

Integrated financing of Natura 2000 sites — experiences and insights from Finland

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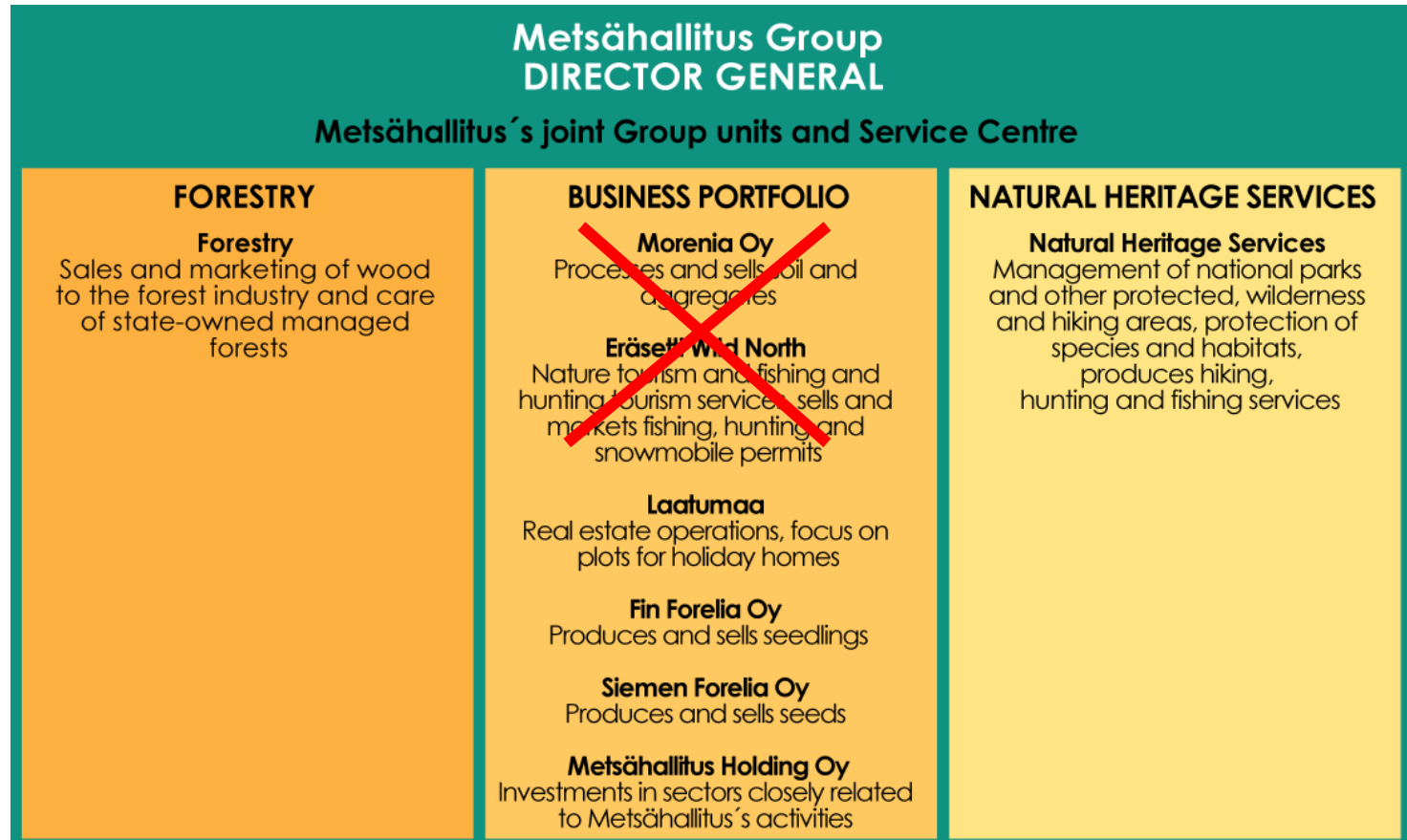


Outline

- Metsähallitus –
preconditions for Integrated
projects
- LIFE experience
- Cases, project portfolios
- Preparation for LIFE
Integrated project in Finland
- LIFE Integrated projects –
issues and open (practical)
questions



