5.d. Bird Watching Event in June

## Joint Bird Watching!



Foto: Paul E. Aspholm / Bioforsk/ Pasvik-Inari

Every year in the beginning of June Pasvik-Inari trilateral park managers and stakeholders join forces and arrange bird watching trips!

Publisert 19.06.2015 Sist endra 19.06.2015


Every year in the beginning of June Pasvik-Inari trilateral park managers and stakeholders join forces and arrange bird watching trips for locals!

[Here you can view the list of birds that was spotted in 2015](#)

[Here you can view bird lists from earlier times](#)



# Bird Watching Event in June

<b>Bird observations in June 2015</b> <b>in Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park cooperation</b>				
				
	Place of observation	Participants	Amount of bird species observed	Number of individual birds
<b>FINLAND</b>	Inari-Haapakoski-Menesjärvi 7.6.2015	2 guides and 16 participants	41	134
<b>NORWAY</b>	Pasvik Nature reserve 5.6.2015	16 participants	42	415
<b>RUSSIA</b>	Rajakoski, Varlam Island (Pasvik Zapovednik), Nickel suburb 05.06.2015	3 guides, 21 participants	28	319

# 5.d. Workshops for locals

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## Soap and skin creams from reindeer fat – really!?



Yes - really! Reindeer fat truly comply to skin pampering creams and tender soaps

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Soft skin creams form out of reindeer fat, vegetable oil, beeswax, water, Borax (Sodium Borate – a mineral salt of boric acid) and a few drops of lavender and rosemary (which works as a natural conservation). The cream remains fresh for three months when kept in a lidded jar and protected from direct light exposure.

The Norwegian Environment Agency, Sámi Educational Institute and Metsähallitus arranged a two day workshop under the theme of *Sustainable development and use of local herbs and natural materials* in the production of convenient local small scale commercial products. Over twenty five participants from Norway, Russia and Finland, from the Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga regions took part in the workshop. Five languages were spoken on the workshop – English, Norwegian, Sámi, Finnish and Russian.

Siste artikler

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# 5.d. Workshops for locals

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## Tasty food from weeds – really?!



Foto: Tone R. Aandahl / Bioforsk Svanhovd

Yes – really and very tasty too!

Publisert 06.07.2015 Sist endra 06.07.2015

Tasty and nutritious food and drinks based on wild growing plants and weeds, together with other local products, like products from different fresh water fish accompanied by nature based outdoor activities was the focus for this three day follow up work shop – arranged by the Norwegian Environment Agency and Finnish Metsähallitus - *Sustainable development and use of local herbs and natural materials II* in the production of convenient local small scale commercial products.

Aims of the workshop were:

- to see and make sustainable use of the possibilities when living close to a protected area,
- to build new networks, share one owns skills and to learn from others and
- to promote the connection between Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF) and Green Belt of Europe (GBE).

Focus was also on how themes like science and traditional knowledge can be explained in a understandable way to an audience. How scientific results and traditional knowledge can be used in teaching children and students and as an attraction for tourists. This was done by both lectures and by showing concrete examples through practical outdoor exercises.

Almost thirty participants from Norway, Russia, Finland, Komi, Karelia, Bulgaria and Macedonia took part in the workshop. Five languages were spoken on the workshop – English, Norwegian, Sámi, Finnish and Russian. The work shop was led by Bjørn Arne Næss from the Norwegian Environment Agency. He has experience from comparable actions in other parts of the **European Green Belt** – namely from the Balkan Green Belt in Macedonia and Bulgaria. Sustainable local development and small scale businesses are as important to promote in the Pasvik-Inari- Pechenga area, on all sides of the three national borders.

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# 5.d. Web-pages



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Trilateral Park

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## News

The most recent news from Pasvik-Inari cooperation are to be found in English on our internal pages:  
<http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/>.  
Below you can find few milestones and news from the years 2008 . 2011.

**2011**

ANNOUNCEMENT - Conference on wetlands and flyways in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region and the Green Belt of Fennoscandia, 13th-15th September 2011, Murmansk, Russia. [See invitation](#) and [registration form](#)

**2009**

Opening of the Piilola Wilderness Trail 16th June at Sortbrysttjern (Pasvik, Norway) and 18th June in Nellim (Inari, Finland), for more information see <http://fylkesmannen.no/hoved.aspx?m=34514>

Joint hiking trip along the Piilola Wilderness Trail (Sortbrysttjern-Nellim, 35 km), 16th to 18th June 2009

**2008**

Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park is an EUROPARC Federation Transboundary Park - following natures' design  
[The Transboundary Parks Certificate](#)

Europarc evaluation, June 23rd-27th 2008 (week 26)

Trilateral Nature Tourism Pilot Tour, August 21st-24th 2008

New brochure "[PASVIK-INARI -nature and history shared](#)"

