

Ecological Sustainability in Urban National Parks

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The Aim of the workshop

The main aim is to find the **biggest threats** to the ecological sustainability in the Urban National Parks. Then we will try to find solutions to the threats.

- Lahemaa National park
- Alutaguse National park
- Nuukso National Park
- Tyresta National Park





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Think about this alone

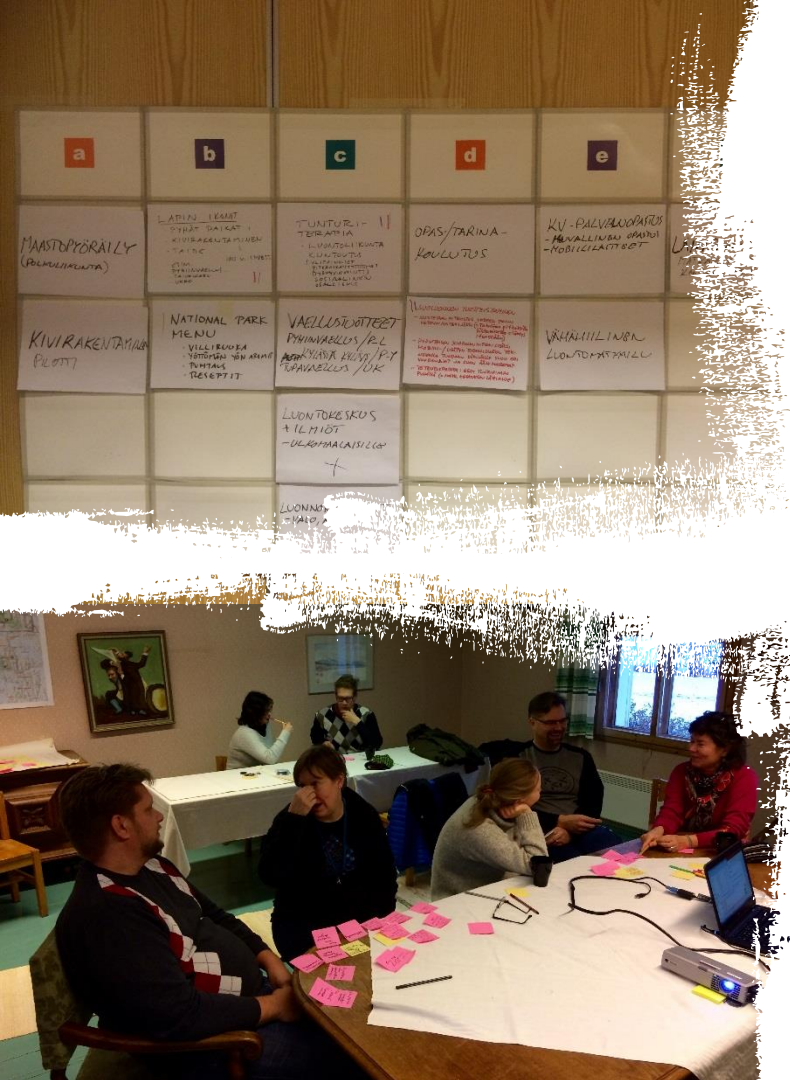
- Think about the biggest threats to the ecological sustainability in your area.
 - Do not think about solutions yet
 - Think about the ecological values of your NP
- Time frame:
 - 2019-2024
- Choose the 3 most important issues and write them on a A4 paper.
- Time for this about 5 minutes



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Think about this together

- Present your own "threats" to your group, in turn
 - Time 10 min
- Discuss the issue and group your threats into bigger sections.
 - Time 10 min
- Choose together the five most important threats and present them to the whole group.
 - Time 10 min
- Summarize your threats into 1-2 words (1 threat / A4-paper)
 - ex parking overload
- Time altogether 30 min



A photograph of a forest with many thin tree trunks. In the foreground, a birch tree trunk is in sharp focus, showing its characteristic white bark with dark, lichen-covered patches. The background is filled with other tree trunks, mostly blurred, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is soft, suggesting a forest interior.

