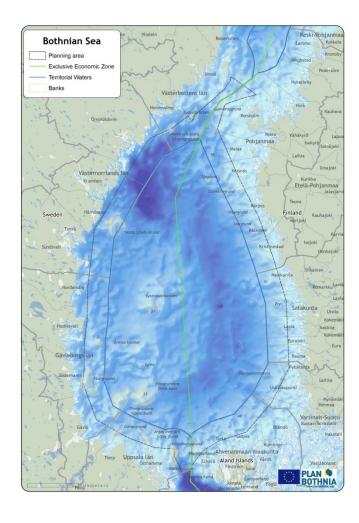


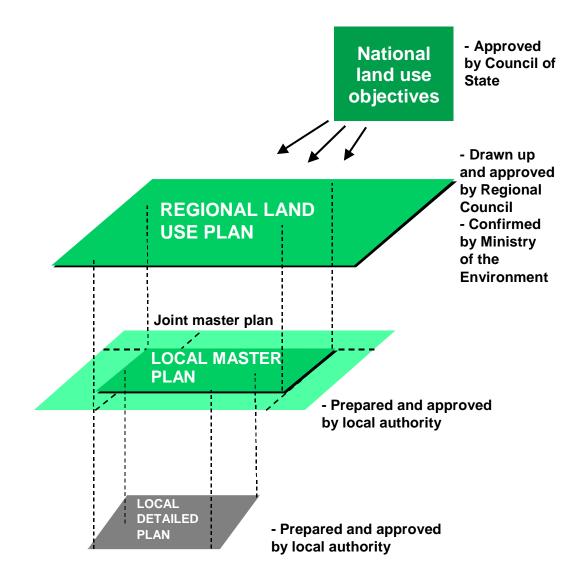
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Finnish experience
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• Finnish municipalities, regions, EEZ



Finlands land use planning system



Regional land use plan

- A regional land use plan sets out a general framework for the more detailed local plans, which are prepared by the municipalities.
- The regional council must also ensure that the plan promotes the implementation of the national land use guidelines.

In drafting regional land use plan, special attention is paid to

- appropriate regional and urban structure of the region,
- ecological sustainability of land use,
- environmentally and economically sustainable transport and technical services,
- sustainable use of water and extractable land resources,
- operating conditions for the region's businesses,
- protection of landscape, natural values, and cultural heritage,
- sufficient availability of areas suitable for recreation.



Finnish law on EEZ 2004/1058

- Rights and jurisdiction
 - Right to make research, exploit, preserve, manage, and to carry out activities aiming to economic use and research
 - Jurisdiction according to international law to built artificial islands, constructions and use them as well as to protect and research the marine environment

Finnish law on EEZ

- National sectoral legislation is implemented
- Council of State can give an approval to built and use constructions
- Ministry of Employment and the Economy regulates research activities
- Centres for development, Transport and the Environment and The Finnish Border Guard are surveillance authorities

Experience Planbothnia – interesting case for Finland

- Drafting a plan for sea area jointly with another country
 - Is new
 - Is concrete
 - Brings up topical questions
 - Will increase knowledge and experience
 - Is involving regions
- Sweden will have a new legislation and plans on EEZ
 - Finland has to give an opinion

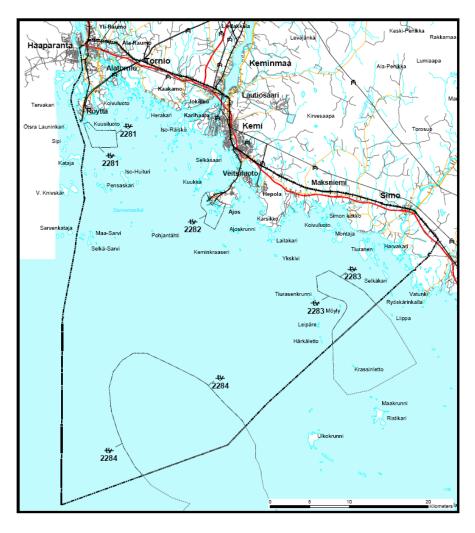
- Finnish experiences
 - Data
 - A problem
 - Governance
 - On territorial waters Finland have planning authorities
 - On EEZ?
 - Planning culture
 - Finland has three planning levels, Sweden one
 - -> results in regulations, markings

Conclusions

- Vision and goals?
- Conflicting interests?
- Is plan the tool needed?
- Planning authorities now and in the future?
- Some technical differences in planning regulations and markings
- Good experience
- Regional councils are interested in MSP

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Planning process and participation

- Planning procedures are based on openness and public participation. Local residents have the right to receive information about plans under preparation, and a chance to influence them. The right to participate covers everyone affected by plans, including local residents, landowners, public authorities, enterprises and organisations.
- Participation is possible in various phases of the planning process:
 - Participation and assessment scheme
 - Draft plan and plan proposal
 - Approval + Ratification (Regional plans)
- + possible international hearing if transboundary impacts are likely (Espoo convention, SEA protocol – 199 §)