Háldi Transboundary Area

REPORT 2024

METSÄHALLITUS
FORSTSTYRELSEN
MEAHCIRÁÐÐEHUS

Reisa
National Park

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Cooperation strategy for the Háldi area

The action plan is developed on the background of the mutual visions and ideas developed through the project for the Háldi cooperation area 2018-2021 and defined in the **cooperation strategy**.

Actions and work 2024

Overlapping actions from 2023

Info screen management/service

The screen mounted in Kilpisjärvi have been working most of the time, but need of technical update.

Costs: 600Euro/year

Financing: Internal funding from Reisa NP

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen/ Nina Storm

Common actions starting in 2024

CLAP – Climate Change communication and adaption in Arctic protected areas -project

Project started in March 2024 and lasts until the end of 2026. Today's climate change affects national parks and nature reserves in several ways, such as habitats and outdoor recreation areas. The changes threaten the natural values in the areas and may pose a risk during fieldwork and for visitors. Addressing climate change in the management of protected areas is crucial for maintaining sustainable and safe management and for conserving valuable resources as far as possible.

In a cross-border collaborative project funded by Interreg Aurora, protected area managers in Northern Norway, Sweden and Finland will learn and test a systematic approach to climate change adaptation planning. The project partners will also jointly learn about the construction of climate-adapted trails, test electrical equipment in maintenance work and test a model for climate-smart rest areas. In the project, the visitor center's will also jointly develop and test new ways of informing visitors about climate change and its impact on protected areas. Along with adaptation measures, information will help keep visitors safe, inspire climate-friendly behavior's and reduce possible further negative impacts on nature.

Cost: Work hours and project actions

Financing: Interreg Aurora and internal funding

Responsible personnel: NOR - Nina Storm, Odd Rudberg, Rune Benonisen. FIN - Heidi Siira

Hosting TBA Network meeting in 2024

Reisa NP and Metsähallitus hosted the Trans Parc Net meeting in Storslett and Kilpisjärvi. The event was held 2.-5th of September. Full report after the event is available on Háldi TBA website.

Cost: Work hours, services.

Financing: Internal funding, participants.

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen, Heidi Siri.

Actions not started or abandoned in 2024

Stronger communication effort

Käsivarsi Wilderness area newsletter with news about Háldi TBA. Re-post Facebook post between Kilpisjärvi (Tiia Lepistö) ja Käsivarsi Wilderness Area and Reisa Nasjonalpark (Nina).

https://www.facebook.com/KilpisjarviJaKasivarrenEramaa

https://www.facebook.com/Reisanasjonalpark

2024 Meetings and events - overview

Dates	Organizer	
Year	All	Meeting regarding CLAP project
Year	Rune	Meetings regarding Trans Parc Net meeting
		Not conducted: Steering group meeting
		Not conducted: Stakeholder group meeting

Other information

In 2024 Metsähallitus went through a large re-organizing process. There has been continuous contact between Háldi TBA partners throughout the year, but mostly connected to the CLAP project and the Trans Pac Net meeting. In Fall 2023 change negotiations took place in Metsähallitus (Parks & Wildlife Finland). The change negotiations resulted in broad change in the organization structure and the roles and responsibilities of the personnel, which materialize during 2024. The implications for Háldi Transboundary Area cooperation have not been clear, and will continue to materalize during 2024 and 2025.

At Metsähallitus Heidi Siira has been the main contact in 2024.

At Reisa NP Rune Benonisen and Nina Storm have been main contact in 2024

At Halti NPS Odd H. Rudberg have been main contact in 2024.