

WORKPACKAGE ENVIRONMENT Activity report Milestone V Sept – Aug 2011

Meetings

One cross border wp4 seminar was held during the meeting in Hiiumaa, Estonia 28-29 September. Here the network was established with the following partners:

CAB Östergötland: Lars Gezelius, Maria Åslund and Martin Larsson

Östsam: Anna Jacobson (part of the meeting)

Norrköping municipality: Eva Siljeholm

Söderköping municipality: Gunnar Fredriksson and part of the meeting Eva Lundgren Stenbom

Valdemarsvik municipality: Hans Noack

Söderhamn municipality: Erika Klang

Novia university: Mikael Kilpi

The State Forest Management Center (RMK) Hiiumaa: Liis Soonik part of the meeting.

Short presentation of the nature on Hiiumaa and the work by RMK at Nature center Ristna

- 70% of the area on Hiiumaa are forest.
- 40% of the forests are state owned of which 32% are protected.
- There are 2 strictly protected areas and several smaller areas of different conservation/protection types. There is not much active management of forests or species.
- Hiking by foot, bike and other tours are important in the work.
- The organization build camping sites, trails and other facilities for visitors
- They also have programs for education about nature.
- Nature center Ristna is open 15/5-15/9.
- On the island they manage 12 different hiking trails that are 1,5km-11km long.
- There are 6 camping sites and 8 camping areas.
- They have 6 learning trails with information signs.
- They produce other information material.
- The organisation manage 20 programs of information.
- The organisation have 4 employees but cooperate with several local entrepreneurs.
- Every year they have monitoring of the visitors by interviews etc.
- Every year there are about 5000 visitors in visitor center Ristna maybe 10000 more in the nature.

Nature (living) plans and feasibility studies in BACES info centers

Lars informed that in the project application there should be produced some planning documents related to environment around the seven BACES. This is feasibility studies concerning info centers and exhibitions as well as other possibilities to develop the nature areas around the BACES for visitors as a part of local development. CAB Östergötland proposed that this could be incorporated in one single report for every BACE and presented a proposal of content in such reports.

We discussed the work and decided that it will be six reports (Söderhamn, Arkösund, Tyrislöt-Lagnö, Fyrudden, Hangö-Raseborg och Hiiumaa). Each partner is responsible for the report of their BACE. The time frame for the proposals in the plan will be 20 years but also deal with such activities that are going on and will be developed in short time.

We made a review of the known possibilities and conditions for each BACE as an input to the reports.

Other questions and conclusions during the meeting

We note that there are a lot of things going on even though there are some delays in parts of the planned work. The delay results in less spent money according to the project plan but that is under control and will be balanced when the production of information material etc. are done.

In the grand seminar the WP responsible presented a review of WP4 activities and the idea and first versions of the archipelago underwater films was shown at the joint WP seminar in Hiiumaa.

The cross-border seminar in Hiiumaa was followed by study visits in the scope of accessibility.

Workshop

CAB of Östergötland arranged a technical WP4 workshop meeting in Arkösund 16-17 November concerning the production of "Nature living plans". Unfortunately, only three partners participated, CAB Östergötland, Norrköping and Valdemarsvik municipality. During the workshop we worked on the Nature Living Plans, Archipelago Guidebook of Östergötland and made a study tour to Kopparholmarna Nature reserve.

Ongoing work during the period

Nature living plans

Each participating partner in WP4 work has been going on with the work to produce "Nature living plans". Completed plans were presented for Norrköping and Söderhamn. Plans for Valdemarsvik, Söderköping, Hangö-Raseborg and Hiiumaa will be completed during the coming milestones.

Under water films

The Municipality of Norrköping has continued the work to produce underwater films.

Exhibitions and tours

The exhibition "Life under the surface" in Arkösund was operated and further developed by Norrköping Municipality and the collaboration with the nature school bus "Ekoturen" continued.

In Söderköping the info-center at the nature reserve of Nedre Lagnö has been further improved and the municipality reports of work with a feasibility study on guiding and education plan for guides.

Norrköping municipality reports of a "vision for 2020". Norrköping and CAB Östergötland have cooperated in developing a management plan for one project area. Foundation Tuuru

informs of collaboration with the Forestry Development Centre in Ristna and collection of data concerning Hiiumaa nature and environment. Novia University informs of work with two nature reports and an initiative for alternative routes of nature paths on the island of Gunnarsören.

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, continued the descriptions and taken photos.

The WP team has had contacts for development of the work in the WP and one WP4 report has been produced

On local level the partners have arranged internal coordination meetings, sometimes connected to the WP2 and WP3 team.

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