



Reference group meeting in Framnäs, Piteå, Sweden, March 20, 2009

Summary for transnational dissemination.

1. All participants were welcomed and presented themselves (see Appendix 1).
2. Göran and Håkan made a short presentation of the project, particularly directed to new representatives.
3. Göran briefly recapitulated the results from the previous meeting, November 20, and also gave an account of the Icelandic reference group meeting February 26.
4. Håkan made an overview of different systems for authorization and certification of hunting tourism companies and guides, and there was a discussion about how to develop this in Sweden, particularly in the project area. Mats presented a figure from a recent poll where 92% of the companies were positive to a documentation of the entrepreneurs' competence level.
There were two main possibilities presented for reaching a widespread certification, that the entrepreneurs bring up the question in their organizations, and that the land-owners put demands on the companies leasing their hunting rights. The problems are difficult to solve at a local or regional level and will need to be brought up to the national level.
5. Göran presented a summary from Fredrik Dahl, SLU, about the project's interview study about social acceptance for hunting tourism. There will be more information about this on the next reference group meeting. We also informed about the project's upcoming international seminar about this matter in Umeå in September.
6. Mats informed about the seminar that will be held on March 31 at the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry in Stockholm about education and training for nature tourism.
7. The next reference group meeting will be in late May or early June .

Notes and English summary were made by Göran Sjöberg.



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Appendix:

Participants at the meeting

Mats Andersson (Hushållningssällskapet Rådgivning Nord/ Rural Business Development & Västerbottens Jakt- och Fiskegille/Västerbotten Hunting and Fishing Guild)
Owe Geibrink (Jägareförbundet i Norrbotten/Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management)
Håkan Gyllbring (Hushållningssällskapet Rådgivning Nord/Rural Business Development & Swedish Lapland Hunting Network)
Tommy Holmberg (NordGuide)
Roger Kempainen (Kommunförbundet i Norrbottens län/Kommunförbundet i Norrbottens län/Association of Local Authorities))
Torsten Nilsson (Länsstyrelsen i Norrbotten/County Administrative Board)
Björn Rutström (Markägargruppen/The Land-owner Group Norrbotten county)
Dan Rönnkvist (Markägargruppen The Land-owner Group, Västerbotten county)
Göran Sjöberg (SLU)

The following representatives could not participate:

Fredrik Dahl (SLU)
Göran Ericsson (SLU)
Karin Hedström (LRF Norrbotten och Västerbotten/Federation of Swedish Farmers)
Jan-Erik Jaensson (Swedish Lapland)
Björn Jonsson (Länsstyrelsen i Västerbottens län/County Administrative Board)
Maria Kjellström (Svenska Ekoturismföreningen/Swedish Ecotourism Association)
Helén Larsson, (Svenska Samernas Riksförbund/ Association of Swedish reindeer-herding communities)
Torbjörn Lövbom (Jägareförbundet i Västerbotten/Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management)
Jimmy Pettersson/Sofia Hammarskjöld (Sveaskog naturupplevelser AB)
Robert Pettersson (Etour, Mittuniversitetet/Mid-Sweden university)