

Biosphere work in action

Kristianstads Vattenrike is a model area for sustainable development, where we work to strengthen the bonds between people and nature. Our aim is an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable society.

Work is led by the Biosphere Office, a department of the Municipality of Kristianstad. We confer and collaborate with associations, companies and landowners to develop sustainable solutions for using and conserving natural values. We create wetlands, restore sandy grasslands and open up walking trails.

To do this, we need to learn more about our natural surroundings, so we also make species inventories, work with researchers and host conferences to develop and spread new knowledge.

Enabling people to experience nature inspires them to help conserve it. The biosphere reserve has some 20 visitor sites with observation towers, marked trails and outdoor museums. The jewel in our crown is the naturum visitor centre with displays, meeting rooms and a restaurant. Here we explain how the biosphere reserve works and encourage visitors to explore the area for themselves.

Results have been positive. At the Pulken visitor site migrating cranes, birdwatchers and farmers co-exist in harmony. Elsewhere, catfish have been successfully reintroduced into the river and otters fish close to the naturum. Thanks to a new-found respect for natural values, the wetlands are no longer seen as a problem, but as a valuable resource for Kristianstad.

Species diversity and efficient ecosystems enable us to cope better with climate change and other challenges – progress that benefits both nature and people.



Fun and games can help change attitudes and make sustainable use of nature's gifts.



The naturum Vattenriket visitor centre welcomes over 100,000 visitors a year.



New wetlands create bird habitats and reduce nutrient run-off in Hanöbukten Bay.



Our 21 visitor sites have displays, observation towers, boardwalks and marked trails.



Diversionsary feeding reduces crop damage and lets us get closer to the cranes.



Producing and sharing new knowledge about the landscape is a key part of our work.



One project spreads knowledge about the species of the sandy grasslands.



30 Biosphere Ambassadors are trained each year to spread knowledge about Vattenriket.

Read more
For information about biosphere work, our local landscape, the naturum visitor centre, what to do and where to go, see:
vattenriket.kristianstad.se

THE GLOBAL GOALS
Biosphere reserves show how global sustainable development goals can be achieved.

Kristianstads Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve

Majestic rivers and tranquil lakes, dense forests, wide open spaces and grasslands – some seasonally flooded, others dry and sandy. Such diversity provides numerous habitats for animals and plants. People, too, have lived here for millennia, shaping the landscape as they do today. Kristianstads Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve works on projects that benefit both nature and people.



Visit Kristianstads Vattenrike

Start your visit at the naturum Vattenriket in the heart of Kristianstad. You'll find displays, activities and useful advice about where to visit and what to look for.

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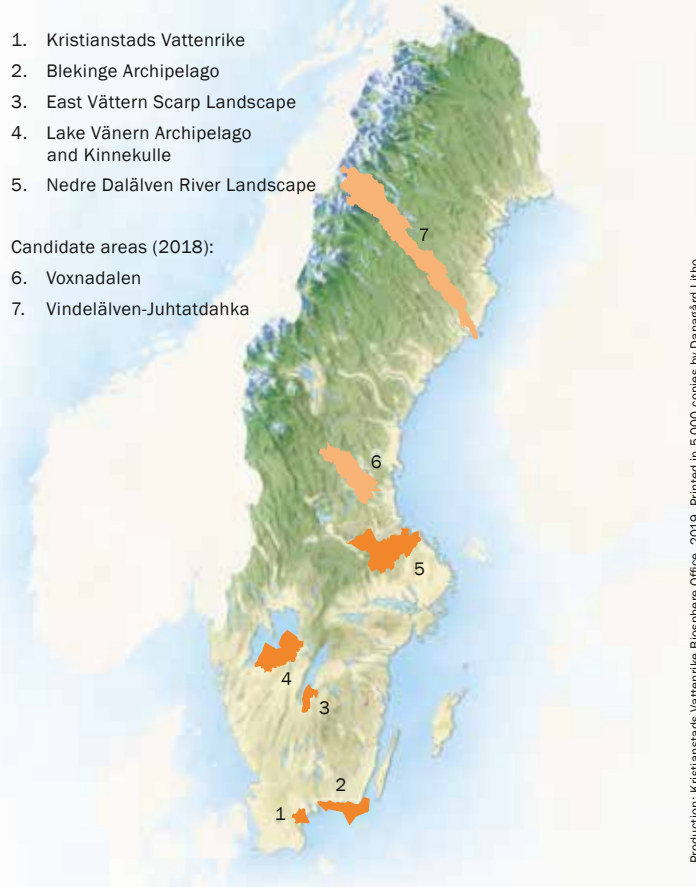
Biosphere reserves

Biosphere reserves are areas of natural value where people and nature can develop in harmony. Work focuses on conserving, developing and supporting the local landscape, ecosystems and species. In 2018 there were 686 UNESCO-designated biosphere reserves worldwide in 122 countries. Kristianstads Vattenrike is Sweden's oldest and received biosphere status in 2005

1. Kristianstads Vattenrike
2. Blekinge Archipelago
3. East Vättern Scarp Landscape
4. Lake Vänern Archipelago and Kinnekulle
5. Nedre Dalälven River Landscape

Candidate areas (2018):

6. Voxnadalen
7. Vindelälven-Juhtadahka



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