Organisation of Metsähallitus

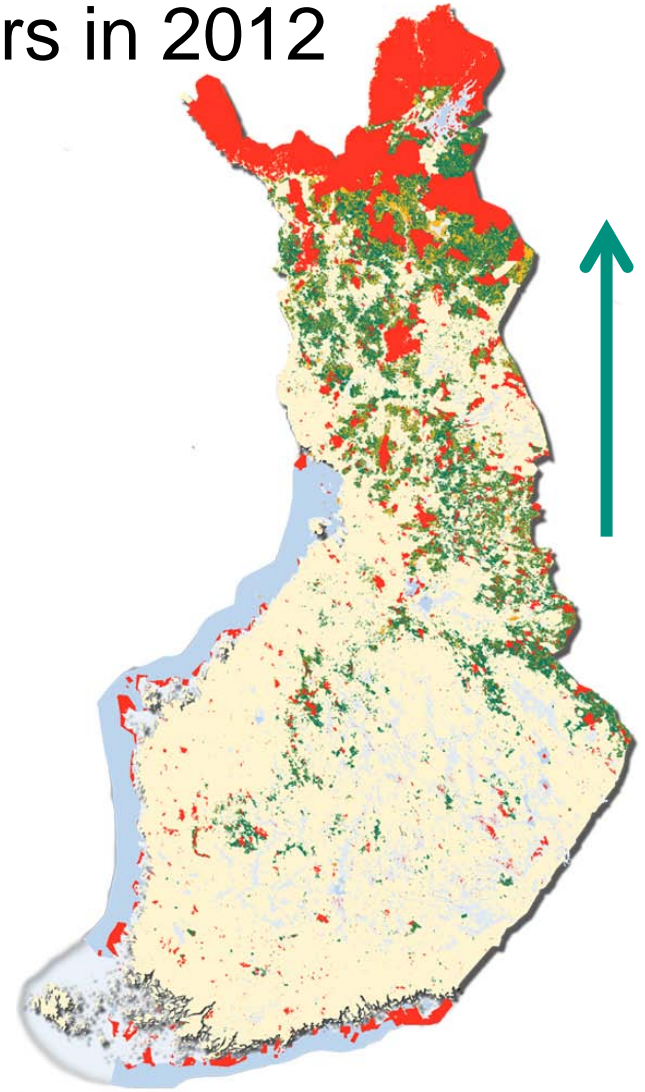


Metsähallitus operates primarily within the framework laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Metsähallitus's nature conservation duties are guided by the Ministry of the Environment.

Metsähallitus's Lands and Waters in 2012

- Forest land in managed forests, 35,000 sq km
- Poorly productive and non-productive land, 14,000 sq km (excluded from forestry)
- ***Protected areas, wilderness reserves and other areas, 42,000 sq km***
- ***Public water areas, 34,000 sq km***

In total 126,000 sq km



Nation-wide and multisectorial



- Management of **71,000 sq km state-owned lands and waters**
- **Management and protection of the most valuable nature (species, habitats, cultural heritage)** in state-owned areas and beyond
- **Management and planning of protected area network in cooperation** with stakeholders
- **Promotion of recreational use** and production of free-of-charge hiking services
- **Promotion of nature tourism** with creating opportunities
- **Maintenance nature and visitor centre network** (29 sites)
- **Sustainable hunting and fisheries** on state-owned lands and waters (licenses, control and development)
- **Control and monitoring of the areas**
- **International cooperation**

