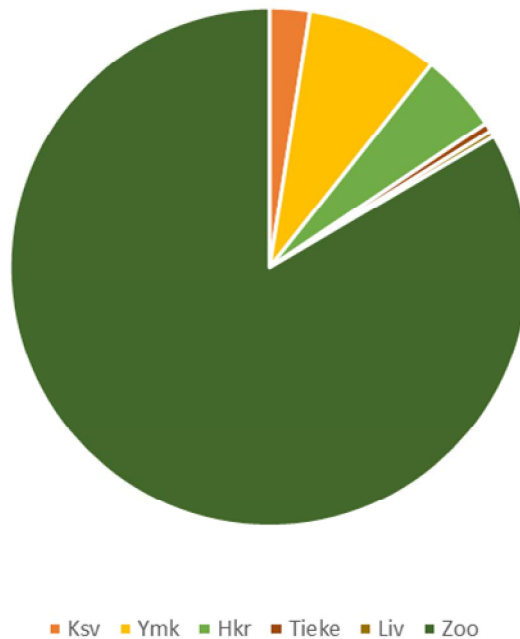


## Indicator 15: Biodiversity budget



**Figure: The division of the biodiversity budget between different municipal departments.** The city of Helsinki spent more than 10 million euros in the conservation of biodiversity in the year 2014. This figure includes both expenses and investments. The figure was divided between six departments. The lion's share was allotted to the maintenance of the Korkeasaari Zoo, and the second largest amount was used by the Environment Centre. The amount allotted to the zoo is prominent in the figure, as the budget of the zoo is included in full. This is because the objective of the whole function of the zoo is the conservation of biodiversity and environmental education. It should also be noted that the zoo also has income. In 2014, the income of the zoo was in excess of 4 million euros. Explanation of abbreviations: Ksv = City Planning Department, Ymk = Environment Centre, Hkr = Department of Civil Works, Tiek = Urban Facts, Liv = Sports Department, Zoo = Korkeasaari Zoo.

### Status:

Money is used for the conservation of biodiversity in a number of departments. Sometimes it is difficult to determine precisely which funding is used primarily for activities associated with biodiversity. Departments announce the funding used for environmental activities divided according to different categories in their annual environmental report. In the calculation of this indicator, it was decided that funding in the category Nature and Landscape Conservation would be included in this indicator, unless it is not intended primarily for the conservation of biodiversity. For instance, all of the salary costs in this category were included, though money intended for the maintenance of keys for washing rugs was not.

It was also decided that the whole budget of the municipally owned Korkeasaari Zoo would be included, as the purpose of the zoo is the conservation of biodiversity and associated environmental education. The budget of the Environment Centre is recorded separately. The proportion of their funding incorporated in this indicator was determined by an expert evaluation.

The combined expenses of biodiversity costs and investments amounted to approximately 10 552 million euros. The total of expenses and investments for the municipality in 2014 amounted to 7 386 billion euros. The proportion of the budget assigned to biodiversity was therefore ca. 0.14% of the total budget.

**Score:**

0 points: < 0.4%

1 point: 0.4% - 2.2%

2 points: 2.3% - 2.7%

3 points: 2.8% - 3.7%

4 points: > 3.7%

**Monitoring:**

This indicator is monitored by carrying out the same evaluation in monitoring years as now. Attention should be given to how the definition of expenditure related to biodiversity.

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