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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS IN THE NORDICS

HOW NATURE CAN HELP US SOLVE CLIMATE
AND SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



WHAT ARE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS?

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) use natural processes and ecosystems to address societal challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and disaster risk reduction.

NBS IN THE NORDICS - A STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Nordic countries have strengthened collaboration on NbS in recent years. A four-year Nordic Council of Ministers project (2021-2024) mapped solutions at regional and national levels, developed case studies and cost-benefit analyses, and produced Nordic guidance. Building on this work, nature-based and other innovative solutions have become a strategic priority for the Nordic co-operation to tackle biodiversity loss, climate change, and air pollution. New efforts include a sub-programme under the Nordic Nature Programme (2025-2027) that specifically aims to implement and scale up NbS.

This brochure presents key results and an outlook.

A SYNTHESIS OF NORDIC NBS IMPLEMENTATION

Building the knowledge base

The **S-ITUATION** project synthesised existing research on NbS in a Nordic context. It mapped:

- existing knowledge and research
- policies and frameworks
- experiences and ongoing projects
- knowledge gaps and cost–benefit aspects



Access the Nordic
NbS knowledge base



Watch the video:
*Nature-based
solutions in the
Nordic countries*

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NBS IN THE NORDICS

The **S-UMMATION** project provided insights into how NbS are implemented across the Nordic Region. Based on eight pilot projects, it gathered practical experiences and lessons learned, barriers and challenges, recommendations for implementation - and translated knowledge into practical guidance.



Learn from the pilot
projects reports



Watch the pilot
project videos

POLICY ADVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING, MAINSTREAMING AND UPSCALING NBS

The **A-DVICE** project supported the integration of NbS into policy and decision-making. The project developed a policy handbook, which provides practical advice, examples and guidance for mainstreaming and scaling NbS.



Access the project
publications and
multimedia

A NORDIC HANDBOOK AND TOOLBOX FOR IMPLEMENTING NBS

The GuideNBS project focused on making NbS operational and accessible. The project delivered an online handbook, including a best-practice toolbox and practical guidance for implementation.

It is designed for practitioners, municipalities, and decision-makers working with NbS.



Explore the interactive NbS Guide

THE LIVING NORDIC CITY

The Yggdrasil project focused on advancing NbS in urban environments across the Nordic region.

Through collaboration between municipalities, researchers and practitioners, the project generated insights into urban green space distribution, accessibility and climate benefits.

The results highlight the importance of integrating NbS into urban planning, increasing tree canopy cover, and ensuring equitable access to green spaces.



Access the project results

SCALING UP NBS IN THE NORDICS

Building on these resources and the available knowledge, the current phase of the Nordic Nature Programme's sub-programme on NbS focuses on scaling and implementing NbS in practice. In this phase, we support projects that enable the implementation and upscaling of NbS, the adaptation and testing of the IUCN Global Standard for NbS in a Nordic context, and the continued strengthening of knowledge sharing, collaboration, and integration into climate and biodiversity efforts, including work on crop wild relatives.

Follow the programme for more information and upcoming activities:



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