[PASVIK-INARI final report](#)

[www.pasvik-inari.net](http://www.pasvik-inari.net)

# 5.d. Web-pages

The screenshot displays the website for Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park. At the top left is the logo with a footprint icon. A horizontal menu contains links for 'Pasvik – Inari', 'News', 'Vision', 'Background', 'Documents', 'Contact', and 'Calendar'. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail 'Pasvik – Inari / News' and the URL 'http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/'.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Siste artikler', lists articles by month: August 2015 (2), Juli 2015 (1), Juni 2015 (1), November 2014 (2), Oktober 2014 (1), and Oktober 2013 (1). The right column, titled 'Artikkelarkiv', features three article previews:

- Bird ringing in Pasvik**: Includes a photo of a bird and the text 'Publisert 18.08.2015' and 'Welcome to bird ringing in Pasvik!'.
- Brown Bears are monitored**: Includes a drawing of a bear in a trap and the text 'Publisert 18.08.2015' and 'Brown Bears of Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga are jointly monitored'.
- Tasty food from weeds – really?!**: Includes a photo of a group of people and the text 'Publisert 06.07.2015'.

# 5.d. New bear trail in PNR



# Enlightenment activities

- Barents ski
- Joint bird trips: <http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/Joint-Bird-Watching/>
- Work shop II Green Belt development: <http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/Tasty-food-from-weeds--really/>
- Web site up dates done and continuous
- Red list brochure
- Pasvik-Inari marketing plan to come
- Regional development plan for GBF
- Bird ringing and new bear hide trail - PNR
- Seminars and meetings attended and to be attended – EUROPARC and TPN etc.

# 5.e. EUROPARC co-operation

[http://www.euoparc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Green\\_Infrastructure\\_Case\\_Studies\\_TBPA\\_small.pdf](http://www.euoparc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Green_Infrastructure_Case_Studies_TBPA_small.pdf)

## Green Infrastructure in Transboundary Protected Areas



## Connecting nature pearls along the Green Belt of Fennoscandia



A green corridor of more than 1000 km along the border

Kuvakaikaverit J.K. viikkesen ja Paanajärvi National Park (N) ja Metsäluoto National Park - Västnyland

## Activities and Results

- Transboundary parks implemented projects funded by EU's neighbourhood and cross-border-cooperation programmes including: raising awareness and knowledge of cross-border nature protection areas, developing new networks, enhancing sustainable use of natural resources, monitoring joint populations of border-crossing animals and creating new products for the promotion of Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF).
- Transboundary monitoring of border-crossing species produces valuable data for nature conservation and management of populations, e.g. joint brown bear monitoring every 4th year, annual water bird registration are considered best practices in Pasvik-Inari. Oulanka-Paanajärvi National Parks share migratory brown trout population, intensively monitored in an EU's ENPI Karelia CBC-funded project in 2013-2014.
- Networking of protected area managers is important, but so is bringing together target groups. Teachers and their pupils in northern Norway, Russia and Finland cooperate under Phenology of North Calotte theme. Students and teachers from upper secondary schools and managers of Oulanka-Paanajärvi National Parks created and put together best practice examples for international youth camps in protected areas, emphasising natural and cultural topics.
- Communication on the Green Belt of Fennoscandia, its purpose and benefits helped familiarise local people, decision makers, tourists and others with the idea and network. New advertisement and documentary films about transboundary parks were produced, showing the pearls of nature and their cross-border history and culture. A travelling exhibition about natural and cultural values of the Green Belt of Fennoscandia circulates in visitor centres, libraries and schools in all three countries complemented by a board game.



## Summary

The Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF) is an ecological network of existing and planned protected areas situated in the border areas of three countries: Finland, Russia and Norway. It extends from the Baltic Sea to the Barents Sea.

The existing nature protection areas along the national borders form the physical core areas and base of the GBF. Transboundary Parks, like Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park and Oulanka-Paanajärvi National Parks, having long-lasting and active cross-border cooperation, are at the heart of the Green Belt development. They are important cornerstones for the ecological connectivity of the region, providing green corridors for local as well as migrating species.

Biodiversity of the region also benefits the local economy, culture and social well-being in the area. The functional GBF approach is inclusive towards different networks of regional and municipal level actors: Protected areas of differing status, scientific institutions, enterprises like sustainable nature tourism businesses, NGOs, and other bodies, which operate in the cross-border area cooperate to create a network of biodiversity-rich pearls along the Green Belt of Fennoscandia.

Contributing to ecological connectivity in Europe's northernmost regions, the GBF can be considered an excellent example of Green Infrastructure. Not only does it take the physical connectivity of land into account but it is also a tool to create common mindsets and to build up cooperation along the borders. In order to establish better connectivity, visits and meetings are held in the region.

