

Name of the project area:

Sankt Anna och Gryts skärgårdar

Surface area (ha): 12,887.000

EU protection status:

SPA X NATURA 2000 Code : SE0230055

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Mainly nature conservation (woodland 1%, husbandry 1% small islets 1% and water 97%) The land are used for small scale husbandry and extensive forestry.

Private land 80%

State owned land 20%

Main land uses and ownership status of the project area:

The archipelago of Sankt Anna and Gryt consists of a lot of larg and small islands. Not many coasts in the world have such a wide archipelago of islands as this. Most of the bedrock in the area is granit and gnejs. The bedrock is covered with only a thin layer of soil on many islands if soil exist at all, especially on the small ones. The larger islands contains more soil and rests from agriculturing and fishing culture can be seen on these islands. On the larger islands old pine forests are common and at some sites small areas of oak forests. The birdlife is rich in the area. A varied and interesting flora is also found on the islands. The biological values in the sea is also large, but not so well investigated.

Scientific description of project area:

The archipelago of Sankt Anna and Gryt is of national interest as a part of the archipelago at the coast of Östergötland. The archipelago is relatively unexploited in comparison with other parts of the archipelago along the Baltic Sea. The birdlife is very rich in the object. The site is of interest both for its biological and cultural values.

This is probably the most important area for *Sterna paradisaea* in Sweden.

The project will adress threats from overgrowing of grassland habitats and grazed forests by measures included in action C1, targeting 220.6 hectares (ha).

Habitats that will be improved by action C1:

1620: 32 ha

1630: 6.7 ha

8230: 27.3 ha

9070: 94 ha

Other grassland habitat: 9.1 ha

Other wooded habitats: 49 ha

Other land: 2.5 ha

Threats against ancient pollard trees will be adressd by action C2. In total 20 trees will be managed.

Habitats that will be improved by action C2:

9070: 3.2 ha

Threats from predation of *Mustela vison* on bird colonies will be managed by measures in action C5.

Uniform forest stands will be improved by measures in action C6, in total 15.2 ha.

Habitats that will be improved by action C6:

9010: 2.8 ha

Forests that will become 9010 after management and after some time has elapsed: 8.9 ha

Other land: 3.5 ha

Other uniform forest stands will be improved by measures in action C7, in total 70.5 ha.

Habitats that will be improved by action C7:

9070: 7.2 ha

9160: 4.1 ha

9190: 0.5 ha

Other wooded habitats that most likely will become 9070, 9160 or 9190 after management and after some time has elapsed: 58.7 ha.

The understanding of conservation issues related to Natura 2000 and accessibility for visitors will also

increase by actions E2 and E4 on several places (not exactly on the maps). Especially on the site Ämtö nature reserve are improvements for visitors planned.