

1 point: 1 additional species
2 points: 2 additional species
3 points: 3 additional species
4 points: 4 additional species

Monitoring:

All of the bird species that occur in Helsinki will not appear in the survey of the Old City Bay. The fauna is biased towards species of aquatic and semi-aquatic habitats. On the other hand, the utilization of this source is rational because of the regular monitoring that takes place there. Otherwise possible variation in the sites used for monitoring can lead to errors in the indicator. The monitoring of this indicator could be improved by the incorporation of bird monitoring in the archipelago and the establishment of an additional monitoring site in a forested area, for instance. When considering the results of this indicator it should be born in mind that the Old City Bay is protected because of its avifauna. Management practises that are implemented at the site are for the purpose of maintaining a diverse and viable avifauna. This area does not therefore represent the average Helsinki green space. On the other hand, if this indicator shows a decline in biodiversity, then this must be taken as a very serious signal.

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