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GREEN BELT OF FENNOSCANDIA AND THE PARKS

### Green Belt of Fennoscandia

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation for the development of Green Belt of Fennoscandia was signed by the Ministries of Environment of Finland, Norway and Russia in 2010. These three countries commonly turn the Green Belt of Fennoscandia into a Model area where sustainable development is supported through transboundary cooperation.

In the Strategy for the Green Belt of Fennoscandia until 2020 the common goals for future cooperation will be defined. The activities used to implement the strategy will be based on projects and mainstreaming of biodiversity policies into society and cross-border cooperation.

The Green Belt of Fennoscandia forms the northernmost part of the larger network European Green Belt. The European Green Belt spans 24 countries, reaching along around 12.500 kilometers from the Barents Sea to the Baltic Countries, from there through Central Europe to the Black, Ionian and Adriatic Seas. The vision for the European Green Belt, states: "our shared natural heritage along the line of the former Iron Curtain, is to be conserved and restored as an ecological network connecting high-value natural and cultural landscapes while respecting the economic, social and cultural needs of local communities".



### Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park

Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park entity was established in 2008 as a result of the long-term cooperation between nature protection authorities in Norway, Russia and Finland dating back to early 1990's. The Trilateral Park consists of three nature protection areas in Norway, one in Russia and one in Finland. The total area of Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park is 1889 km<sup>2</sup>. Main themes of the international cooperation are nature monitoring, environmental education and promotion of sustainable nature-based tourism.

The lush valley of the Pasvik River stretches from Lake Inari in the south towards the Barents Sea in the north, appearing as a vital nerve in the mosaic landscape of small lakes, mires, wetlands and virgin taiga forests. The region comprises a unique nature system where European, eastern and arctic species meet. Here, some of the species reach the ultimate limits of their distribution. The area is also an important nesting and resting place for a large number of migratory birds.

The Pasvik-Inari region is a meeting point for different cultures too. Several Sámi people live in the area: the Northern, Inari and Skolt Sámi. Since the Early Middle Ages, Finns, Norwegians and Russians also have settled in the region. Although different cultures coexist in the area and have learned a lot from each other, they have each retained their distinctive traditions.

### Oulanka-Paanajärvi National Parks

Oulanka and Paanajärvi National parks have a common history since the establishment of the latter, in 1992. Together they form a reasonably large (about 1340 km<sup>2</sup>) wilderness-like area that has attracted scientists, artists and tourists since late 1800's. The twin park is in its own class for biological diversity: Oulanka harbours more Natura 2000 habitats than any other National Park in Finland. Also, the variety of habitats contributes to the number of species; this region is one of the hot spots in Finland, especially considering its northern location.

The cultural history of Oulanka-Paanajärvi shows features of a transition zone between Finnish and Karelian traditions. Originally populated by forest Sámi people, it developed in the 1700's rapidly to finally be a large village along Lake Paanajärvi shores. Oulanka remained largely unpopulated, which eventually was a blessing for today's nature loving enthusiasts. Today, traces of past settlement in Paanajärvi are clearly seen in fields and pastures, which have remained unforested. They are an important element of the cultural landscape of Paanajärvi.

Cooperation between both parks focuses on development of good visitor services, and joint communication. The cultural heritage of Paanajärvi has been cherished: several buildings of both Karelian and Finnish style have been reconstructed.

## Key messages / Lessons learned

- 1 Nature protection areas, which are physically connected to cross-border protection areas, can be considered as such Green Infrastructure.
- 2 Twin parks and trilateral parks along the Green Belt of Fennoscandia form a chain of hot spots for biodiversity and species protection, but as well for international cooperation and sustainable development benefitting local communities.
- 3 People make the difference and a cooperation work! Open and transparent communication increase mutual understanding of different cultures and work environments. That again contributes to solving many of the numerous common challenges: differing legislation and level of protection status, many languages, different terminology and methodologies, working culture, funding issues, border restrictions and formalities, possible conflicts between different interest groups and stakeholders, effects of water regulation and pollution issues etc.

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<http://eng.paanajarvi-park.com/>

Green Belt of Fennoscandia  
<http://www.ym.fi/greenbelt>

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# 5.e. EUROPARC co-operation

<http://www.europarc.org/nature/transboundary-parks/transparcnet/>

## TransParcNet meeting 2015

### Bavarian Forest and Šumava National Parks (DE/CZ)

The 7th TransParcNet meeting took place from 9th to 12th June 2015 in the National Parks Bavarian Forest (DE) and Šumava (CZ).

Experts in cross-border cooperation in Protected Areas came together to share good practices in transboundary cooperation, discover cross-border partnerships in other parks and look into common project ideas.

