

Green Belt of Fennoscandia

Model of transboundary biodiversity conservation



Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF)

- 1300 km long ecological network in the territory of Finland, Norway and Russia
- national parks and other protected areas including four twin parks and one trilateral park
- producing valuable ecosystem services and supporting adaptation to climate change
- cross-border cooperation between the stakeholders in the GBF network
- Northern part of the European Green Belt



Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation on the development of the GBF(2010)

- Backbone for the trilateral cooperation
- Expresses the political will of participants and defines the main objectives for the cooperation
- Participants:
 - Ministry of the Environment of Finland
 - Ministry of the Environment of Norway
 - Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of Russia



CBD, Aichi Targets and PoWPA as a framework

- Participants of MoU are committed to implement the CBD Aichi Targets
- Reaching the Aichi Targets is a priority for the GBF cooperation
- GBF implements also the goal of the PoWPA for transboundary protected areas



Vision for the Green Belt of Fennoscandia until 2020 (in Nov-Dec 2014)

The Green Belt of Fennoscandia is developed into a widely acknowledged transboundary model area for biodiversity conservation and where region's unique nature and culture generate social well-being and environmentally sustainable economic growth.



Thematic GBF targets



- Developed network of PA's, their connectivity and management
- Intensified research cooperation and dissemination of results on biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate change and social well-being
- Strengthened sustainable economic and regional development based on the ecosystem services
- Strengthened livelihoods based on the region's nature and cultural heritage
- Intensified cross-border cooperation within the GBF network
- High level of awareness on the unique nature of the GBF and its conservation





Thank you! Kiitos! Спасибо! Takk!

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