

Indicator 17: Biodiversity Politics, Rules and Regulations

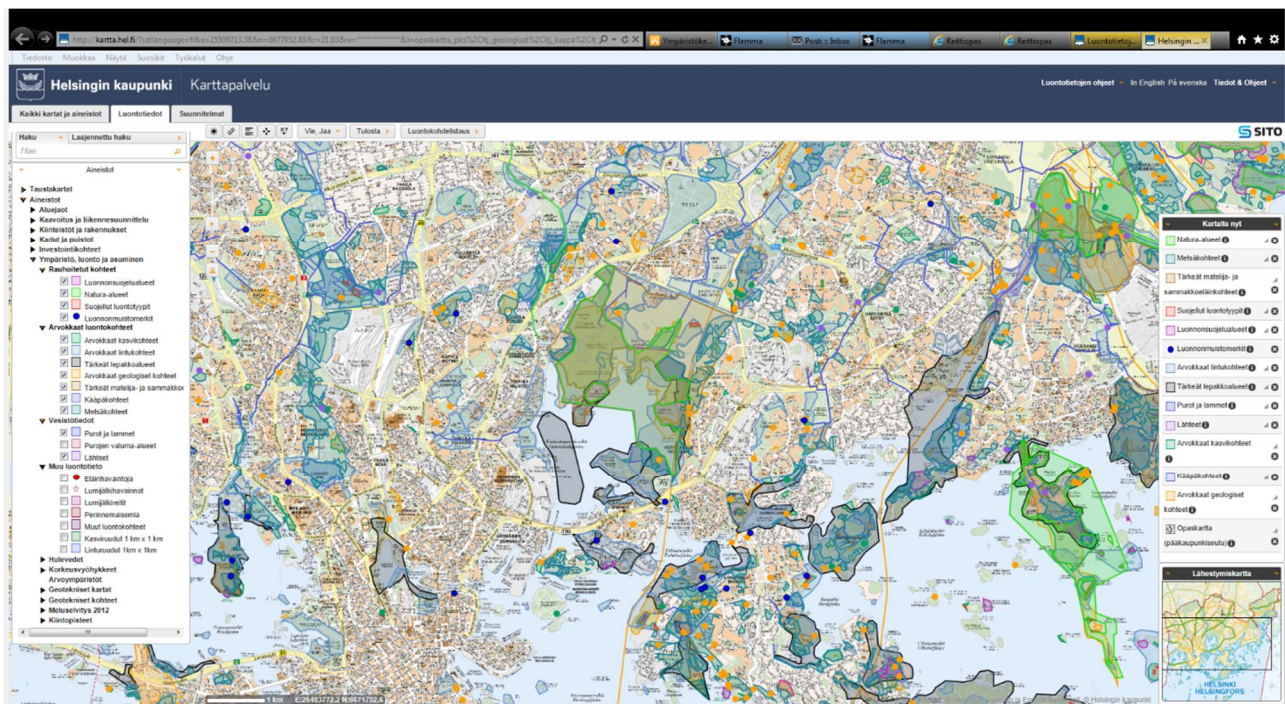


Figure: Nature Information System. The Nature Information System is maintained as part of Helsinki's Action Plan for the Conservation of Biodiversity. The Nature Information System is freely available to citizens though a small amount of data is reserved for official use.

Status in Helsinki:

An Action Plan for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Helsinki was drafted for the period 2008 – 2017. The implementation of the Action Plan is monitored regularly. The baseline for the Action Plan has been set as the national level Strategy for the Conservation of Biodiversity and the Environment Programme for the region of Uusimaa. The national strategy is based on the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Helsinki Action Plan includes 12 CBD initiatives. The universal responsibility for nature and biodiversity is also written into the Finnish Constitution (20 §).

Score:

0 points: No local biodiversity strategy or action plan

1 point: There is a local plan but it does not include elements of a national plan

2 points: There is a local plan which includes elements of a national plan but no CBD initiatives.

3 points: There is a local plan which includes elements of a national plan and 1-3 CBD initiatives.

4 points: There is a local plan which includes elements of a national plan and at least four CBD initiatives.

Monitoring:

The monitoring of this indicator is based on the updating of the Helsinki Conservation of Biodiversity Action Plan. Currently the result for this indicator is excellent, so the objective is to ensure that the level does not fall.

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