

BIOSPHERE CANDIDACY

Storkriket

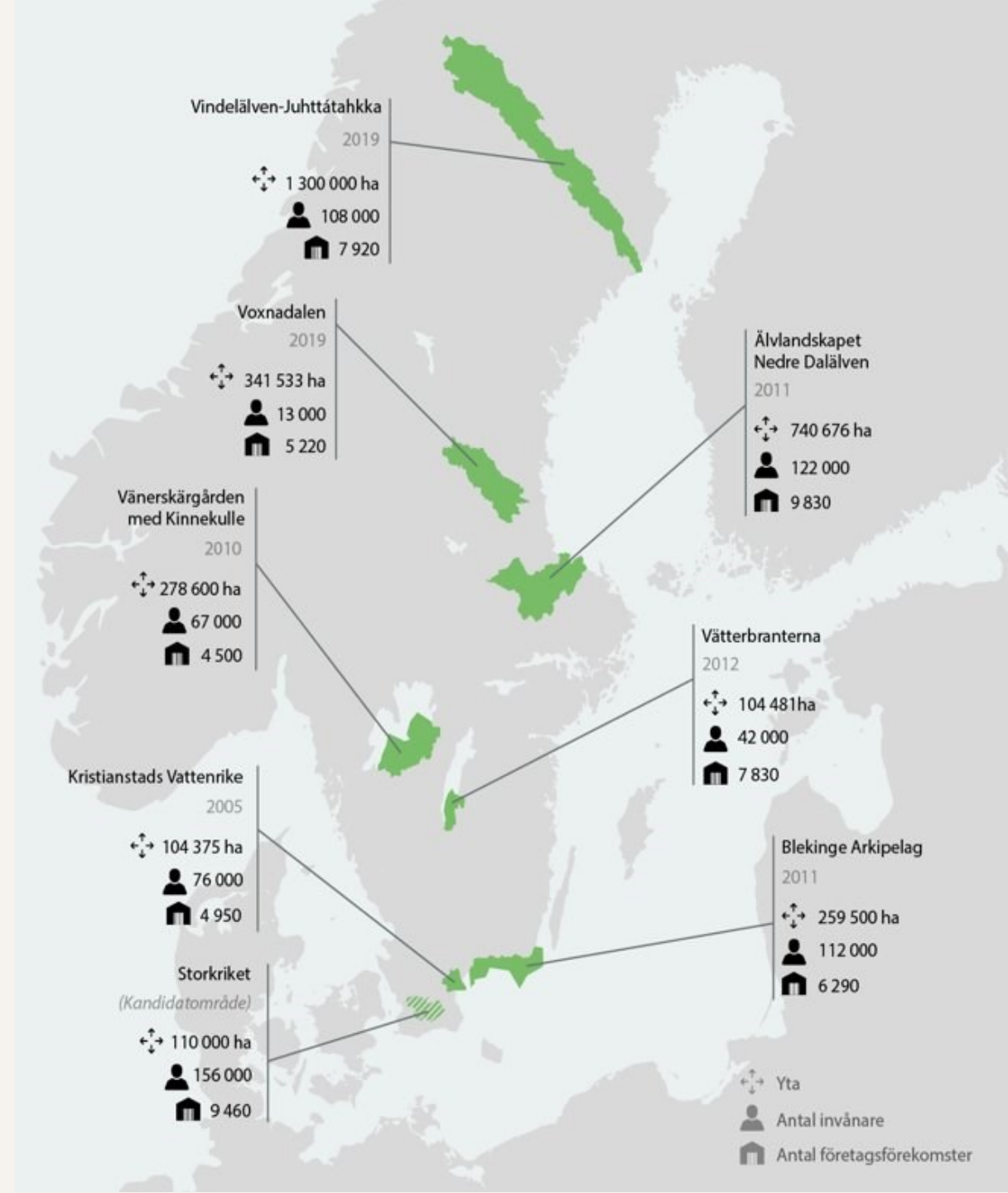
Follow the journey towards a new UNESCO biosphere reserve in southern Sweden.



About the candidate biosphere reserve



7 biosphere reserves in Sweden and one candidate, Storkriket



Becoming a biosphere reserve...

2008-2019

The idea comes from local engagement. Pre-study 2017-2019



2020: We become an official candidate

Sweden's biosphere program appoints, and the candidacy is approved



2021-2022

The municipalities provide resources to carry out the candidacy and staff was hired.



