

## Indicator 18: Institutional Capacity



**Figure: Natural History Museum.** The Natural History Museum is one of three public institutions of The Finnish Museum of Natural History LUOMUS. This building is located in the inner city and houses four permanent exhibitions and also occasional temporary exhibitions. The permanent exhibitions are Finnish Nature, World Nature, History of Life and Story of the Bones (Photograph: Helsinki City Picturebank/Csaszar-Grosschmid).

### Status:

In addition to the Environment Centre, the institutions in Helsinki that support biodiversity are The Finnish Museum of Natural History (LUOMUS) and the Korkeasaari Zoo. There are three institutions that comprise the Museum of Natural History: The Natural History Museum, The Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden and the Kumpula Botanical Garden. These institutions are built around the zoological, botanical and mycological collections, as well as the geological and palaeontological collections that are managed by LUOMUS. The Korkeasaari Zoo, which is owned by the municipality, disseminates to the public information on biodiversity and participates in international tasks of species conservation. Gardenia Oy, which is owned jointly by the municipality of Helsinki and the University of Helsinki and located in Viikki, comprises a glasshouse and an information point on the local nature.

The municipality of Helsinki is also one of the funders of the Finnish Nature Centre Haltia, which is located in Espoo. The exhibitions of Haltia present Finland's National Parks and the green spaces of the capital region. The schools of Helsinki utilize the services of Haltia in their teaching.

Altogether there are seven institutions, including their separate units. There are also, for instance, Nature School activities organized in conjunction with these institutions, though nature schools have not been recorded as separate activities.

#### Luomus

- Museum of Natural History
- Kumpula Botanical Garden
- Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden

#### Korkeasaari Zoo

#### Harakka Nature Centre

#### Helsinki Gardenia

#### Score:

0 points: No activities

1 point: 1 activity

2 points: 2 activity

3 points: 3 activity

4 points: > 3 activity

#### Monitoring:

This indicator is monitored by checking the status of previously reported activities, and whether new activities have been initiated. Helsinki is accorded an excellent score for this indicator, thus the objective is to ensure that the value does not decrease.

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