

Name of the project area:

Horsö-Värnsnäs

Surface area (ha): 472.100

EU protection status:

SPA NATURA 2000 Code :

pSCI X NATURA 2000 Code : SE0330158

Woodland 50% (forestry in small parts), Husbandry 20% and water 30%.

The site is important for outdoor recreation.

Private owners 70%.

Municipally is owner of 30%.

Main land uses and ownership status of the project area:

Värnsnäs peninsula was until the early 1900s, open pastures with large solitary oak trees. Nowadays most of the peninsula is wooded. Today the area is dominated by coniferous forest with some mixed hardwoods. The flora of vascular plants is dominated by grasses. Herbs such as wood sorrel and lily of the valley as well as blueberries are common. The forest is commonly used for walking and there are many trails in the area. The western part of the peninsula still has a "pasture character". Among the large old oak trees are junipers and hazelbushes.

In the lowest parts are coastal meadows and large stands of reed.

Scientific description of project area:

Site with old hollow oaks (*Quercus robur*) harbouring the beetle *Osmoderma eremita* and several nationally endangered plants, lichen and invertebrate species. The site is pointed out as of National Interest for Nature conservation.

The project will address threats from overgrowing of grassland habitats and grazed forests by measures included in action C1, targeting 34.9 hectares (ha).

Habitats that will be improved by action C1:

9070; 21.8 ha

Other grassland habitat 0.8 ha

Wooded habitat 5.9 ha

Other land 6.4 ha

The project will address threats from overgrowing of coastal lagoons by restoring 5.8 ha, action C9.