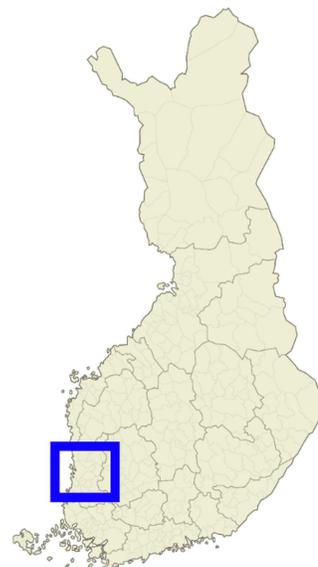


Protect the Dunes

Partners

Finland: LAG Karhuseutu, City of Pori

The environmental agency of the city of Pori is a municipality level authority and specialist in nature conservation, nature recreation and management. Pori's nature values are concentrated on its coastline which hosts an extremely valuable setting of coastal habitats such as the largest river delta in Scandinavia, a sea meadow area which is an important nesting area for wading birds and a resting point for migrating arctic birds and one of the most valuable still active coastal dune fields in Finland.



Background

The Yyteri dune area suffers from anthropogenic erosion caused by now forbidden large events organised in the recent years. As a result some areas of the protected dunes are in danger to become extinct. The Yyteri dune area also suffers from invasive species and overgrowth which is boosted by large amounts of sea algae and nutrients arriving from sea to the shoreline every summer and fall

Joint Actions

- know-how, best practices exchange
- field visits
- equipment testing (algae collection)
- restoration monitoring
- any other suggestions

Local Actions in Finland

Sand dune management

- habitat restoration
- monitoring the habitat restoration work
- finding ways to collect and re-use algae from shoreline
- control of invasive species
- managing pressure from recreational use
- Communicating the importance and sensitivity of dunes to a wide audience

- Involving local community

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Green care (activities in the nature in rehabilitation processes)

- Green Care work in protected areas and restoration works
- A possible long-term solution for management

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