HALTI
Transboundary Cooperation Area
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Project HALTI

Objectives of the Project Halti

- Establishing a transboundary cooperation management area
- Organize permanent cooperation of protected area managers Metsähallitus and Reisa National Park Council
- Steering Group of the Project -> Advisory Board of the TBA
- Existing official management plans are followed
- Common objectives for management: protection of natural and cultural heritage, promotion of sustainable use
- Synchronized information services: web, social media, maps, papers, nature centers in Kilpisjärvi and Storslett
- New GIS tools for management: survey of visitor information, analysis and comparison of existing data of nature and culture
- Cooperation extended to Sweden in the future?
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Nature, culture and livelihood

- Roadless wilderness area, mainly treeless fells
- Rich subarctic flora and fauna
- Wild rivers in quite natural condition
- Diverse geology, highest top in Finland Halti 1324 m
- Sámi homeland with reindeer herding as traditional livelihood
- Access from Kilpisjärvi, Kåfjord, Kautokeino and Reisa valley
- Open Schengen borders, common everyman’s right
- Some differences in national and local regulation
- North Calotte trail as a backbone of recreational use
- Long tourism tradition in Finland from 1920’s in Kilpisjärvi resort to Halti
- Growing tourism in Norway from Tromsø and abroad
- Several other protected areas around Käsivarsi Wilderness Area (2206 km²; 1981), Reisa National Park (803 km²; 1986) and Raisduottarhaldi Landscape Protection Area (83 km²; 1986)
Benefits

Permanent and long-term cooperation
- Organized regular meetings of managers
- Common actions following the Cooperation Strategy
- TransParcNet creates network with colleagues in Europe
- Advisory Board is a platform for stakeholders in cooperation
- Good experience from existing TBP’s in Finland, Norway and Russia

Practical benefits
- Capacity building and change of best practices in management
- Better cooperation with stakeholders within and cross the border
- Better cooperation creates joint initiatives for common projects
- Secure sustainability and safety of tourism
- Continues work and maintains results of the Project Halti
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