

OECEM work in Finland

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How OECM work has been organized in Finland

- OECM work has been lead by Ministry of the Environment (MoE)
- Participants from MoE, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Metsähallitus, and Natural Resources Institute in Finland (Luke)
- Thematic approach, e.g. forest and marine environments
- First step was to go through exiting target types
- As well as reviewing the IUCN criteria to define which areas are classified as protected areas, so to exclude them from OECM target type.



Progress of the work

- **Workshops (participation e.g. from SYKE, Ministry of the Defence, recreational fisherman, NGOs)**
- **Work in smaller groups**
- **Questionnaire e.g. general questions related to definitions, possibilities and challenges**
- **At the end area types were divided to different categories:**
 - **roughly suitable,**
 - **not suitable,**
 - **areas that needs more work**
- **Most of the marine types were in last category**
- **These need still more work at the area type level as well as on the level of individual**



OECEM criteria

A: Area is not currently recognized as a protected area

B: Area is governed and managed

C: Achieves sustained and effective contribution to in situ conservation of biodiversity

D: Associated ecosystem functions and services and cultural, spiritual, socio-economic and other locally relevant values



Discussed area types in Finland

Fisheries restriction areas

- A. Can overlap with PAs, either fully or partly
- B. Restrictions based on fishing legislation. Can be by gear type or by species and year-round or time bound
- C. Benefits for restricted fish species + reduced disturbance?
- D. Benefit for fish stocks

Rajoitukset

Ingarskilajoen edustan isorysäkielto
JS

Ingarskilajoen edustan troolaus ja nuottuskielto
JS

[Keskitä kartalla](#)

Voimassa tänään 📅 1.1 - 31.12
Jokisuukalastuksen kielto (meressä)

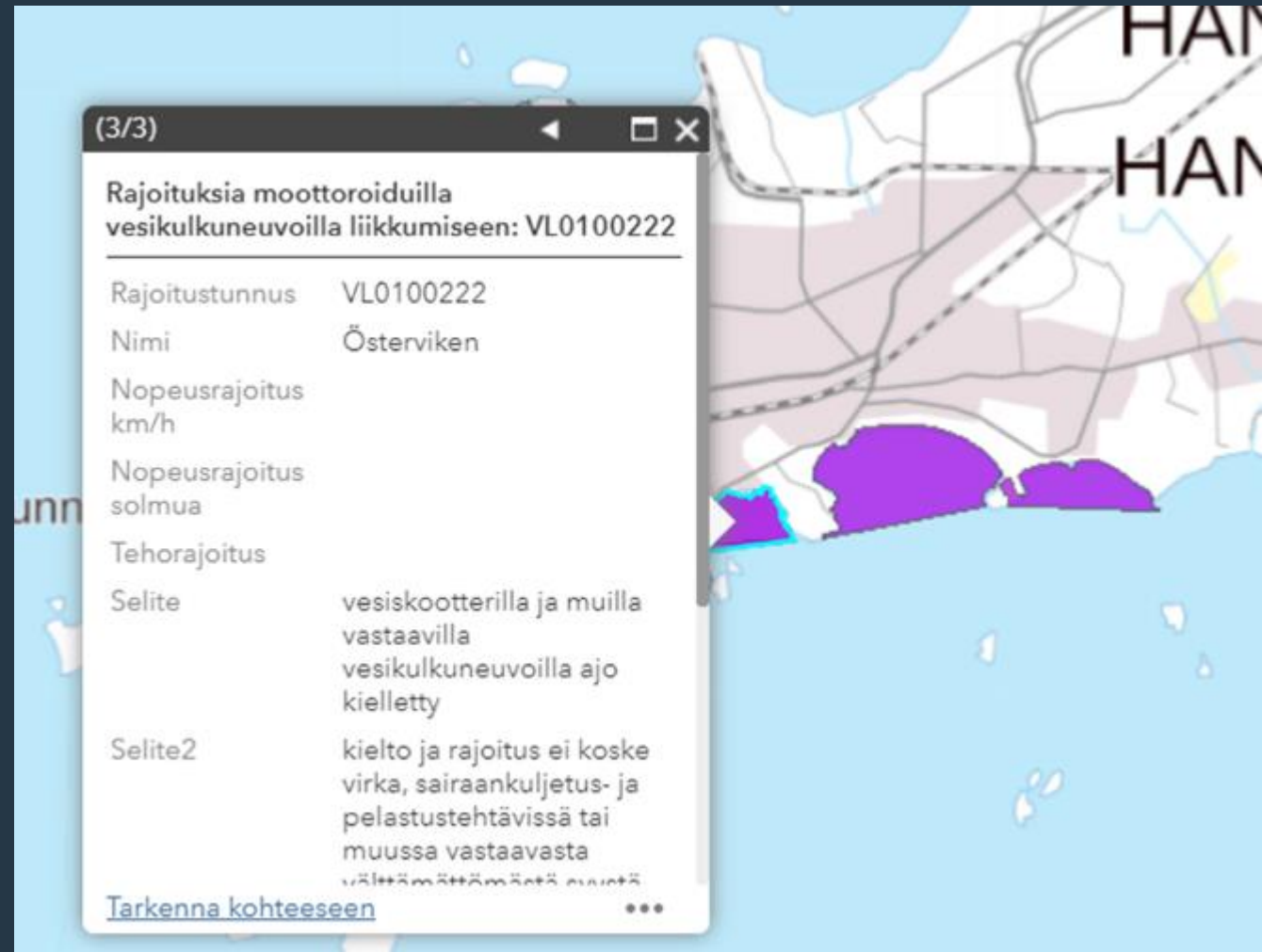
Lisätiedot: Vaelluskalavesistöön kuuluvassa joessa sekä meressä viittä kilometriä lähempänä tällaisen joen suuta on kalastus troolilla ja nuotalla kielletty. (kalastuslaki 66 §) Kalastuskieltoalue ei perustu maanmittaustoimituksella määritettyyn jokisuualueen rajaan vaan kalatalousviranomaisen näkemykseen



Discussed area types in Finland

Boating restriction areas

- A. Can overlap with PAs, either fully or partly
- B. Restrictions based on Water Traffic Act. Can be e.g. speed limits or ban on engine use. Restrictions can be based on environmental values.
- C. Sensitive shallow bottom communities and reduced disturbance?
- D. Recreation improves as noise from boat engines decreases?



Discussed area types in Finland

Restricted sea area under Navy

- A. Can overlap with PAs, either fully or partly
- B. Restrictions based on Territorial Surveillance Act
- C. Benefits of restrictions (e.g. anchoring the boats to the bottom, laying cables, dredging and disposal)
- D. ??



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Wrecks

- A. Can overlap with PAs
- B. Some wrecks have restricted access base on the Antiquities Act
- C. Decreased disturbance of species on the restricted sites?
- D. Conservation of cultural values?



Next steps

- The work on marine OECM will continue in the IP BIODIVERSA Life project
- HELCOM workshop in February 2022
- Arctic OECM work under PAME and CAFF



A photograph of a lush green landscape. In the foreground, there is a path made of dark, wet stones or pebbles, partially covered by tall, vibrant green grass. The path leads towards a dense forest of tall, dark green trees in the background. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Thank you!

Photo: Metsähallitus