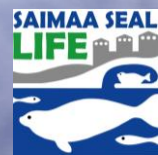


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After LIFE Saimaa Seal

Platform meeting, Punkaharju 11.6.2018

Raisa Tiilikainen



NEW INFORMATION

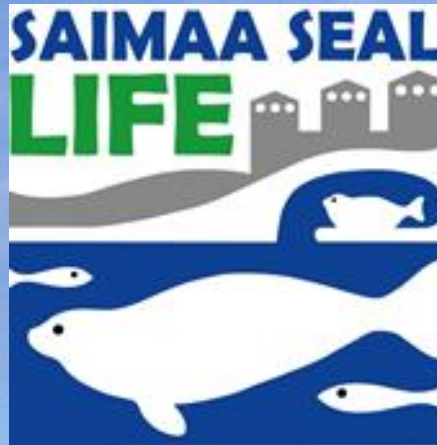
- Mortality of pups and young UEF + MH (game cameras 200/yr and under-water surveys)
- Permanent distribution area of the seal MH
- Habitat use of the seal UEF
- > **update of Saimaa seal conservation strategy and action plan in 2017**

HUMAN-INDUCED DISTURBANCE

- 34 ha islands, 670 ha water areas purchased on key seal areas
- Human disturbance during breeding season analyzed. Guidelines drafted for land use planning and possible conflict points between shoreline development and breeding sites mapped in 6 N2000 areas
- MH + ESAELY
 - Information maps
<https://julkaisut.metsa.fi/julkaisut/show/2183>
- Management plans (Joutenvesi-Enonvesi-Pyyvesi & Orivesi-Pyhäselkä N2000 areas) & N2000 site condition assessments (6), rules and regulations for conservation areas (3)
- Marking of conservation and restriction areas

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- Man-made snowdrift method MH + UEF



REDUCING FISHING INDUCED MORTALITY

- Promoting of seal-safe fishing gear SLL, WWF, ESAELY
- **Update of Fishing act 2016**
- Enhancing control over regulations protecting the seal MH
 - Game and fish warden & ranger

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Lair inventories, population monitoring MH+ WWF
- Man-made snowdrifts

KNOWLEDGE ON SAIMAA RINGED SEAL

- Children (>10000), summer residents (>60000), recreational fishers, tourists
- Diverse information on Saimaa seal and its conservation
 - Brochures, workshops, presentations
 - Riihisaari Provincial Museum exhibition renewal in 2018
 - ABC Kuortti Service Station

www.metsa.fi/web/en/saimaaseallife
www.nationalparks.fi/en/saimaa-ringed-seal



LIFE Saimaa Seal ends in Dec 2018

- is there life after LIFE?

Management plans

Brochures, leaflets

Saimaa seal conservation strategy and action plan 2017

Exhibitions/information points in Riihisaari Provincial museum in Savonlinna >50000 annual visitors & Kuortti ABC Service station >3 million annual visitors

Update of the Fishing Act 2016

- Seal safe fyke
- New fishing restriction areas

34 hectares land (islands) area from Lake Pihlajavesi, Lake Lietvesi and Lake Katosselkä, and 670 hectares water areas from Lake Katosselkä purchased in 2015, and integrated into the existing state owned **conservation areas**.

Network of local volunteers in population monitoring (lair counts) and for man-made snowdrift method

AFTER-LIFE plan according to the Grant Agreement

- Produced as part of the Final Report
- Printed (300 copies FI/EN/SWE->RU) and electronic formats
- How the conservation activities initiated in the LIFE Saimaa Seal project will be continued and developed?
- What actions will be carried out, when, and by whom?
 - Saimaa ringed seal conservation strategy and action plan 2017-2022
 - Fishing Act 2016, restriction areas
- Resources?
- Regional volunteers, collaboration between stakeholders



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Thank you! Kiitos!

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