



The Situation with Biosphere Areas in the Baltic Sea Region – Trends, Challenges and Positive Opening

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What is a Biosphere Reserve?

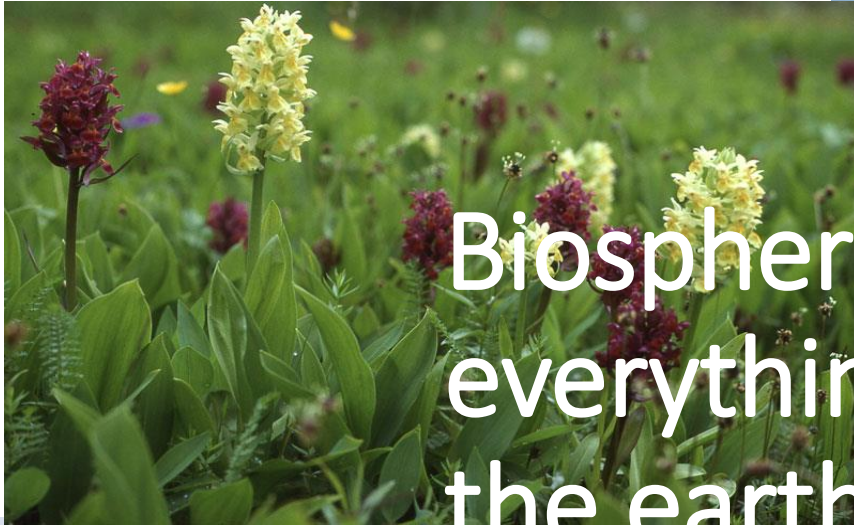
- ✓ Nature and Culture values
- ✓ Learning sites for sustainable development
- ✓ Plattform for cooperation and communication
- ✓ Possibilities, no restrictions

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Man and Biosphere Program (MAB) – Biosphere Reserves

- ❖ **Since beginning of year 1970**
- ❖ **669 biosphere reserves in 120 countries**
- ❖ **Regional and thematic networks for sharing experiences and cooperation**

Biosphere -
everything living on
the earth!



Meeting point for:

✓ scientific and traditional knowledge

✓ Different stakeholders and interests

✓ Man and Nature

✓ Local and global

✓ Economy, ecology and culture

✓ Modern and traditional solutions



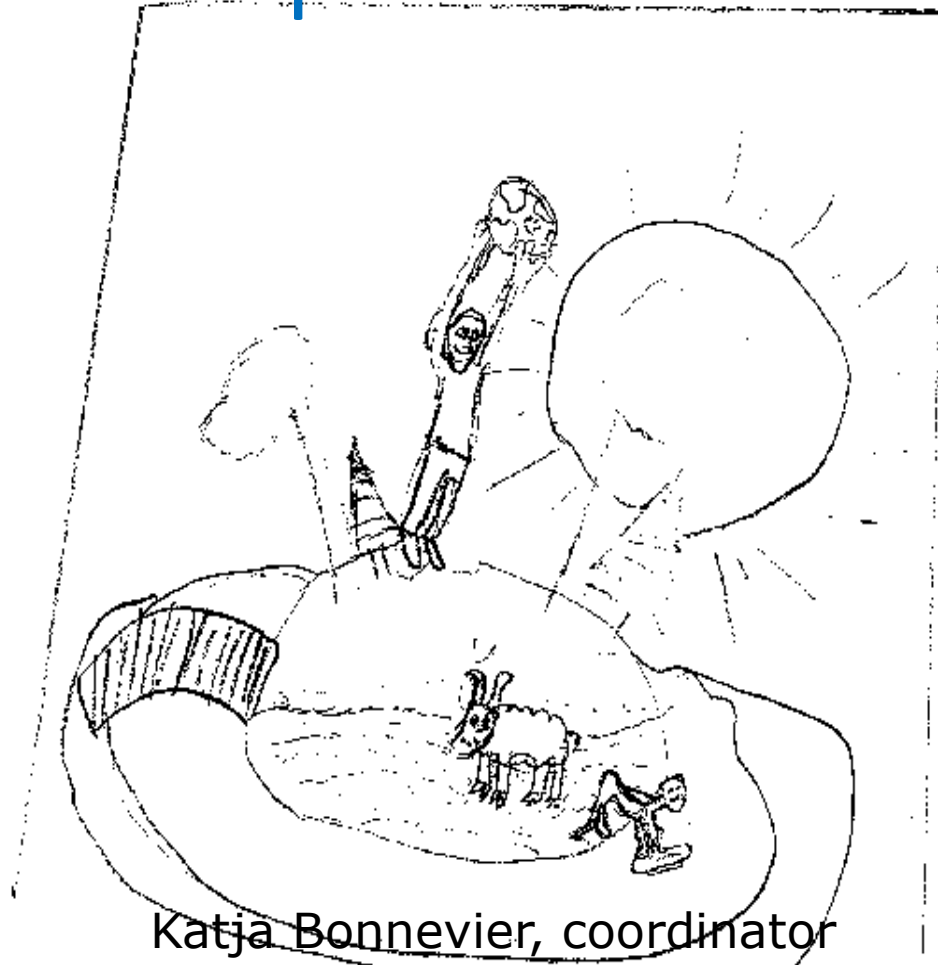
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People and local identity