This year's meeting will look at "The value of healthy ecosystems for nature and people" from a transboundary perspective. We studied practical examples of raised bog restoration as well as the natural dynamic of ecosystems and their effects on biodiversity. We enjoyed views on the area from mountain tops and tree top walks, learning about the value of visitor management in order for everybody to benefit from the natural landscape.

A full report on the meeting will follow shortly. In the meantime, find below the presentations given at the meeting for you to download.

## Downloads



[TransParcNet 2015 Jakub Kaspar: EUROPARC Central and Eastern Europe](#)



[TransParcNet 2015 Brady Mattsson: ForAdapt project](#)



[TransParcNet 2015 Matti Hovi: Recent and Future Transboundary collaboration of Oulanka and Paanajärvi National Parks](#)

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Elbe Sandstone Mountains - one landscape, four protected areas

Bad Schandau  
Křížová Lípa  
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# 5.f. Reindeer herding impact on the Pasvik valley nature 2014–2015

- Field work (2014, 2015), geobotanical maps (series), i.e. lichen cover and dynamic, stations for future monitoring.
- Observation of fence for reindeer on Norwegian side (oct.2014), planned spring 2015 (...).
- Registrations by photocameras.
- DNA-analyse.
- Information for local people, authority, partners (meetings, seminars, lectures, presentations, "Pasvik Times", flyer, interview).
- Conferences, seminars (i.e. 29.01 in Svanvik, 14.04 in Moscow, 14-17.06 BEAC etc.).
- Working with international documents, making new doc – Rules (Regulations) to Agreement on 1977, informing MNR RF, MNR MR, MFA RF, also on WG on border of Rus-Nor Mixed Commission, continuing contacts.

(special presentation)



## 5.h. Vorjiema river valley as potential nature protected area

- Special presentation



New targets for 2015–2016

## 6.a. Monitoring activities in 2015–2016

- Promotion of trilateral co-operation between the biologists
- Dissemination of results from brown bear monitoring: f. ex. EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores
- Water fowl, golden eagle and visitor monitoring especially along Piilola Trail and Varlam Isle path

## 6.b. Enlightenment activities and nature based tourism in 2015–2016

- Presentations: Barents Habitat Forum in Petrozavodsk September 2015 and Pasvik-Inari cooperation in Trondheim in October 2015
- Delivery of products made in ABCGheritage – project
- Events: annual bird watching trips, assisting in arranging possible 3rd GBF workshop for locals
- Plan for guided hike on Piilola Trail for its 10th anniversary in 2019
- Communication and visibility plan for Pasvik-Inari cooperation

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## 6.b. Why LT&C

Linking Tourism and Conservation

<http://www.ltandc.org/>




- Over 50 % of tourists make use PAs
- Nature tourism is the most rapidly growing segment of global tourism industry
- Tourism can pay/ support protection and sustainable use
  
- NGO – vision and objectives

# What's in it for us – added value of membership for Pasvik-Inari tp?

- New network and platform
- Wider visibility (Global) - Attract visitors to our PAs and help local development
- Assistance for business, linking businesses, member database, linking businesses and PAs
- Access to Tools and best practices
- Advertising platform
- Members fee from 50 € annually



# 6.b. Natura 2000 -awards

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European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella and jury members with the European Natura 2000 Award winners 2015. *Click on the photo to view the ceremony multimedia presentation.*

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## 6.b. Natura 2000 -awards

- Possibility for Pasvik-Inari cooperation through Vätsäri Wilderness Area
- Pan-European Award recognises excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites and conservation achievements, showcasing the added value for local economies, and increasing public awareness of Europe's valuable natural heritage
- Category Networking and cross-border cooperation award
  - Winner in 2015: DANUBEPARKS – Bridging Natura 2000 Sites Along the Danube River Habitat Corridor, 30 Natura 2000 Sites in 9 Danube Countries
  - 11 applications in 2015

## 6.b. Natura 2000 - awards


- Highlights of cross-border cooperation and networking in Pasvik-Inari:
  - Long-term cross-border cooperation between three countries and five nature protection areas with different statuses
  - trilateral monitoring of brown bear
- Outcomes
  - Visibility in EU and promotion of our work and good practice
  - Get-together for finalists in awards ceremony
  - Small financial support for winners

# 6.e. Follow-up of the EUROPARC verification


**EUROPARC FEDERATION**  
Re-evaluation report for the  
Pasvik - Inari Trilateral Park

**Pasvik Inari**  
Trilateral Park

“Transboundary Parks – Following Nature’s Design”



Date of re-evaluation visit: 08.06.2013 – 13.06.2013  
Name of Verifier: Roland: Auzigis

Signed  Date: 18.08.2013.

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