

PLAN BOTHNIA MARE/2009/16

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PLAN BOTHNIA and Bothnian Sea

- Two supporting 18 mth “preparatory actions” calls launched by DG MARE in 2009
 - Baltic –PLAN BOTHNIA (Dec 2010-)
 - North Sea -MASPNOSE (Dec 2010-)
- PLAN BOTHNIA: Bothnian Sea area between Finland and Sweden
- Good history of subregional cooperation
- Both sides of the border similar



Bothnian Sea-
the "PLAN BOTHNIA"
MSP project
focus area



Dream Team!

- VASAB & HELCOM (intergovernmental)
- Nordregio (Macroscale planning)
- SYKE Finnish Environment institute (Environment)
- Fiskeriverket (Fisheries)
- Boverket (Planning)
- Centre for Maritime Studies, Pori (Maritime)
- Finland & Sweden



Planning Authorities: Finland

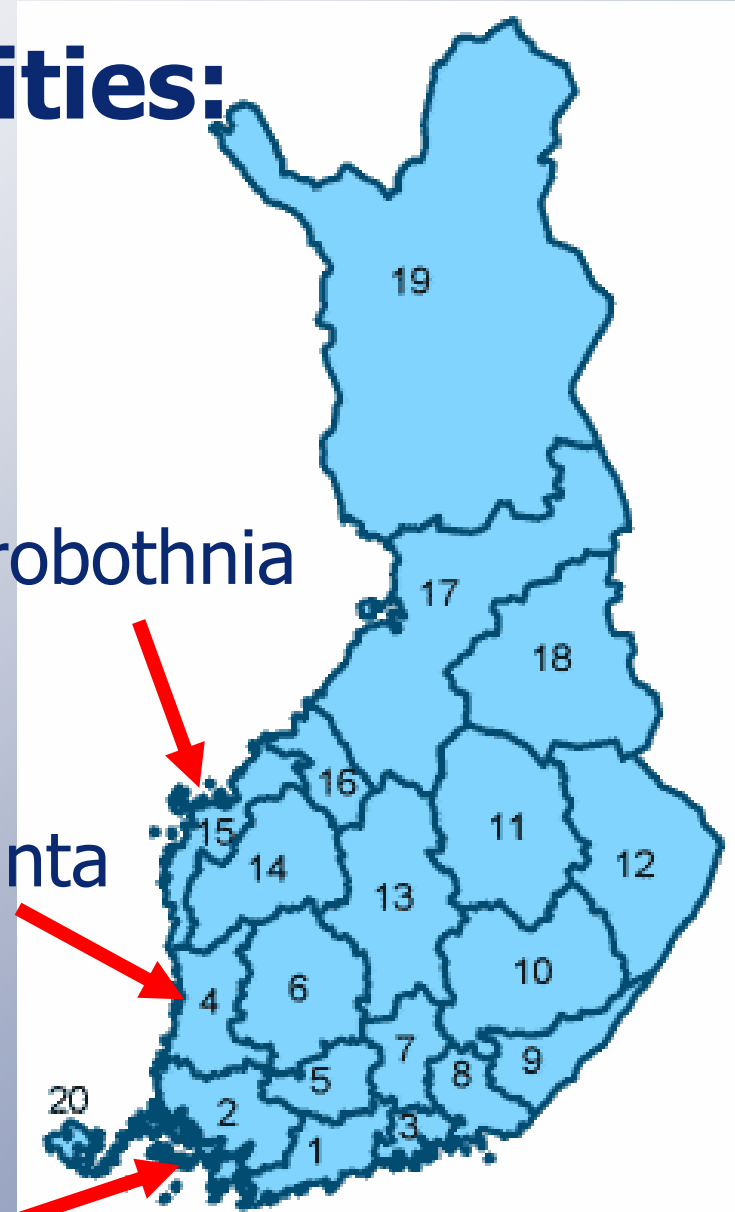
+ National actors

Ostrobothnia

Satakunta

Åland

South-West Finland



Planning Authorities: Sweden

+National actors



PLAN BOTHNIA

- Facilitate and Involve regional and national actors
 - Five dedicated meetings
- Phase I: Background information and assessment
 - Assessment document and GIS datasets (Spring-Autumn 2011)
- Phase II: Spatial Plan
 - Test drafting of a MSP Plan based on I (winter 2011-2012)



Other Components

- International evaluation
 - In the end (Spring 2012)
- Monitoring and evaluation (HELCOM)
 - minor report by spring 2012
- 2 Stakeholder events (VASAB)
 - 1st October/November 2011?
 - 2nd end of May 2012 (present results)
- Communication and dissemination (HELCOM)
 - website, HELCOM-VASAB MSP Group, MASPNOSE cooperation, final report
- Region wide minimum recommendations (VASAB, HELCOM)



The rythm is given by 8 meetings

- 1 partner Kickoff December 16 2010
- 5 meetings with regional partners:
7-8 March 2011, June 2011, Sept 2011, Dec 2011, 2012 May
- 2 dissemination conferences 2011 & 2012



Partner Kick Off

- 16 December 2010
- Introductions & Set the scene
- Formalities
- Started the process gathering data and creating documents



MSP Meeting 1: Introductions and Information

- First meeting of the regional group
- 7-8 March 2011
- Introduce the project and get ideas
- Look together at compiled GIS material, existing project and identified issues
- Get more material and help
- Pori, Finland



MSP Meeting 2: Assessment

- June 2011
- In depth look at draft background report/ assessment and the datasets- get more comments and help to finalise
- Start thinking about the Plan itself
- (in Sweden?)





MSP Meeting 3: Planning I

- September 2011?
- Final draft of background document/assessment and the datasets-polishing
- Ideas about the plan should be presented and discussed – and developed further
- (in Finland?)



(1st Stakeholder conference)

- VASAB organises
- October 2011?
- Present final draft of background material/assessment
- discuss MSP
- dialogue with MASPNOSE?
- dialogue with other projects like BaltSeaPlan?



MSP Meeting 4: Planning II

- December 2011?
- Comments and discussions on the drafted Plan
- Look at finalised assessment material ☺ -but develop it further for final report
- (in Sweden?)



MSP Meeting 5: Curtains down

- March 2012?
- Final draft plan
- Look back on the whole process and conclude for the final report
- What was useful in this activity?
- Should it be continued somehow?
- (in Finland?)



Closing Conference

- organised by VASAB
- May 2012?
- Presentation of and reflection on results
- MASPNOSE?
- External review to present some findings?



Final report and
Finish!!



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