



TOGETHER TO PRESERVE FOREST'S WATER

We work to combine modern forestry with consideration to
the forest's valuable watercourses and wetlands

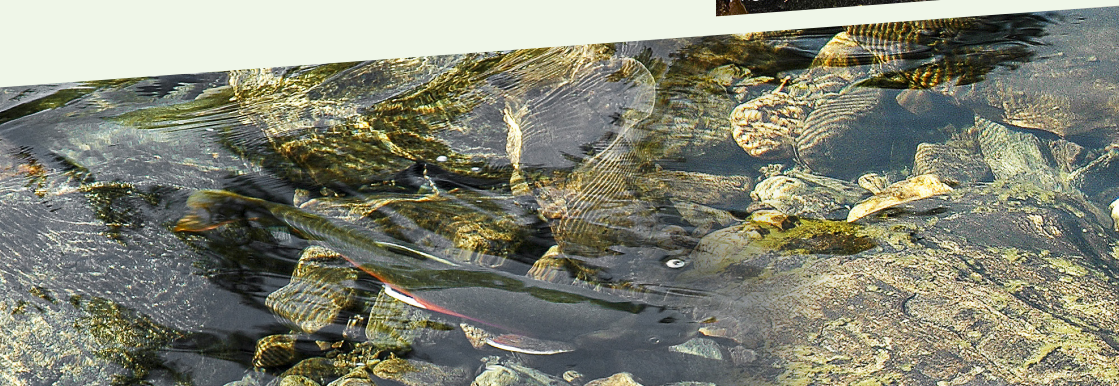


In the project Grip on Life IP public authorities in Sweden work together with forest owners' associations, non-governmental organizations, and researchers to improve environmental consideration to waters and wetlands in the forest landscape, while continuing an active forest management.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to improve the environment and conditions for animals and plants living in the forest's wetlands and watercourses.

- We strive to improve environmental consideration in forestry activities adjacent to wetlands and watercourses.
- We promote more restoration of wetlands and watercourses.
- We strive for more efficient use of available financial resources for restoration and other measures.
- We strive for improved collaboration between different authorities, non-governmental organizations, landowners and other stakeholders.





WHAT WE DO

We contribute with new knowledge, demonstrate best practices, and develop new methods to mitigate negative effects on important limnic environments. We will, for instance, show how good environmental consideration in forest management adjacent to water can contribute to this.

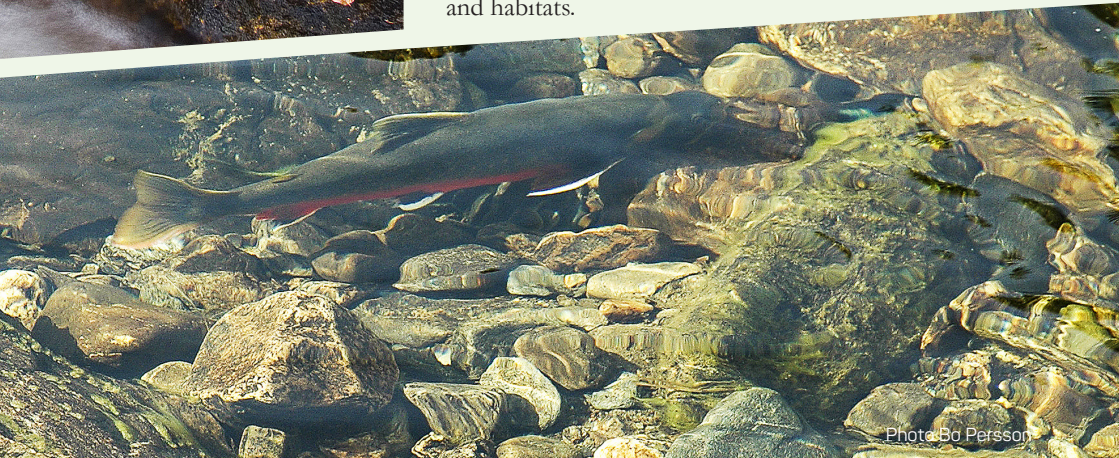
We also develop methods to restore drained lakes and wetlands, plug ditches and restore streams that have been altered due to timber floating in the 19th and 20th centuries. To show the methods in practice we create demonstration sites showing good forestry practices near watercourses and wetlands. And we have tested and disseminated various collaboration models involving different stakeholders for the management of valuable nature to preserve or increase biodiversity.

TARGET GROUP

Grip on Life IP has a broad target group, among them private forest owners, forest companies, forest managers, the general public, schools and educational institutions along with case officers of public authorities.

