

WORKPACKAGE ENVIRONMENT Activity report Milestone IV May – AUG 2011

Meetings

One cross border wp4 seminar was held during the meeting in Söderhamn, Sweden 7-8 June. Here the network was established with the following partners: Lars Gezelius and Maria Åslund CAB Östergötland, Britt-Luise Nilsson Regional Council ÖSTSAM, Gunnar Fredriksson, Söderköping Municipality, Erika Klang Westin, Söderhamn Municipality, Hans Noack, Valdemarsvik Municipality, Helene Styrenius, Norrköping Municipality, Tuula Fagerström and Heli, Hangö Municipality.

At the seminar each partner presented their aim, work and tasks, followed by fruitful discussions. During the seminar with all wp:s CAB of Östergötland presented the concept of the nature guide-book about Östergötland Archipelago.

Ongoing work during the period

Under water films

The Municipality of Norrköping in cooperation with CAB of Östergötland has coordinated the production of under water films during summer 2011.

A diving company was assigned to film wrecks in the archipelago of Östergötland. In June, three wrecks were filmed. Because of the poor visibility on some locations during the summer, the films will be presented in spring 2012. A total number of ten wrecks was filmed.

The production of under water films about the sea bed and the under surface nature has been assigned a film production entrepreneur. The collaborators in the wreck and nature film projects are the municipality of Norrköping, Söderköping and Valdemarsvik, Länsstyrelsen Östergötland and East Sweden Regional Council.

The material will be presented digitally. The place in which a film is available will be marked on a map. At the touch of the mark the film appears. A description of what you see will also be included, as both audio and text file. Every film should be about one minute long.

Exhibitions and tours

Here Norrköping has the most activities. During the summer, the exhibition "Life under the surface" in Arkösund was open for 59 days and attracted 6099 visitors, which is a new record. The novelties consists of a new wall painting and some new wooden sculptures. The wall painting shows an under water landscape with a number of unusual fishes and mammals as grey seal and porpoises. Describing texts has been mounted.

The collaboration with the nature schoolbus "Ekoturen" has continued during 2011. During MS4, seven school classes visited the exhibition and were guided in the archipelago.

Four seal and bird safaris have been carried out with almost 200 participants. Three archipelago excursions with different themes have been made to Kopparholmarna.

In Söderköping the nature reserve of Nedre Lagnö, at Lagnö 1:2, has been constituted. An exhibition was made to the Open house-day in June 19 at Edgar's House. This was the day when the nature reserve was officially opened.

In May studies were conducted in Söderhamn within the framework of how to develop nature guiding. Practicalities around the WP team meeting to be held in Söderhamn in June were discussed and the expected efforts from me as participant were outlined. In June focus on the seminar in Söderhamn that was held 7-8 June. The meeting included study visits were implemented by boat to the most current living areas within the archipelago of Söderhamn. The combined info centres/recycling stations were presented and accessibility to them outlined.

The municipality also started to outline how to develop nature guiding in the area. A compilation of the information materials already produced was done.

Information material

CAB of Östergötland worked with the information concerning protected bird-areas continued as well as planning and working with the guidebook about the archipelago nature and culture and fishing information with the consultant. The consultant have visited the Guide-book objects, starting descriptions and taken photos.

Söderhamn Municipality started the compilation of text and pictures summarizing the archipelago of Söderhamn from a nature perspective. The materials is to be inserted into the booklet "A guide to the archipelago of Östergötland" produced by the CAB of Östergötland.

A folder with information on environmental friendly boating was printed and disseminated to Municipalities, Tourist-boards, Boating and Sailing NGO:s during summer by CAB of Östergötland.

Protection/accessibility

The snorkel trail in Arkösund (Norrköping Municipality) has been developed and the former stations have been replaced with new ones around Badholmarna. New plastic birds (decoys) have been mounted on the stations as markers. To enable younger children to reach the stations, they have been placed in shallower water and the questions are easier. Almost 200 people have borrowed snorkel equipment from the exhibition. Many people also use their own equipment.

The planned Nature Reserve Kopparholmarna, nearby Arkösund, was visited by a lot of people. The nature path is well used which indicates a high number of visitors. The hiking trail was restored in spring 2011. Some minor removals of brushwood have been made at the bathing bay and around the picnic tables. In MS4 there has been negotiations concerning purchase of buildings for a picnic cabin and sauna at Kopparholmarna. Norrköping municipality will buy the buildings from the Swedish Fortifications Agency and that enables the municipality to start planning for an exhibition and a visitor center.

In Söderköping the nature reserve of Nedre Lagnö, at Lagnö 1:2, has been constituted. The management plan for the reserve was determined. An identification of possible walking trails has been made in the north and in the south part of the reserve. The north trail has been marked and will be further improved. Down by the meadows facing the sea, a place for a view-platform will be marked for further development. Special signs has been made and put in place at Lagnö 1:2, to provide information on the nature reserve. It is easily accessed near the newly constructed

parking lot for visitors. Information signs has been constructed, providing information on the nature reserve and its flora and fauna.

A status classification of waste disposal facilities in the archipelago of Valdemarsvik was done by the CAB of Östergötland and the municipality of Valdemarsvik.

Hanko Municipality, Raaseborg and Novia are focusing on nature accessibility in Ekenäs, Tulliniemi, Gunnarsörarna and around Hanko. The work to collect data and information in Hanko and Raseborg is still going on. The audioguiding in Hanko/Raseborg was started. The audioguiding can be connected to the GIS map.

A study visit to Högländet, to the island of the leisure with the chef of the Enviroment in municipality of Hanko was taken part. There is an aim to create a Nature path in Gunnarsöarna; in Högländet there is one.

Foundation Tuuru and Eurohouse have started collecting data and networking concerning Hiiumaa nature and environmental issues as part of regional tourism development plan. Eurohouse exchanged informatoin with partner Foundation Tuuru and discussed about the mutualcross-boarder packagest that could be related also to this WP. Eurohouse had two meetings with the private forest association in Hiiumaa who are both interested in further communication and networking within the WP. Discussions has also taken place with local municipality representatives, key-actors, entrepreneurs concerning their interest in BACES area and project.

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