

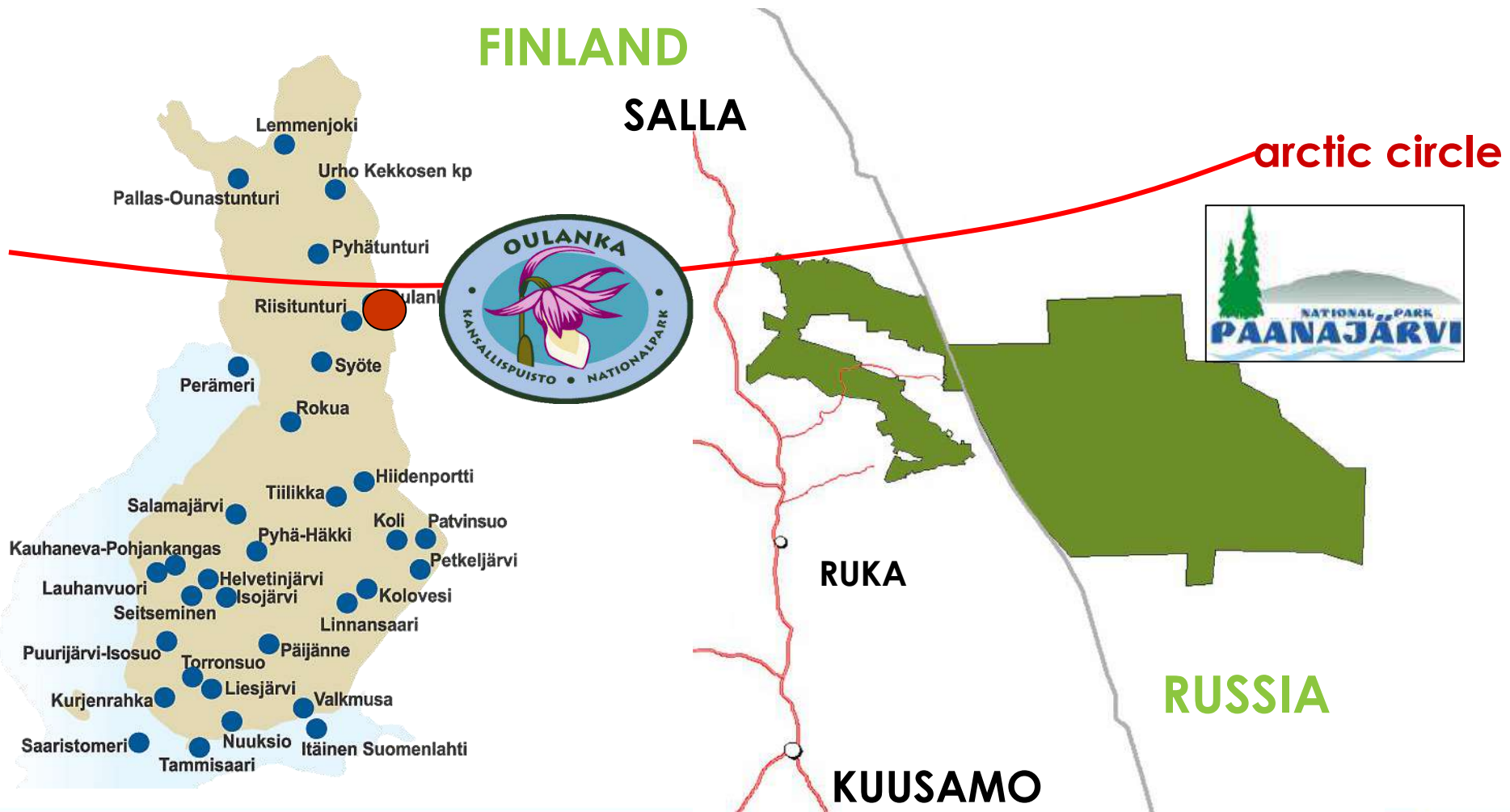
Transboundary cooperation - National Parks Oulanka and Paanajärvi

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NATIONAL PARKS OULANKA AND PAANAJÄRVI



OULANKA NATIONAL PARK



- Established in 1956, enlarged in 1982 and 1989
- Land of flowing waters, rivers Oulankajoki and Kitkajoki
- 290 km²
- Around 200 000 visitors annually