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Challenges and goals in Archipelago Sea Area BR

- Eutrophication of the sea
- Unmanaged cultural landscapes
- Decreasing population



Focal points of the Archipelago Sea Area BR

- ✓ Cultural landscapes
- ✓ Water conservation
- ✓ Nature tourism
- ✓ Housing and livelihood
- ✓ Quality Economy and branding



NordMAB-Biosphere Reserves in Northern countries



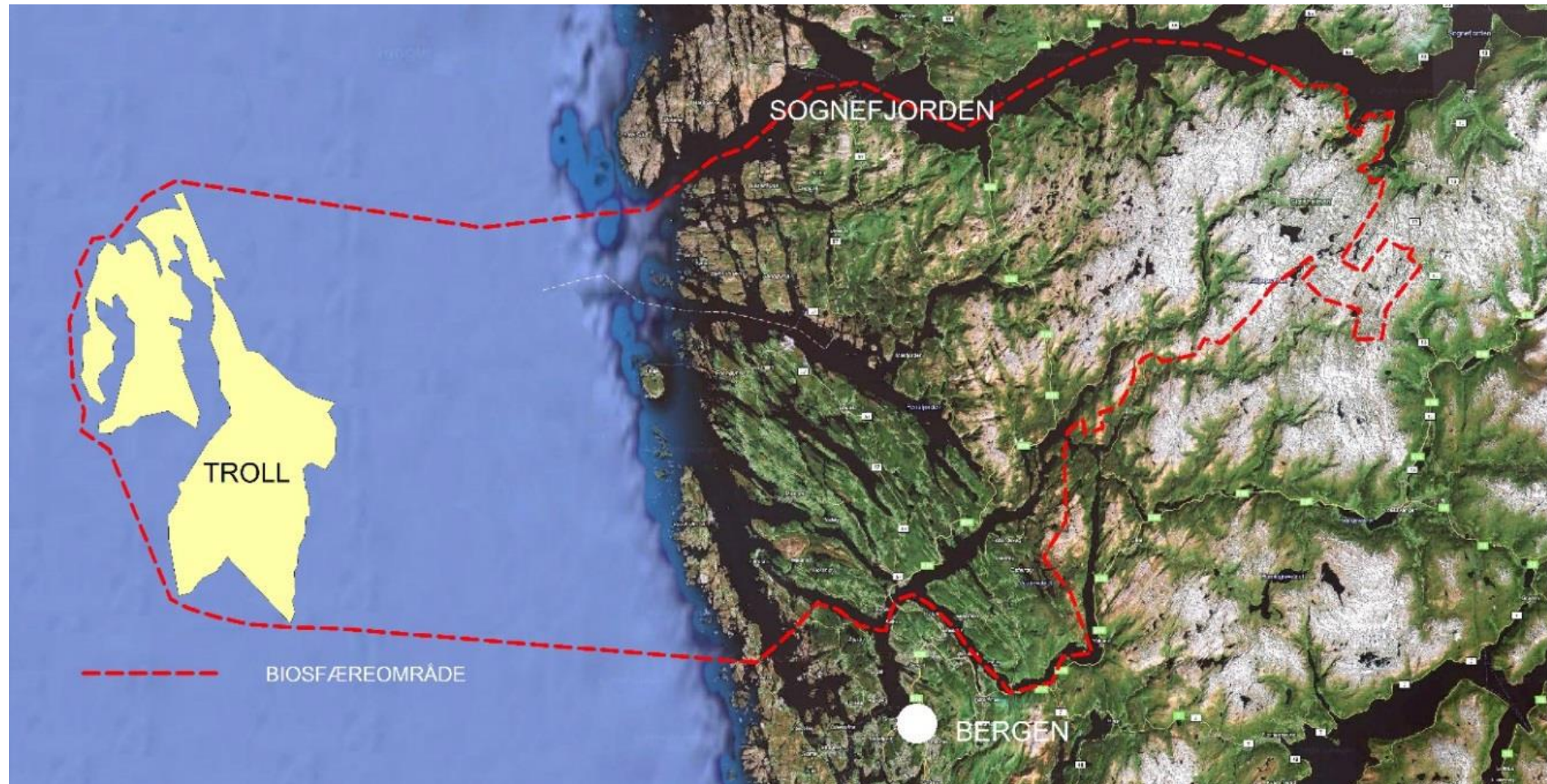
Not about restrictions rather
about
development and cooperation for
a sustainable future



