

## Natura 2000 in Sweden



4000 sites in Natura 2000 network

~13% of the total area

Legislation: Swedish Environmental Code, chapter 7.

### Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)



### County Administrative Boards (CAB, 21)

- ❖ Swedish Species Information Centre (Artdatabanken)
- ❖ Swedish National Heritage Board (Riksantikvarieämbetet)
- ❖ Swedish Biodiversity Centre (Centrum för biologisk mångfald)
- ❖ Landowners
- ❖ Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket)
- ❖ National Forest service
- ❖ Municipalities with Natura 2000 sites

**County Administrative Board**



**Environmental Department**



**Nature Conservation Unit**

**Protected areas management**

**Visitors center staff +  
Protection and property management staff**

**Management and maintenance plans**

**Nature Protection Unit**



**Natura 2000 group**

**Planning, conservation objectives, review**

**Special Conservation Plans**

**"bevarandeplaner Natura 2000"**

**Environmental permitting and supervision units**

**Administration of the application process for permits + EIA**

**Swedish Environmental Code and Special Conservation Plans**

## **Challenges/Opportunities**

### **“Structural”**

- Lack of horizontal cooperation between frontline managers and Natura 2000 planning/reporting unit
- Lack of consistency in implementation and follow-up on PA management/maintenance plans and existing Natura 2000 conservation plans

### **“Skills gap”**

- Uneven level of knowledge and skills among the PA staff in general and as related to Natura 2000

### **Ideas for optimization:**

- Create a block of content with general info about Natura 2000 + national governance approach and legal background for it
- Identify minimum set of knowledge/skills required for successful management regardless of the role of the staff member
- Include Natura 2000 intro in the on-boarding process for new employees/offer to existing employees
- Make Natura 2000 component an essential part of the “mission statement” for each employee