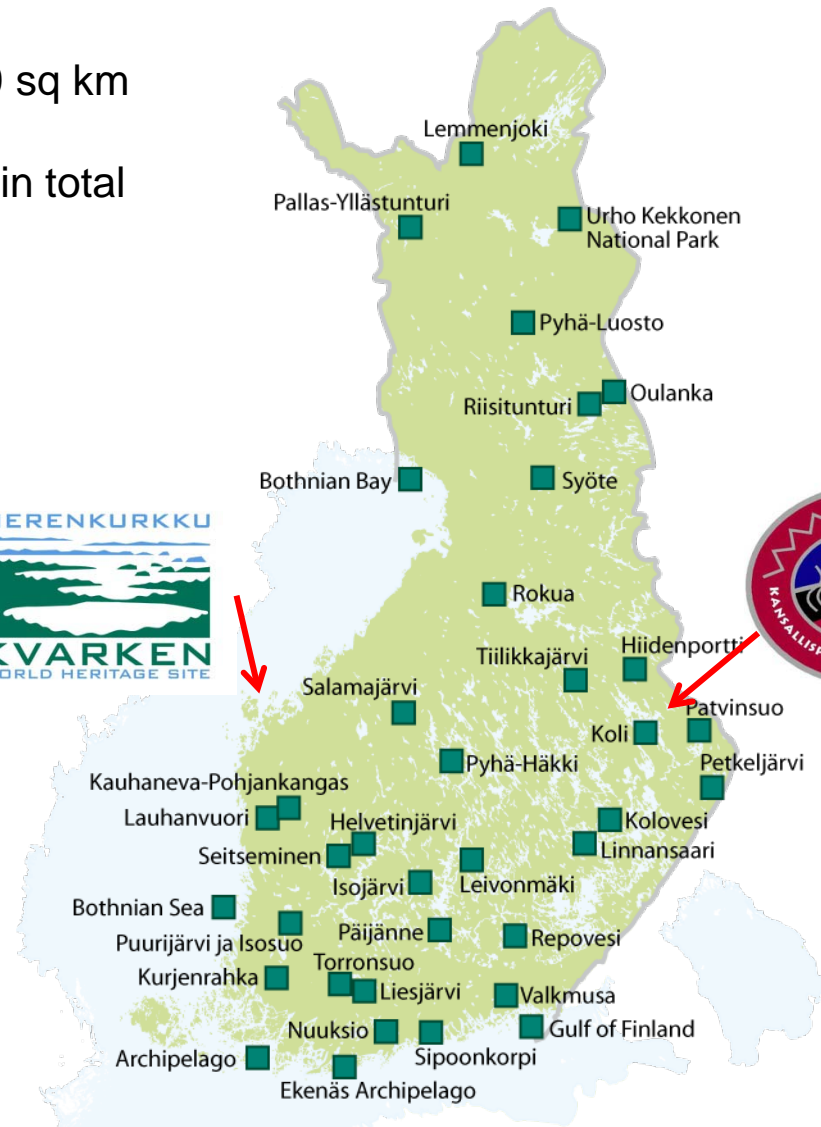
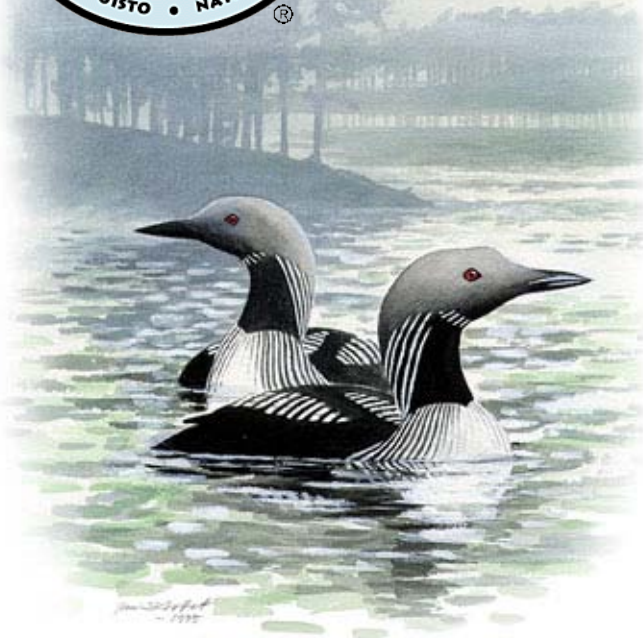
LIFE for managing the most valuable nature

- Since 1995: 18 co-ordinated and 27 partnerships, mostly Nature, few international
- Planning – implementation – monitoring – engaging – dissemination
- Best practices in forest, peatland and wetland restoration
- Management of species rich habitats e.g. semi-natural grasslands and deciduous forests
- Species conservation (LWfG, Arctic Fox, Saimaa Ringed Seal, Lady's Slipper)
- Marine inventories



National Parks

- 37 National Parks, total area of 9,789 sq km
- 4 new parks under assessment
- 2,09 million visits in 2012, 5,1 million in total



Koli National Park

Projects 2007 - now

- LIFE: Species Rich LIFE, Life to Koli
- ENPI: Quality CET, FGB
- ERDF: Herajärvi, NatureKoli, Sustainable Koli
- ESF: Nature for Exercise
- National Employment Investment: Mattila, Koli Visitor Infrastructure, Hotel Koli
- Metso: Restoration and maintenance of forests and peatlands (as part of LIFE)
- Koli Cultura
- **Over 10 projects, total budget for Koli app. 5 M€, own contribution app. 1 M€**