2023: Proposal for application

A proposal for the biosphere area was presented in 2023, sent out for consultation and adjusted.

2024-2025

A decision was made by the city councils of the three municipalities.

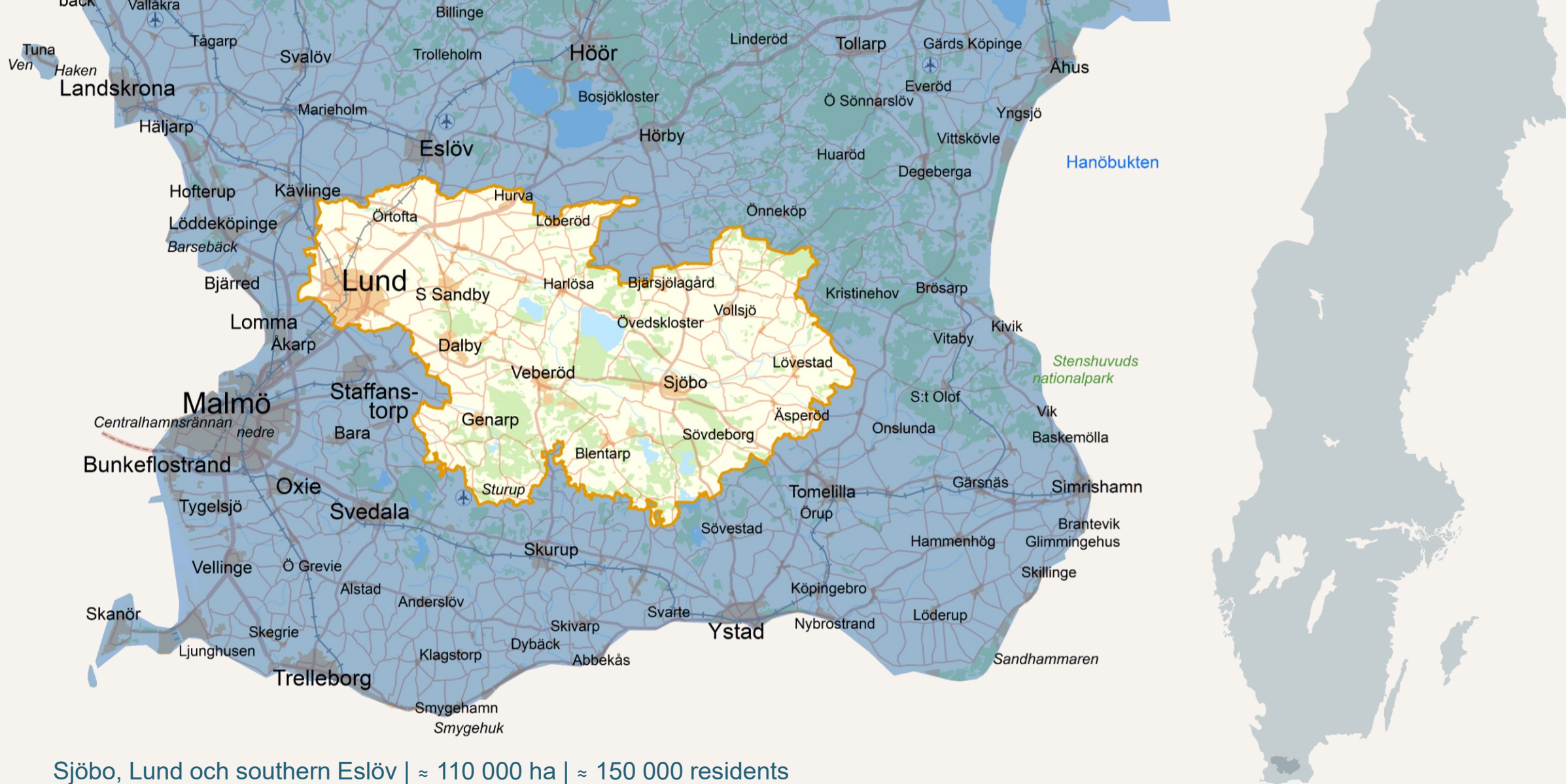
The application is processed at the national level, and the decision on the nomination was made by the Swedish government on August 22, 2024.



