



Spectrum of actions along the Fennoscandian Green Belt - *examples of implemented, ongoing and planned projects*

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Content

- FGB strategy and working program
- Potential project funding for FGB actions, focus on EU funds
- Examples with focus on international/transboundary projects



Strategy for FGB until 2020

- Jointly prepared and adopted in 2016
- Main objective - mainstreaming BD conservation across all sectors
- 6 Subobjectives
 - Biodiversity protection (connectivity and protected area network)
 - Research (trilaterally for BD, climate and social well being)
 - Economic and regional development (sustainable economy benefitting for ecosystem services)
 - Social and cultural development (traditional knowledge, cultural heritage for cross border livelihoods)
 - Institutional development (intensified co-operation)
 - Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA)
- Regional working groups; working program (FIN)
 - Actions/ projects done, necessary, focus on ENI funding

Green Belt of Fennoscandia



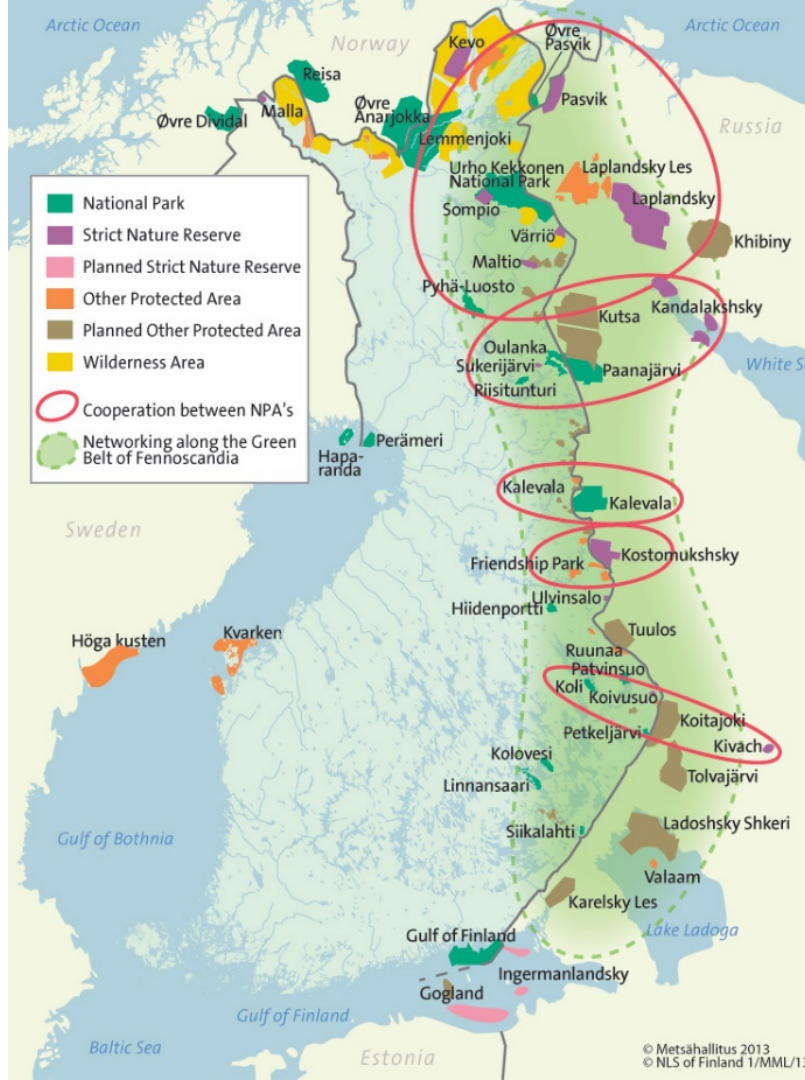
Potential funding sources (MH PWF experience)

For actions in Finland

- EU Rural development funds (development of nature tourism; services, programs and investments)
- EU social funds (engaging socially excluded, unemployment, migrants)
- EU structural funds (development of nature tourism, green energy solutions, digital society)
- LIFE Nature (nature protection, habitats and species)

For International co-operation

- Interreg (Central Baltic, Baltic Sea Europe); development of "joint" nature tourism destinations (cultural heritage)
- ENI (3 regional programs); nature protection, nature tourism development)
- LIFE Nature; nature protection, habitats and species and beyond



Examples

- Interreg Baltic Sea: BalticRIM (ongoing)
- ENPI/ ENI Kolarctic: ABCGheritage (past) and Salmus (just starting)
- LIFE: EGB Transconnect -LIFE (to be applied, final stage)



Interreg Baltic Sea Region

Baltic RIM - Baltic Sea Region Integrated Maritime Cultural Heritage(MCH) Management

- 2017 - 2020, budget 2,6 M€
- DK, FI, DE, LT, EE, PL, RU (CH actors, Uni, PAs)
- Main objective: integrate management of MCH into maritime spatial planning (MSP)
- Main activities:
 - Maritime spatial planning related mapping of MCH: existing knowledge and data, create categories, schematise MCH assets
 - Cross-sector mapping, planning and dialogues: priority areas for MCH and MSP, common planning tools, MSP case studies, stakeholder workshops
 - Blue Growth: Identify socio-economic aspects and other management issues
 - Strategic communication with other MCH and MSP projects

Pilot case areas

An example from Finland: A graveyard of shipwrecks off Finland's coastal city of Kotka from the Battle of Svensksund (1790).



