

Háldi Transboundary Area Action Plan 2024-2025



Reisa National Park

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Decision:

Agreed as preliminary plan Reisa NP board 29.11.2023 (31/23) (*preliminary date set for Feb-March*)

Agreed as preliminary plan xxx MH

The plan is agreed on in JMB meeting xx.xx.2024

Structure of action plan

The Hálđi transboundary area, which is a cooperation between Metsähallitus and Reisa National Park, was awarded the status as EUROPARC Transboundary Park in decision from EUROPARC Council of 24th of December 2021.

The practical cooperation of the partners and connected stakeholders is first and foremost done by common actions and projects that foster benefit of nature, landscapes and communities in our common border region.

The actions plan contains a long-term strategy with a long-term perspective. From this strategy actions are developed and prioritized in a year-to-year plan.

Cooperation strategy for the Hálđi area

The action plan is developed on the background of the mutual visions and ideas developed through the project for the Hálđi cooperation area 2018-2021 and defined in the **cooperation strategy**.

The main objectives in the cooperation are:

1. Organization of Hálđi Transboundary Area
2. Protection of common natural and cultural values in the Hálđi TBA by means of good cooperation and joint conservation actions.
3. Effective monitoring, supervision and management of growing cross-border tourism and other cross-border activities and their impact on common natural and cultural values.
4. Sharing and synchronizing information, knowledge and good practices, including other operators and stakeholders working in the area.
5. Ensuring sustainable development of cross-border nature tourism in relation to natural and cultural values.
6. Raising resources for joint actions and projects.
7. Creating contacts for wider cooperation with protected area managers in Sweden, TransParcNet and other northern countries.

The primary fields of cooperation is

- i. Nature and landscape conservation
- ii. Conservation of cultural heritage

The secondary fields of work is

- A. Environmental education and communications
- B. Sustainable recreation and nature tourism
- C. Research, survey, monitoring and supervision
- D. Mutual understanding
- E. Involvement of local communities

Action Plan process

The decision process of the action plan is normally as follows.

Oktober – November	Discussion of plans and ideas	Meeting in Joint Management Board JMB
	Discussion of plans and ideas	Meeting in Joint Advisory Board JAB
November – December	Detail planning of actions and projects	Partner organizations and administration
	Development of suggestion of action plan	Partner organizations and administration
	Decision of action plan draft	Joint Management Board JMB
	Information process to stakeholders and general public.	Partner organizations and administration
	Applications and financing process	Partner organizations and administration
January-	Financing decision.	
February- March	Input to plan. Priority of actions.	Meeting in Joint Advisory Board JAB
	Actions plan final decision.	Meeting in Joint Management Board JMB
February -	Implementation	
September - october	Start preparations for next year action plan	Partner organizations and administration

The plan process for 2024 has been postponed some due to not organizing the steering group meeting before spring. There have not been established a Joint Advisory Board so far. But the plan is to have the first meeting during 2024.

Since the plan for practical reasons cannot be finally decided before spring, the many projects and actions will be going over to next year. The action will therefore overlap between years.

Action plan 2024 - 2025

Overlapping actions from 2023

Info screen management/service

There has been a lot of work done to establish the “info screen”. It is in practice an ordinary web page that is specially adapted for viewing on a screen. This info service is good, and accessible as it is now.

There is a need to renew the info screen technical. In 2023 there have been done some work to define a new “technical specification” and find what technical solutions are on the market regarding this. Building of new system was not implemented in 2023, but preparation for this has started.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding from partners

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen/ Nina Storm and Tiia Lepistö

Participation in nature guide education

Metsähallitus and Reisa NP will participate in the process with the educational organization [Lappia](#) in developing and implementation of guide training.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding from partners

Responsible personal: (later)

Pre work for Interreg cooperation project in Sweden, Finland, Norway.

There has been an initiative that have resulted in a common project regarding Climate Change Adaption in National parks in Finland, Sweden and Norway. Project will start during spring 2024.

Budget: Funded externally

Financing: Internal and external funding

Responsible personal: Odd Rudberg, Rune Benonisen, Nina Storm, (Finland partners)

Common actions starting in 2024

Organizing and hosting the TransParcNet Meeting 2024

The partners will seek to organize the meeting in the first week of September 2024. Europarc federation TBA have confirmed. We send confirm week 36 (2. – 6. September 2024). Start planning for funding and organizing committee in May 2023.

Budget: (not prepared)

Financing: Internal and external funding

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen, Heidi Siri.

Stronger communication effort

Käsivarsi Wilderness area newsletter with news about Haldi TBA.

Re-post Facebook post between Kilpisjarvi (Tiia) ja Kasivarren eramaa-alue and Reisa Nasjonalpark (Nina).

<https://www.facebook.com/KilpisjarviJaKasivarrenEramaa>

<https://www.facebook.com/Reisanasjonalpark>

Budget: (not prepared)

Financing: Internal and external funding

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen, Heidi Siira

Event list and TBA calendar

As a way of making closer connections with the general public we will make a common calendar for events that can be interesting for the public on each side of the boarder to participate in. The partners will then share and market these opportunities in due time.

Date/period	Finland	Norway
January		
February		Opening of Reisa wild salmon visitor centre.
March	Hehtá Márjjabeáivvit in Hetta 24-26 March https://www.marianpaivat.fi/sv/vaelkommen	
April		Cross country championship event for North Norway youths and adults – 10th-14th.
May		
June		Paaskivikko – kveeni festival week and cultural events. Several activities in Kåfjord, Nordreisa, Skjervøy, Kvænangen, Storfjord, Lyngen.
July		
August	Enontekiö Days (Väärtipäivät) in Hetta in August/September (program mostly in Finnish)	

September	Logging "festival" (Tori- ja metsäpäivät) at Kellokas Visitor Center in Ylläs in September (program mostly in Finnish).	Kyläpeli – village historic theatre.
October	Väyläfestival in villages along Tornio-Muonio river in October https://vaylafestival.com/fi/home/.	
November		
December		

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal and external funding

Responsible personal: Nina Storm,

Exchange programme 2024

1. **Háldi exchange day:** networking event for professionals and organizations connected with the Haldi area. Hosted by Reisa NP June 2024 (date)?

Budget: (not prepared), Financing: Internal and external funding, Responsible personnel: Rune Benonisen, Heidi Siira

2. **European National Park Day 2024 (24.05.2024).** Lappia Nature Guide students will help to organize an event at Kilpisjärvi for Finnish and possibly Norwegian students.

Group size about 20-25 pax is manageable with two Lappia students as organizers

Age groups are larger in Norway, approximately 15 people per age group --> Nina and Rune will talk with local schools about choosing the age group.

3. **Personnel Exchange.** Staff from Finland (customer service, field personnel etc.) will visit Halti Center and Wild Salmon Exhibition (preferably during 2023). Interest from Norway to visit Finland? Hiking in the wilderness area? Get to know field practices? Etc.

Meetings and events

Dates	Organizer	
January	Rune/Heidi	Planning TBA conference.
March	MH	JMB meeting Kellokas?
May	MH/Reisa	European National Parc Day 24.05 - Kilpisjärvi
June	Reisa	Háldi Exchange Day 2024 – Reisa
September	Reisa / Kilpis	TransParcNet TBAmeeting
November	?	JMB