The role of the Friends in Finnish Park Management - actions and plans

FRIENDS OF THE BOTHNIAN SEA NATIONAL PARK
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The Bothnian Sea National Park on the map
THE BOTHNIAN SEA NATIONAL PARK, FINLAND

- 4th biggest national park in Finland
- Finland’s largest protected marine area
- Area of 940 km²
- 98% of the park is under water
- Established in 2011
- Managed by Parks and Wildlife Finland (Metsähallitus)
- 75,000 visitors in 2016
An autumn morning at Makholma Bay. Photo Jan Eeralu
Säppi lighthouse island
FRIENDS OF THE BOTHNIAN SEA NATIONAL PARK

- Established in 2013
- Based on volunteer work
- Network of nature organisations, researchers, entrepreneurs, officials, nature lovers
- Activities such as environmental education, guidance in the park, preserving cultural heritage, landscape conservation
- Leader projects

Taking sea water samples
Research project proposal for Horizon 2020

Social-ecological creativity in multi-actor knowledge production for implementable policy (CRESES)

- Lead partner: Natural resources institute Finland (Luke)
- 2018-2021, budget 4 million €
- Involves 12 cases from 11 European countries:
  - Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Iceland, Romania, Sweden and Wales
- 5 wolf cases and 7 cases integrating the protection and the use of natural values in and around protected areas.

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The case of the Friends of Bothnian Sea in CRESES

- Organizing a community based field inventory and digital publishing of fishing culture
- Developing art products basing on the knowledge gathered in the field inventory
- Delivering the case information to the researchers
"A sea fisherman’s dictionary": preserving cultural heritage

Merikalaastajan kalapaikat

Merikarvian kalapaikat
- Lahnakari
- Hymylä
- Niemenpää
- Knuussin kallio
- Tekokari
- Aliinankari
- Tippavaara
- Pikkukari
- Revelin kallio
- Savoora
- Kraatarin saari
- Vähäjoki
- Syylöön trikka
- Saunakoski
- Kaivanto
- Sähkökari
- Majavaluoto
- Telefoonikari
- Merimaan entinen kauppa
- Killeskerin lahti
- Apteekkarin laaka

[Map showing various locations marked with red pins]
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Thank you!