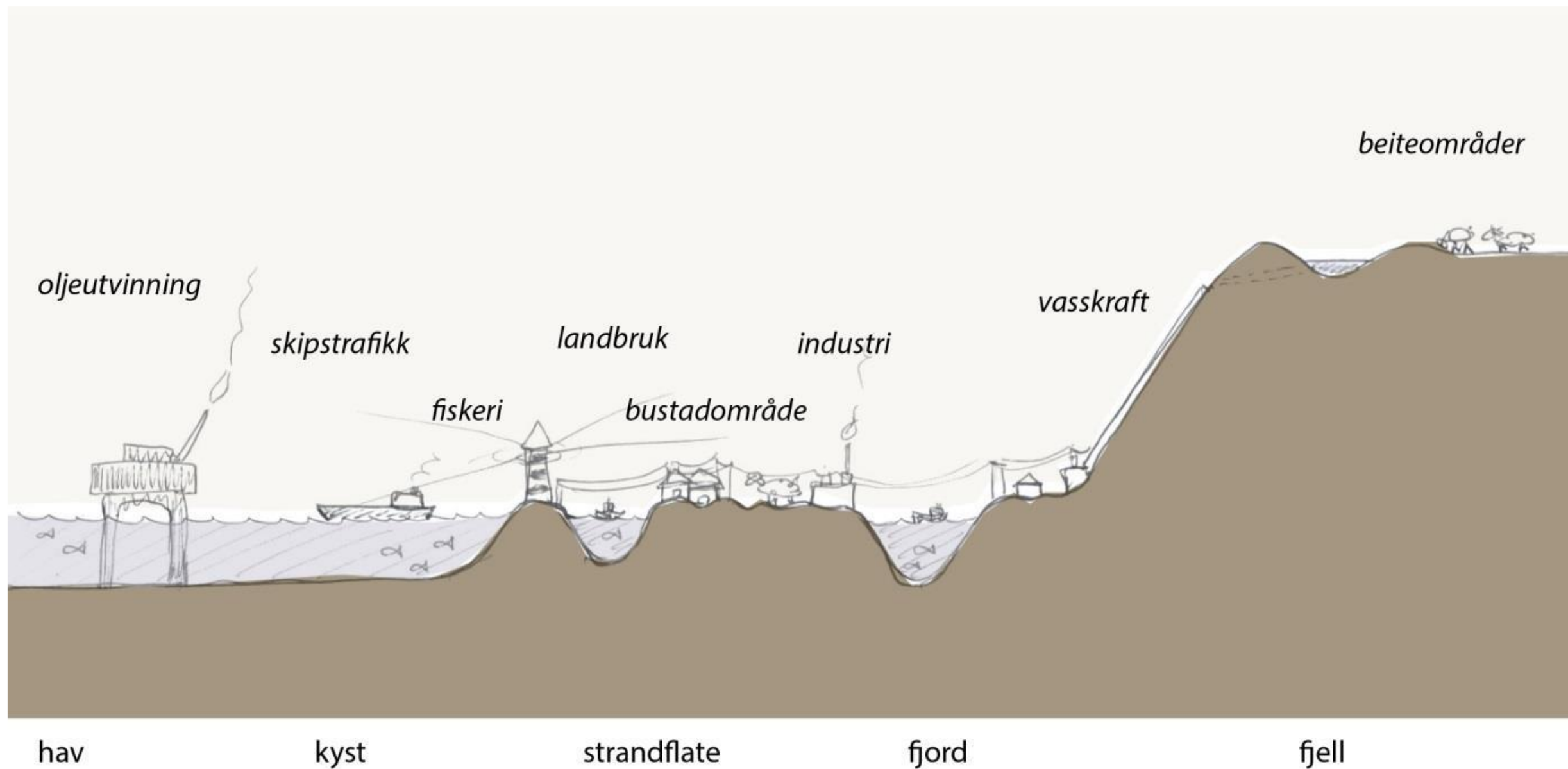
Management of semi-natural
meadows



Nordhordland candidate BR





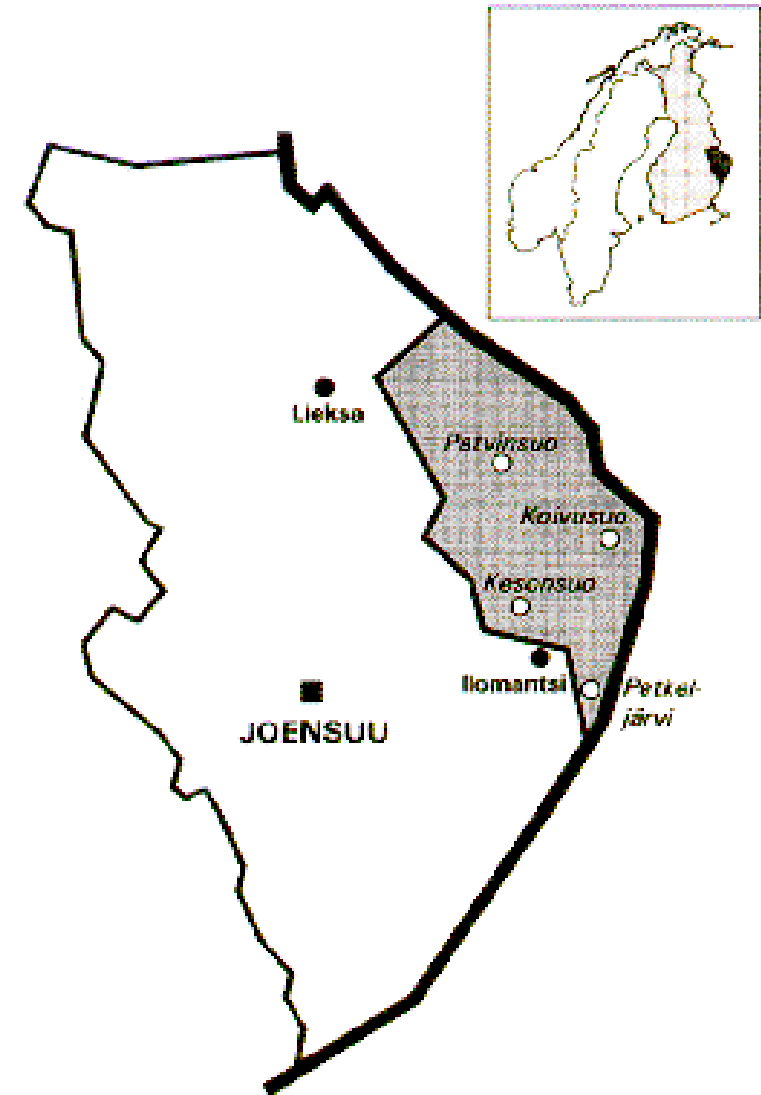




Raising awareness, education and forums for discussion

Programs to strengthen
the local economy and
engage the private
sector in the work of the
BR

North-Karelia Biosphere Reserve



Both organizations and enterprises can be partners
with the North-Karelia Biosphere Reserve





New local artesafood products
in Archipelago Sea Area BR

Biosphere Reserve Lake Vänern Kinnekulle



Social entrepreneurship in Lake Vänern Kinnekulle

- Social entrepreneurship is to invest in ecological and social sustainability
- Biosphere Innovation System – how the BR can generate social entrepreneurship
- could the BR function as a social entrepreneur?



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Supports

LIVING - LIVELIHOOD - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**In the archipelago of the region Åboland ,with
focus on the outer archipelago**



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The BR organization needs to be
flexible and based on
cooperation

Organization of Archipelago Sea BR

PARTNERS OF THE BR – promote SD by their acts and administrate projects for the BR

Biosphere Reserve Office

- ✓ Catalysator for activities that promote SD
- ✓ managed by 3 partners: ELY (regional environmental authorities), the Town of Pargas and Municipality of Kimitoön
- ✓ Run by Pargas with office in Korpo
- ✓ Personnel: 1 full-time coordinator funded by the State, project-leaders for several projects funded with external resources

Steering Group

- ✓ members from Universities, Municipalities represented by inhabitants, National Park and the Regional Environmental Authorities (ELY)

Stakeholder forums

Organizing a forum for wider participation once a year

UNESCO MAB-program and the global network

Ministry of Environmnet and Minstry of Education,
MAB national focal point and coordinators comittee

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