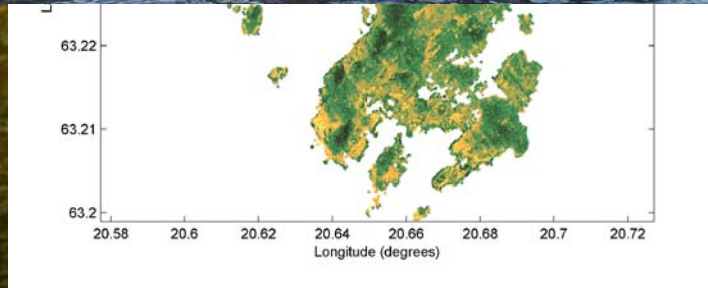
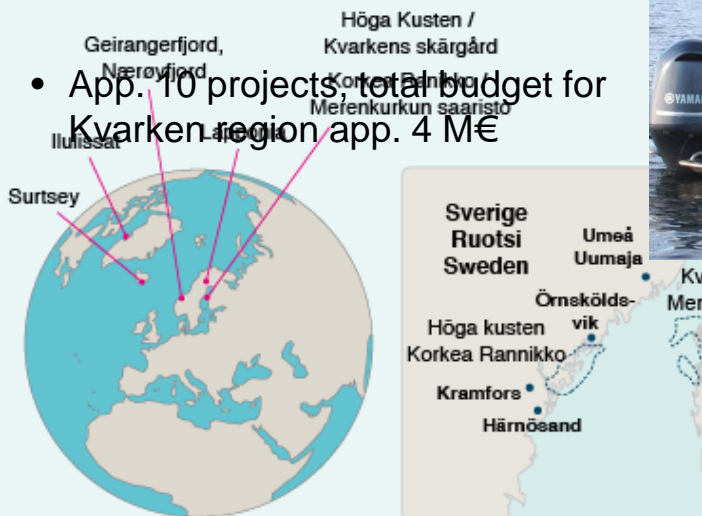