ENPI/ ENI projects

*ABC*Gheritage - Arctic Biological, Cultural and Geological heritage, ENPI Kolarctic

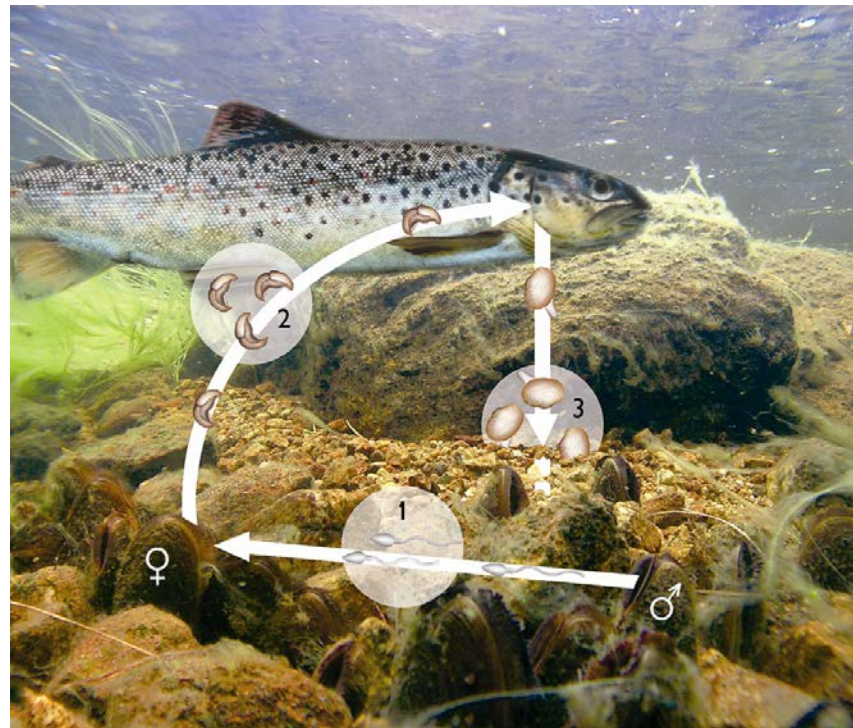
- 2012 - 2015, 1,8 M€
- FI, NO, RU (research and PAs)
- Main objective: Increased knowledge and sustainable utilization of protected and recreational areas, developed new networks in the fields of arctic biology, cultural heritage and geology.
- Main activities:
 - New materials and infrastructure for education and nature-based tourism (games, films, exhibitions, trails...)
 - Activated and enhanced cooperation along Green Belt of Fennoscandia (schools, local nature products)
 - Inventories in the geological and cultural heritage sites
 - Analyzed, processed and disseminated information (regional 10 year development plan)



ENPI/ ENI projects

SALMUS - Salmonids Fish and Freshwater Pearl Mussel- Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity in the Green Belt of Fennoscandia, ENI CBC Kolarctic

- 2019 - 2021, 2,1M€,
- FI, SE, NO, RU (research and PAs)
- Main objective: to enhance the co-operation and to streamline common practices for assessing the status of streams and rivers, and freshwater pearl mussel and salmonid fish as indicators of ecosystem function and health
- Main activities:
 - Cross border co-operation; sharing knowledge, data and practices
 - Improving knowledge base; inventories and assessments
 - Developing novel techniques and practices for improving the status of FPM and salmonids
 - Various information actions



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EGB Transconnect LIFE

Improving the connectivity from local to transboundary level along the European Green Belt

- 2019 - 2023, 6,5M€
- 10 countries along EGB (NO, RU, FI, LV, PL, DE, AT, BG, FYR MC, GR; PA GOs and NGOs)
- Main objective: Demonstrate the role and importance of connectivity at several levels in the context of 10 demsites situated along 10 countries at the EGB sections.
- Main activities:
 - Demonstrating the importance of connectivity by restoring dunes, beaches, alluvial habitats, meadows, forests and rivers ("pairs", learning teams, GO and NGO co-operation)
 - Promoting coherence in management defining joint objectives and procedures for the management of transboundary nature conservation areas
 - Improving routes and recreational facilities; management of mountain biking and visitor management at dunes
 - Raising public awareness of EGB, the importance of connectivity and green infrastructures to various stakeholders ranging from the general public, to the regional and national authorities and the EU.