2025: The application is processed

Final decision by UNESCO's global board.





Sjöbo, Lund och southern Eslöv | $\approx 110\ 000$ ha | $\approx 150\ 000$ residents
 60 % agricultural land, 24 % forest, 9 % built area 7 % other land

High rate of exploitation, one of Europe's fastest-growing metropolitan regions (Malmö/Lund).
 $\approx 9,200$ ha protected areas under Swedish Environmental Code and EU's Habitats and Birds Directive. $\approx 4,500$ ha military training field - Revinge Hed

Why a new biosphere reserve here?



Geology

The area exhibits many interesting geological shapes and features. The surrounding ridges were created by bedrock movements 400 million years ago. The area is the zone between the Baltic shield and the Euroasian plate. The soils and some landforms in the area were formed during the last ice age.



Biodiversity

Approximately 15,600 species are registered in Storkriket. In the area, 1,054 red-listed species have been recorded. This represents 22% of the country's red-listed species, while Storkriket accounts for only 0,25% of the country's total area.



Food production and water supply

The areas contain one of the best agricultural soils in Sweden and water supply from the area is important - even beyond the borders of Storkriket.



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Outdoor recreation

The area serve as a green lung for southwestern Scania. Storkriket offers a variation of recreation opportunities important for public health and local economies.



Rich cultural values

Cultural landscape, cultural history is unique.



Research and innovation Environment

The three major universities lying within or close by is , Lund University, Malmö University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU Alnarp). Lund university is repeatedly ranked as one of the top 100 in the world.



Nature and landscape in Storkriket

Storkriket is the core area in Sweden for the Scandinavian red deer. Hearing the roar of red deer on a calm September night is perhaps one of the strongest nature experiences to be found in Storkriket

There are many species associated with meadows and sandy soils, including the pasqueflower. Grazing domestic animals in Storkriket contribute to biodiversity and keep the landscape open

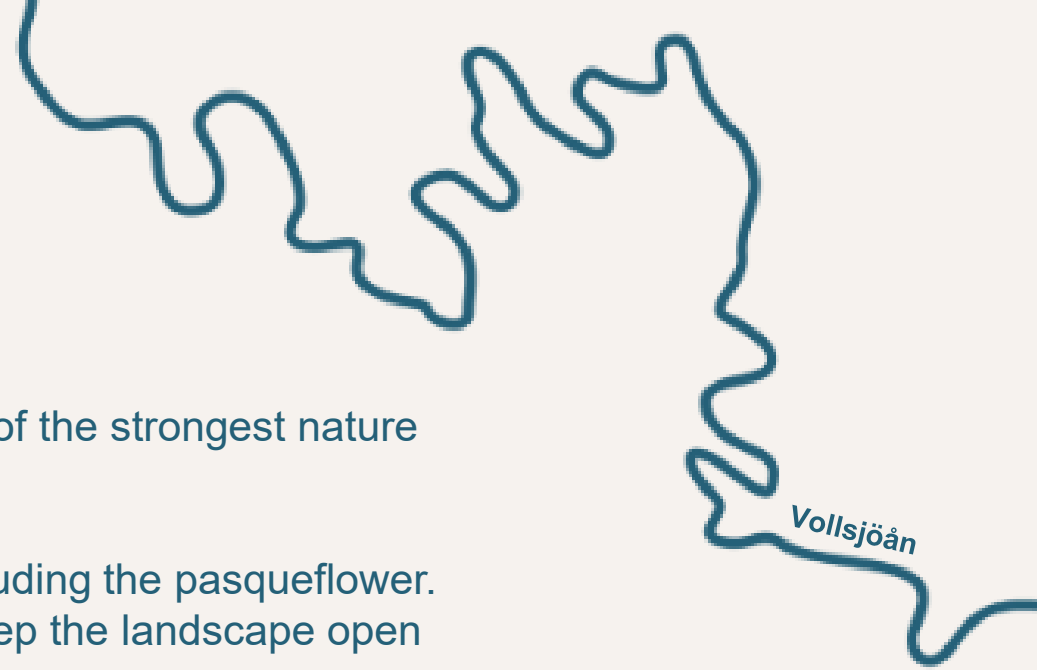


Photo: Vombs ängar, Anders Jarnemo

Valuable food production

Parts of the area has one of the best agricultural soils in Sweden, very important for the self sufficiency of the country.