PILOT AREAS

Focus is primarily on approximately 25 catchments across Sweden. The catchments include Natura 2000 water courses and wetlands in a forest dominated landscape. Natura 2000 is a network of protected areas covering Europe's most valuable and threatened species and habitats.



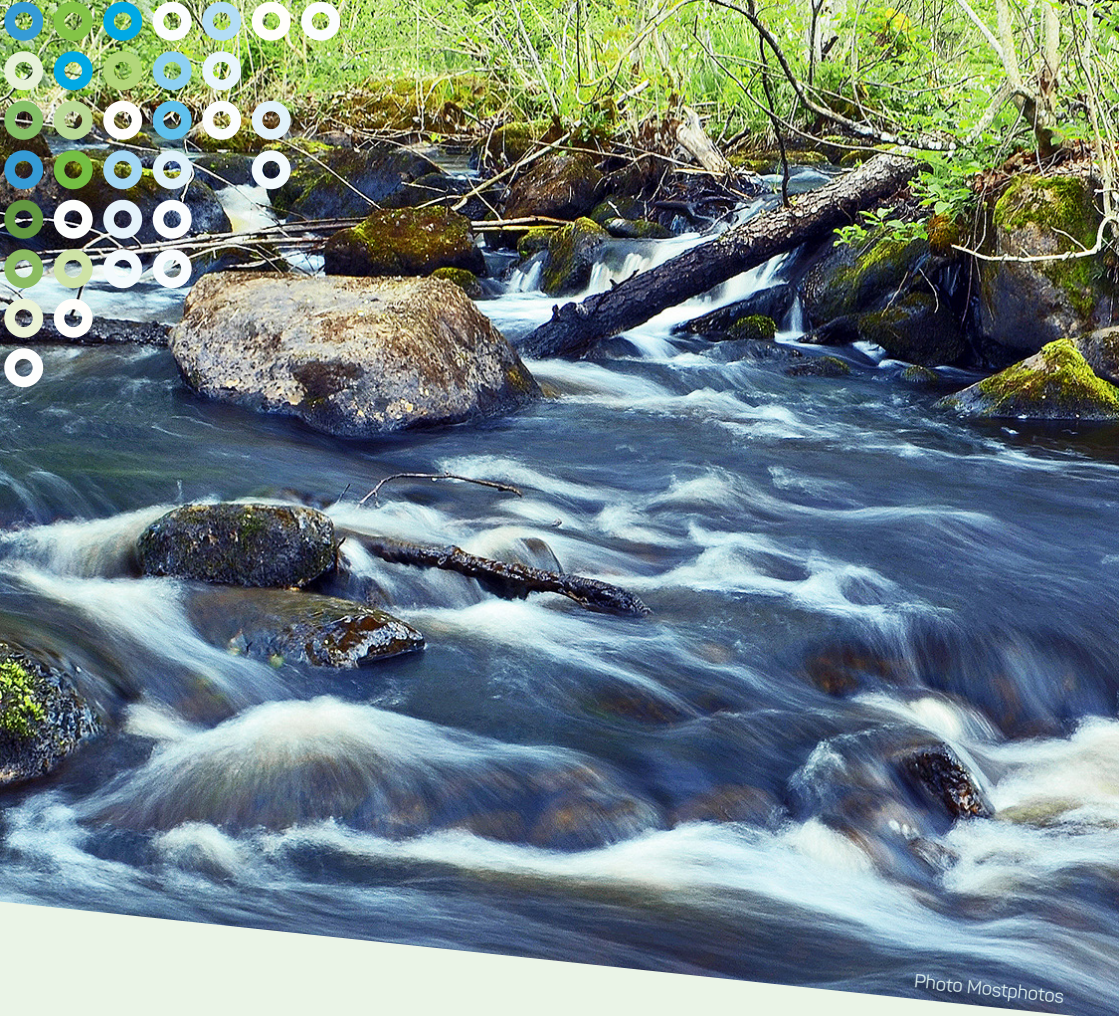
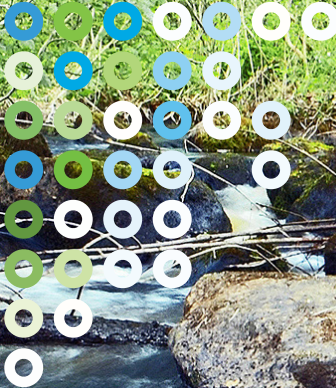


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The largest financial contributors among the project partners are the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management.

In total Grip on Life IP includes 16 project partners. Project owner is the Swedish Forest Agency.

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