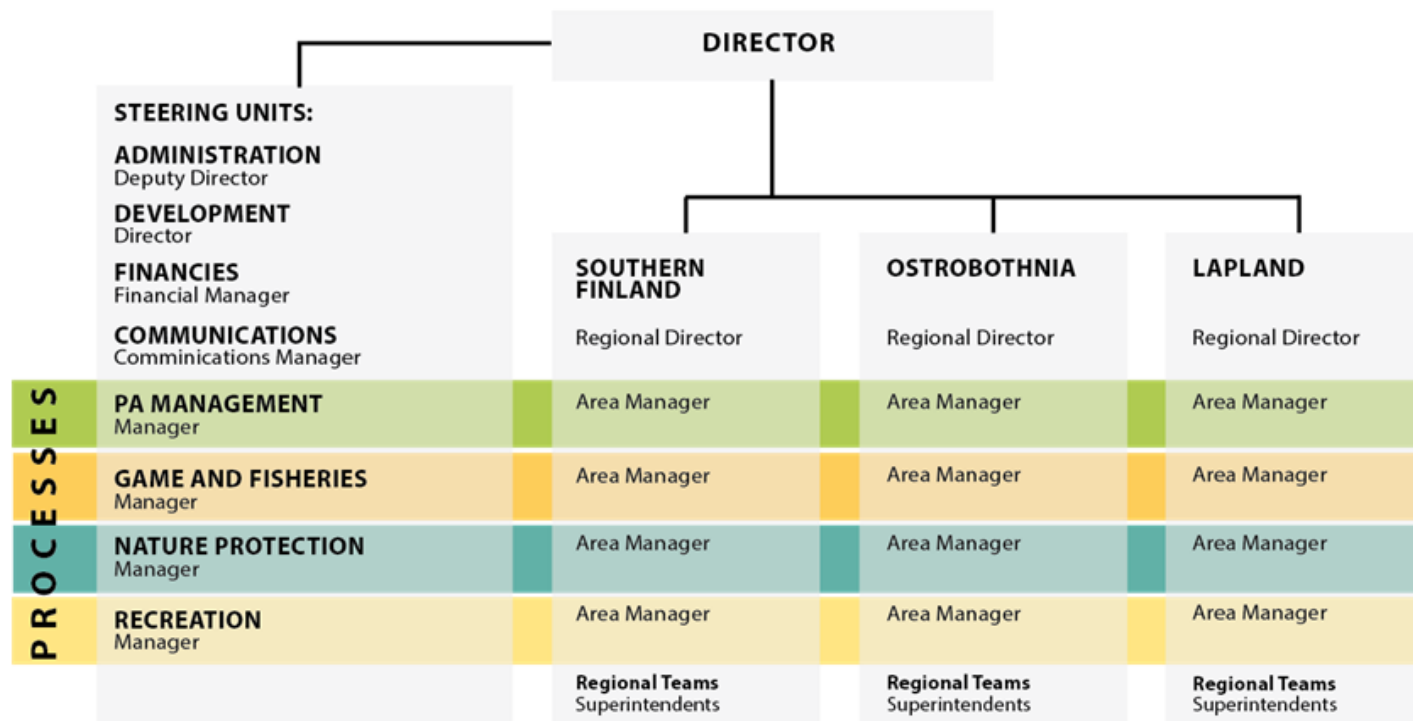
Kvarken

Projects 2007 –

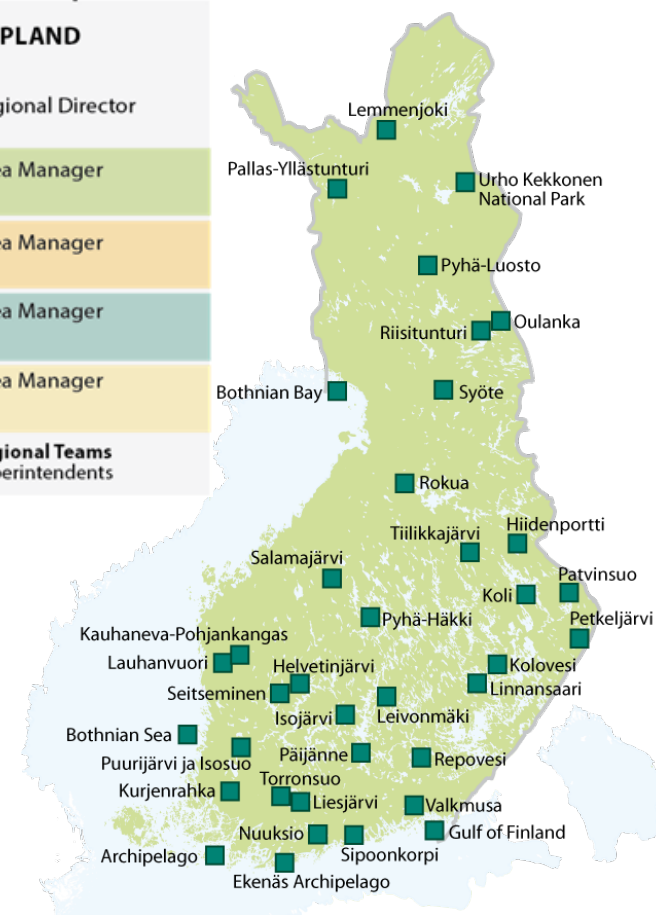
- World Heritage Area, 2006
- Interreg (Central-Baltic): ULTRA, Flisik, SUPERB, Rimande Vatten, SeaGIS, Balance
- LIFE: Finmarinet
- ERDF: Feniks III, Show Your World Heritage Values
- MoE of Finland: Mervi, FinSeaMap

- App. 10 projects, total budget for Kvarken region app. 4 M€





Over 90 projects ongoing with a total budget of app. 45 M€



LIFE Integrated projects – preparation in Finland

- Assessment of the potential
- Discussions with new potential financiers especially from innovation sector (SITRA, TEKES)
- MoE led discussions with the prominent coordinating beneficiaries on potential themes of the Integrated projects
- Decisions for the scopes of the project in October
- MoE support project preparation



LIFE Integrated projects – need for clarification

- What does Integration of funds really mean?
 - *Can LIFE funds be Integrated? Or should one theme be selected?*
 - *How to deal with actions outside Natura 2000? Other funds or LIFE?*
- How will the funding from other (EU) sources be coordinated?
 - Some of the funds are nationally and others EU coordinated
 - Application, implementing (deviations), reporting?
- How detailed will the application be (two-phased system)?
 - Currently the application is very detailed, lot of small changes
- Is there more flexibility than in 'normal' LIFE projects?
 - Larger projects, innovative actions and approaches lead to more risks
- How to reach new beneficiaries/co-financiers especially from the private sector?
- Is an international project a risk or an added value?

Questions!



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