

Nordic biodiversity beyond 2010 – challenges and experiences in a global perspective

A Nordic symposium with an outlook to the world

26-27 October 2009

Venue: Trondheim, Norway

Aim of the symposium

2010 is approaching and it is time to make up a status for Nordic biodiversity, and to look beyond 2010. Have the Nordic countries reached the goal of halting the loss of biodiversity? How do we know? How can we use our experiences of success and failure to move on? We have to set new targets and develop new tools. This symposium wants to provide the necessary insight to start this work. The recommendations will form part of the processes under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, presented to the 10. COP in Japan in 2010.

Contents of the symposium

The symposium will overall concentrate on these three themes:

1. **Nordic biodiversity:** status, trends and tools for monitoring
2. **Drivers of change:** What is the status of the drivers that influence biodiversity in a negative or positive way? Further actions? How could future targets address drivers in an efficient way?
3. **Measures taken:** What are the measures the Nordic countries have taken to preserve and enhance biodiversity? How do they relate to the 2010 target? Should the targets be formulated differently to increase political interest or stimulate new action? What new measures can or should be developed?

On all these three themes, overviews and examples will be given of national work that has been done in the Nordic Countries, and of Nordic cooperation.

Tentative program

The first day the scene is set for the participants by short introductions and comments on the three themes: Nordic biodiversity, Drivers of change and Measures taken.

The second day will be a “working day”. Based on day 1, the symposium participants will through working groups develop recommendations for further action. A message to the COP 10 will be formulated.

Target group

Main target groups of the symposium will be representatives from relevant authorities, non-governmental organizations and research institutions, who are working towards the goal of halting the loss of biodiversity in the Nordic countries. To facilitate discussions based on sound scientific knowledge, experts on all the mentioned themes will be invited.

Location

The symposium will take place at the Rica Nidelven Hotel in the centre of the City of Trondheim, Norway. Nestled on the banks of the river Nidelven, the hotel is just 32 kilometres from Trondheim Airport, Værnes. The airport bus stops right in front of the hotel and the railway station is just 500 meters away.

This is a working symposium, and the number of participants is limited to approximately 100. More information on participation, including the program for the symposium comes later!