The area produce significant amounts of cereal, canola sugar beets.

There are several major conflicts of interest related to agricultural land, including minimizing construction on agricultural land, as well as conflicts of interest regarding environmental destruction linked to production.





**Lake Vombsjön provides water to
500,000 people**

Rich cultural values

Storkriket is the most castle-dense part of Sweden with 14 castles

- Dalby Church is the oldest stone church in the Nordic region and was built in the 11th Century

- The cathedral in Lund became the seat of a bishop for all of Scania and Blekinge

- Flyinge Kungsgård a one of the oldest stud farms in the world, dating back to the 12th century



The stork – a symbol that change is possible

The stork was a common sight in the old Scanian agricultural landscape. Then something happened. Humans began to farm the land in new ways, and the stork disappeared. In 1954, the last pair of storks nested in Sweden, in Storkriket, on a farm along the river Klingavälsån before they became extinct in Sweden,

Since the 1980s, people have been working to bring wild storks back to the landscape – and in 2014, the first wild pair nested again in the area. It is a story about the human relationship with nature. How we need it, how we impact it, and how that relationship is in no way static."

Storkriket – here new ideas are born and engagement flourishes.
Storkriket – whose efforts have the potential to take flight



Strategic plan and initiatives



Focus areas - Storkriket strategy

1.

Well-functioning ecosystems and rich biological diversity



2.

Smart water management



3.

Valuable agricultural landscape and farming



4.

Successful interaction between urban and rural areas



5.

Fantastic attractions and accessible outdoor recreation



Biosphere festival

– a way to engage the community

Event that celebrates and highlights the values of Storkriket.

People come together to learn more about nature, sustainability, environmental protection, and the local community's commitment and highlight the engagement of local stakeholders.

The festival include a variety of activities such as lectures, workshops, guided nature walks, art exhibitions, and local markets.





Biosfärfestivalen 2024

Välkommen till att fira att vi är på god väg att få ett nytt biosfärområde i Skåne - Biosfärområde Storkrike! Festivalen arrangeras mellan 7-15 mer

3 329 visningar
Senast ändrad 29 augusti

Lägg till ett lager + Dela Ö Förtitt

Event 2024

Enhetlig stil

Alla inlägg (53)

Grundkarta

Studiefrämjandet

ODLA DIN EGEN MAT

Föreläsning med Landet Oss & Rundvisning på Mossagården

TORSDAG 14/9 KL 17-19.30

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Mossagården, Veberöd
www.studiefremjandet.se

BIOSFÄR FESTIVALEN 2023

Öppen trädgård



Fantastic attractions and accessible outdoor recreation

Project "Our place in the biosphere"

Financed by : The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth and EU Rural Development Program

Collaboration with local tourism industry

Development of trails and outdoor recreation

Financed by : EU Rural Development Program

The hiking trail Storkrundan

A combined hiking and riding trail called the Säkra Slingan.



Säkra Slingan i Vollsjö



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REDIRECT – regenerative tourism

Financed by : Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme.

Start in March 2025

Will test ideas for regenerative tourism.

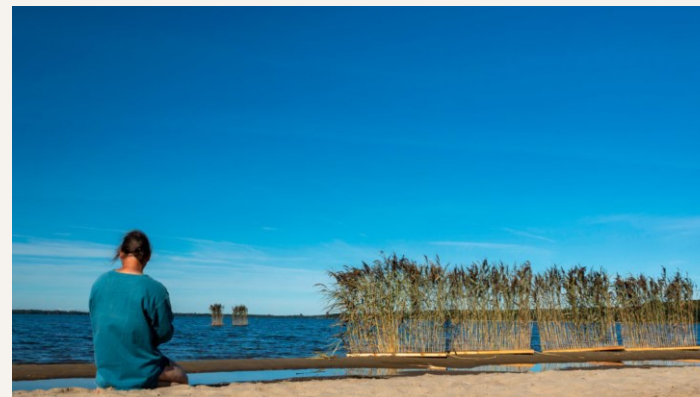
Ideas from other BR is appreciated 😊



Cultural initiatives as a method for sustainable development



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Land Art Live Vombsjön

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Tack till följande organisationer för samarbeten och stöd



Thank you!



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