

Name of the project area:

Horsvik

Surface area (ha): 14.100

EU protection status:

SPA **NATURA 2000 Code** :

pSCI **X NATURA 2000 Code** : SE0220124

The land use is husbandry 95% and woodland 5%.

The land is privately owned.

Main land uses and ownership status of the project area:

The natura 2000 site Horsvik is located in the central region of Södermanland archipelago. Horsvik is a small, coastal landscape characterized by small strips, herb-rich pastures, flower-rich rocks and small forests with grazing impacts. In the east occur coastal meadows.

The area consists of a landscape that is rich in relics from an earlier, largely agrarian "maritime" culture. Here are a number of stone walls from the early 1900s, mounds, ditches, older segments of a road and species-rich pastures. The buildings are of great historical interest with houses, sheds and other outbuildings built from the 1700s onwards.

The grounds are varied with everything from rich meadows to dry sandy soils and has a very rich flora of vascular plants. In the northern part are poor sand layers that are of interest to many vascular plants and also for insects that thrive in sandy exposures. One rare species here is the herb *Gentianella campestris*. The area is a hilly area of grazed forest. The area has several trees that have been pollarded. The arable land, that is grazed, is sandy and poor. In the west there are pasture lots that are currently not enforced.

The shallow sandy bottoms on the north shore is a fry chamber for flounder and turbot.

Scientific description of project area:

Updated data about the site in Natura 2000 have been reported to the Swedish Government, and a governmental decision about updates was taken in August 2012. The data in this application are in line with this update.

The sandy soils (and bottoms) are rare along the Swedish central baltic coast. This gives a rich flora and fauna of species rare in the region. 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

Importance of the project area for biodiversity and/or for the conservation of the species /habitat types targeted

at regional, national and EU level (give quantitative information if possible):

Surface description: included in action C1, targeting 0.5 ha.

Habitats that will be improved by action C1: 6270: 0.5 ha

Threats against ancient pollard trees will be addressed by action C2. In total 10 trees will be managed.

Habitats that will be improved by action C2:

6270: 0.7 ha

The understanding of conservation issues related to Natura 2000 for visitors will also increase by actions E2.