PAANAJÄRVI NATIONAL PARK

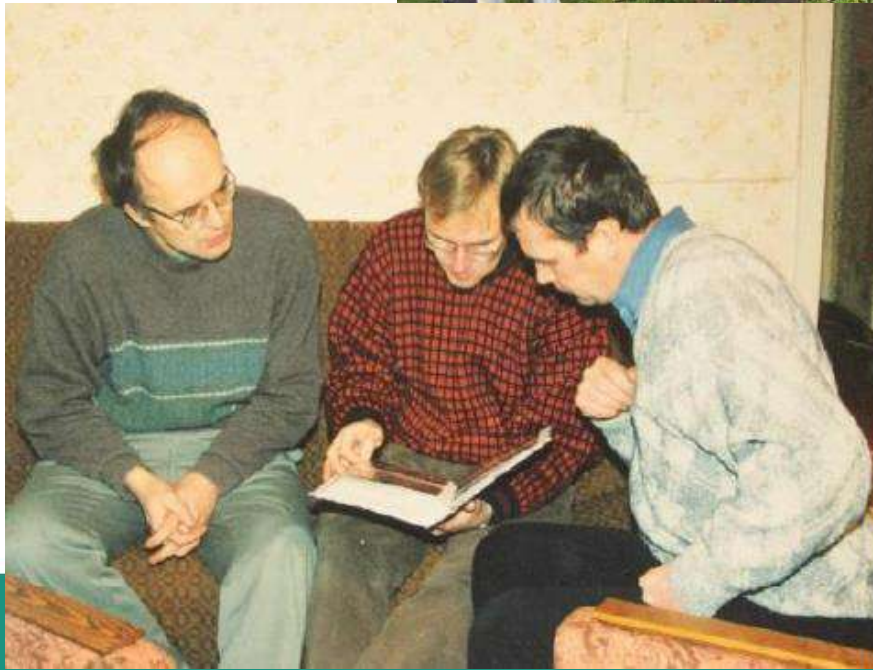


- Founded in 1992
- True wilderness and the diversity of lakes, rivers, forests and fells
- 1045 km²
- 5000-6000 visitors annually





EARLY YEARS OF COOPERATION





COOPERATION



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JOINT VISION 2025



- 1) Oulanka and Paanajärvi NPs are internationally recognized and cooperation is widely and officially acknowledged and supported.
- 2) Oulanka-Paanajärvi is a destination with high-quality wilderness tourism products and events across the border.
- 3) The natural and cultural values are well known and protected, and they serve as resources for recreation in a sustainable way.
- 4) The staff of both national parks has a common feeling of partnership and shared stewardship.
- 5) Oulanka-Paanajärvi is an active developer of transboundary cooperation within European Green Belt and other international networks.



JOINT EU-FUNDING



INTERREG II Karelia

National parks in collaboration from Oulanka to Paanajärvi

1997 – 1998 **100 000 €**

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Karelia Parks Development

1999 – 2001 **3 600 000 €**

From Ladoga to Polar Sea via the Fennoscandian Green Belt

2002 – 2004 **400 000 €**

INTERREG III A Karelia

Promotion of nature tourism in the Finnish Oulanka and Russian Paanajärvi National Parks

2002 – 2004 **290 000 €**

NEIGHBOURHOOD programme, Karelia

Wilderness, perceptions and well-being

2005 – 2007 **620 000 €**

- Paanajärvi Visitor Centre
- Opened 20.8 2002





LATEST PROJECTS



Karelia ENPI CBC

Quality for Cross-border practices in ecotourism

2012– 2014 600 000 €

Karelia ENPI CBC

*Fennoscandian Green Belt – Welfare from Sustainable Cross Border
Nature and Culture Tourism*

2012– 2014 2 540 000 €

Karelia ENPI CBC

*Quality Saving our joint treasure: Sustainable Trout Fisheries for the
transborder Oulanka River System*

2012– 2014 645 000 €



INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



The EUROPARC Federation is delighted to present this certificate to the

OULANKA NATIONAL PARK - FINLAND
and
PAANAJÄRVI NATIONAL PARK - RUSSIA

in recognition of their successful fulfilment of clearly defined quality criteria
for transboundary cooperation in Europe and their ongoing exemplary efforts
in this field.

Michael Starrett
EUROPARC President
Apeldoorn, Netherlands, 23 September 2005

Transboundary Parks ...following nature's design

Transboundary cooperation between protected areas makes a significant contribution to the conservation of Europe's natural and cultural heritage. Such cooperation also promotes international peace and understanding and plays an important role in the development of a common Europe.

Criteria defined by the "Transboundary Parks - following nature's design" initiative set the standard for quality transboundary cooperation in Europe.

To meet the standard, partner protected areas must demonstrate strong cooperation in specified areas of their work. Their cooperation must be based upon a solid, transparent and equitable framework, which facilitates the exchange of information and experience and the joint development and implementation of conservation actions. The partner protected areas must also demonstrate how they involve local communities in the cooperation and how they acknowledge and respect the national sovereignty and socio-cultural differences of all cooperating parties.

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WHY WE STARTED TO COOPERATE?



- Help needed
- Interest in
- The fun of it!
- Funding possibilities
- Marketing advantages
- Supporting local livelihoods





WHAT DOES GOOD COOPERATION REQUIRE?



- Right people who are interested
- Some time
- More money
- Clear (joint) vision
- Stakeholders & partners involved
- Trust!

Kiitos! Спасибо!



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