

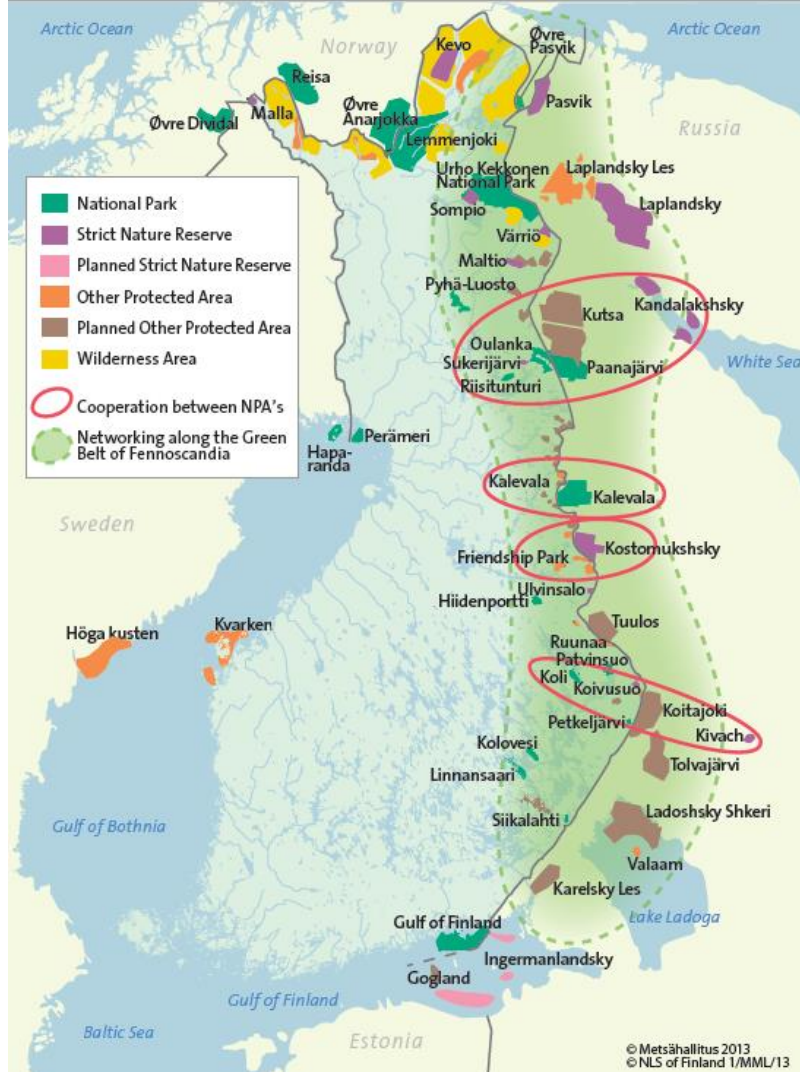
An aerial photograph of a lush green forest with a dark, winding river or stream meandering through it. The trees are dense and vibrant green, and the water is a deep, dark blue. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

Finnish-Russian cooperation

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30 years of cooperation, or more?

Crossborder cooperation

Inari-Pasvik

Oulanka-Paanajärvi

Friendship Park (+ Kalevala - Hossa)

Koli - Kivach

Others?

Initiatives

Green Belt of Fennoscandia

Oulanka-Paanajärvi - Unesco World Heritage Site?

FIN-RUS Transboundary Cooperation in Practice

- Cooperation has a different (legal) status: an Act, cooperation agreement.
- Park & Wildlife Finland manages all the public protected areas in Finland and is not organized by park but by park areas
- Language barriers (only few Finns speak Russian, not many NP staff in Russia speak English (but sometimes Finnish!))
- National border is also a Schengen border: no direct access between protected areas, visas, border zones etc.
- Visitor flows and their free access in the parks
- Joint funding instruments
- Politics: operating at the border zone, sanctions
- Meaning and purpose of cooperation
- Staff changes now and in the future





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