

# Environmental Protection and Sustainable Nature Tourism in the Inari-Pasvik Area



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The Pasvik-Inari region is the area where Norway, Finland and Russia converge. The area offers a unique example of cooperative nature protection; with three nations working together to protect a continuous stretch of land crossing three national borders. The lush valley of the Pasvik River stretches from Lake Inari towards the Barents Sea, appearing as a nerve of life in the wide, forested landscape.

## Trilateral cooperation

This trilateral cooperation between environmental authorities emerged in the late 1980s. The main objectives being; to unite the protected areas under a common name, and to establish a formal framework for the management of the common area despite the national borders.

## Transboundary Park – following nature's design

In 2008 Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park was awarded the European certification for EUROPARCs 'Transboundary Park – following nature's design'. This certification provides managers of the protected areas with tools for maintaining a long lasting, workable cooperation for nature management in the future.

## Sustainable Nature Tourism and Harmonised Nature Research and Monitoring

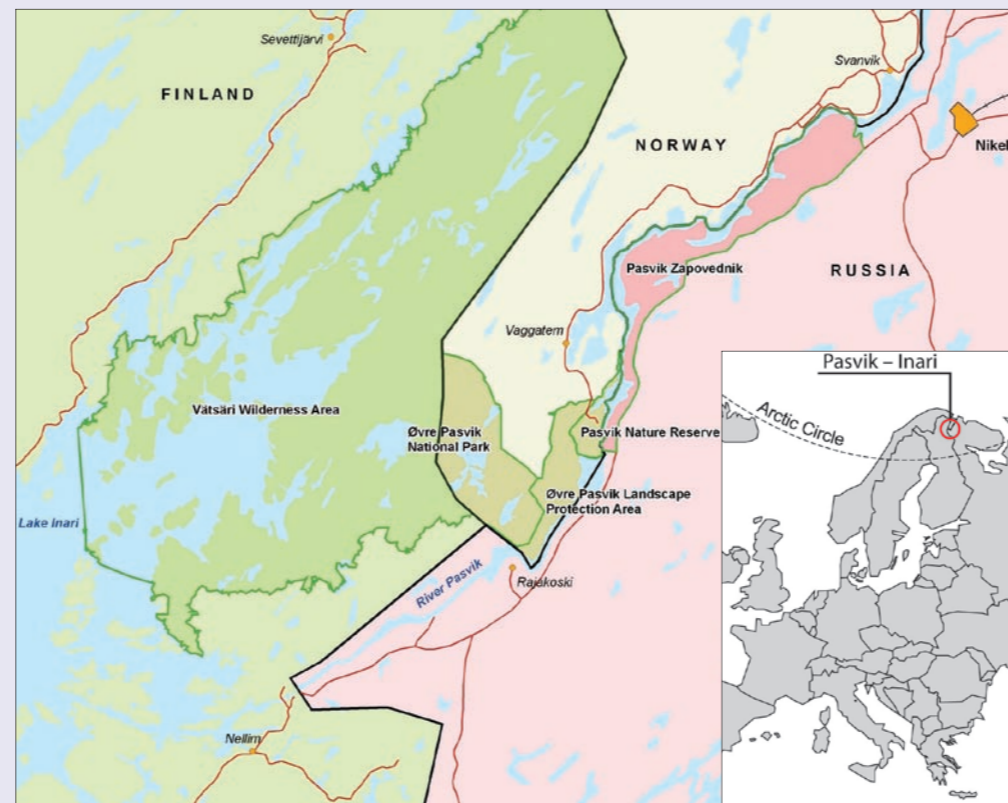
The Pasvik-Inari area shows great potential for the development of nature tourism. However, the sub-arctic nature is vulnerable and sensitive to human impacts. Environmental research and monitoring provide important knowledge for environmental management. By harmonizing monitoring and research methods, the limited knowledge of border crossing species will increase profoundly. The key species that the cooperation focuses on are: brown bear, golden eagle and various waterbirds.

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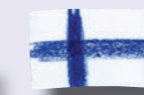
# Pasvik Inari

## Trilateral Park

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I naturvernssammenheng er Pasvik-Enare området unikt da et sammenhengende område fra Russland, Norge og til Finland er vernet. Miljøvernssamarbeidet mellom de tre landene har pågått siden 1980-tallet. Målet for samarbeidet er: å se de vernede områdene under ett, samarbeide om felles naturovervåking og om forvaltningen av grensekryssende arter, samt fremme naturbasert turisme. I 2008 ble Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park sertifisert som en grenseoverskridende verneområde gjennom EUROPARC Føderasjonen.



Inari-Paatsjoki alue on luonnonsuojelun kannalta ainutlaatuinen, sillä tämä yhtäjaksoinen alue on suojeltu Venäjältä Norjan kautta Suomeen. Näiden kolmen maan välinen luonnonsuojeluyhteistyö on ollut yhtäjaksoista aina 1980-luvulta lähtien. Yhteistyön päätavoitteisiin kuuluu tarkastella kaikkia luonnonsuojelualueita yhtenäisesti, tutkia ja seurata rajoja ylittäviä lajeja yhteistyössä sekä kehittää alueen luontomatkailua. Vuonna 2008 Paatsjoki-Inari-alueen yhteistyölle myönnettiin EUROPARCin Transboundary park – following nature's design – sertifikaatti.



Норвегия, Россия и Финляндия сотрудничают в области охраны окружающей среды с 80-х годов прошлого века. Международный регион Пасвик-Инари представляет собой уникальную трехстороннюю трансграничную особо охраняемую природную территорию. Основной целью сотрудничества трех стран в приграничье является создание единого охраняемого природного пространства, ведение совместного мониторинга, воспитание бережного отношения к природе, развитие устойчивого природного туризма. В 2008 году Трехсторонний Трансграничный Парк Пасвик – Инари получил сертификат соответствия критериям Федерации ЕВРОПАРК.

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