Break



Prioritate



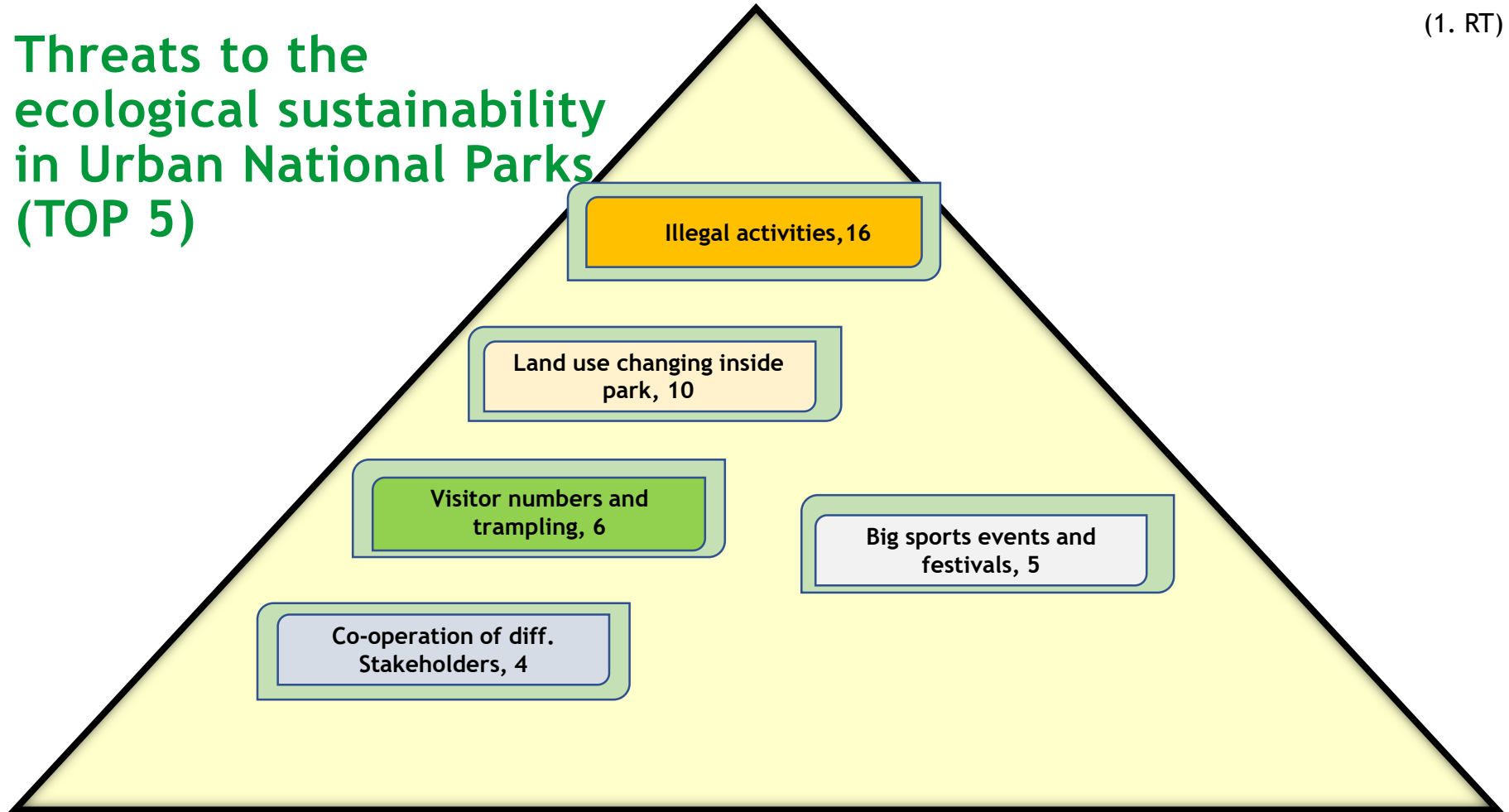
- Read the threats the other groups have chosen
- You have 3 votes
- Choose the 3 most important threats in your opinion.
 - Note which one you have chosen
- Finally the votes will be counted



The most important threats to the ecological sustainability in Urban National Parks 2019-2024

Land use in the surrounding area, 0	Illegal activities,0	Off the tracks ,0	Visitor management,0
Uncontrolled visitations, miss behavior, 16	Visitor numbers and trampling, 6	Illegal fire places,0	Managing cultural landscapes,
Land use changing inside the park, 10	Building inside the park,0	Lack of infrastructure, 1	Forest managemnet,
Quality of forestry, 2	Extensive use of nature resources, 1	Hot spots in the area, 1	Co-operation of diff. stakeholders
Big sports events and festivals, 5	People and money, 1	Co-operation of entrepreneurs, 4	

Threats to the ecological sustainability in Urban National Parks (TOP 5)



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Think about this alone

- Remind yourself of the most important threats to the ecological sustainability of Urban National Parks
- Think about possible solutions to the threats.
- Time frame:
 - 2019-2024
- Choose the 1-3 most important solutions and write them on a A4 paper.
- Time for this bout 5 minutes



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Think about this together

- Present your own thoughts about the most important solutions to your group
 - Time 10 min
- Discuss the issue and group your solutions into bigger sections according to the threats.
 - Time 10 min
- Choose together the 1-5 most important solutions and present them to the whole group.
 - Time 10 min
- Summarize your threats into 1-2 words
 - Threat → 1-5 solutions (A4-paper)
- Time altogether 30 min



The most important solutions to the threat Illegal activities, miss behaviour

- Educate people, give information
- Rangers in the Park
- Clear signs
- Fines
- Educate the young people (who influence their parents)
- Responsibility
- Social media, influencers, ambassadors
- Find new ways to contact people, social media groups
- Use the same language as the target group
- Tell WHY something is forbidden



The most important solutions to the threat

Land use changing, building inside park

- Regulations
- Better supervising
- Funds for the farmers
- Innovations
- Management plan for the area
- Cooperation with the farmers (and between the farmers)



The most important solutions to the threat

Visitor numbers and trampling, off the track activities

- Good and well managed infrastructure
- Information available
- Better designed infrastructure for Urban people
- Co-operation with stakeholders
- Make trails more interested (mobile apps) (same trail - new experiences)
- Make a restricted zone if it is the only solution
- Different zones, more strict rules further from the boundaries
- Better co-operation with the entrepreneurs, build a network, meetings yearly



The most important solutions to the threat

Big sports events and festivals

- Co-operation with stakeholders
- Event management guidelines
- Timing, the time of year
- Check the area before and after together with the organiser
- Applications for events need to be sent well in advance (info about this)



The most important solutions to the threat

Lack of co-operation of diff. Stakeholders or entrepreneurs

- Co-operation council
- Yearly events for the stakeholders
- Partnership system with the entrepreneurs (with some reward, logo-use, company info on the NP website)
- Good websites
- Some channel to the partners (mobil?)



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