

SPILLKRÅKAN - THE BLACK WOODPECKER

Association for women forest owners in Sweden

NORTHERN SWEDEN:

STONE AGE HERITAGE, WETLANDS AND REINDEERS
AS INTEGRAL PART OF SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CHOICES

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For women forest owners in Sweden - founded 20 years ago
500 members
Local - national - Nordic/international level

Mission:

- To strengthen women's influence on the Swedish forestry sector
- To increase the knowledge and awareness of sustainable forestry
- To build networks for women to share know how and develop knowledge

OUR FOREST IN NORTHERN SWEDEN

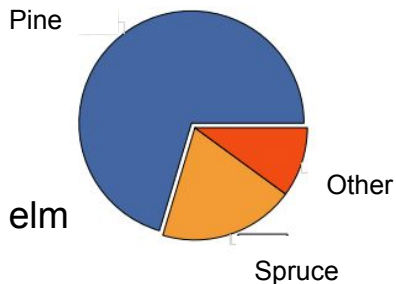
- 237 ha, 200 ha productive forest in Jämtland region
- Natural reserve / Natura 2000 river
- Key habitats and wetlands
- Stone age settlement and other traces of historic use
- In our family since 1780,
today owned by my sister and me



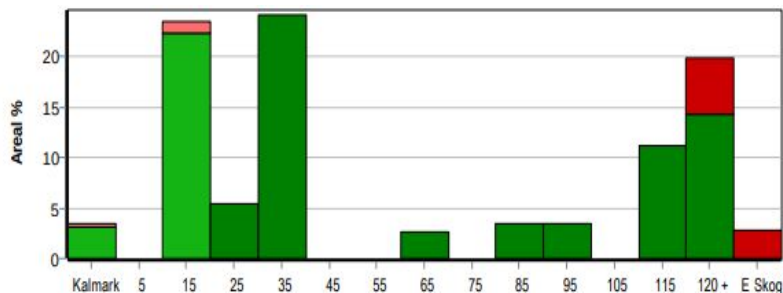
CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR FOREST

Tree species

Pine
Spruce
Birch, alder
Rowan, aspen, willow, elm



Age distribution



MULTIPLE USERS ALL NEED THEIR CONSIDERATION

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

COMMERCIAL

Sami: Reindeer husbandry,
winter grazeland



We/local entrepreneurs:
Wood, pulp, biomass*



Wild berry industry:
berries



LEISURE

Hunters*: moose,
deer, bear, hare...



Public/we: Mushroom/
berry picking



Public/we: Fishing,
canooing, wild swimming



*source of income

BIODIVERSITY

Areas with high biodiversity

- Designated key habitats: creek w/ orchids and elm, old burnt forest
- Natura 2000/nature reserve river
- Wetlands, old, swampy forests, lichens..

Wildlife:

- Black grouse and capercaillie, siberian jay, eagle..
- Bear, wolverine, lynx, beaver, moose....

Areas of cultural heritage:

- Stone age settlement
- Centuries of summer pasture and forage
- 19th century logging

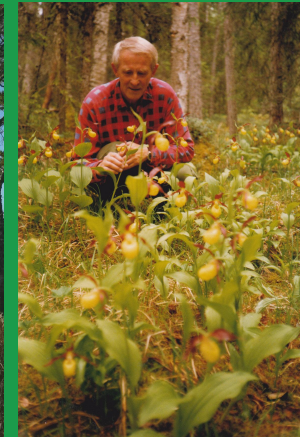
BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MGMT

Strategy:

- Protect
- Maintain
- Regenerate
- Diversify/risk management

Biodiversity considerations also part of production:

- Eternity trees
- Dead wood
- Protective zones
- Water management



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY MANAGEMENT TOOLS



Plan and manage with:

- Forest Management Plan: 30+ sections with individually tailored management plans
- Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity Management Plan
- Other digital resources
- On site inspections

- The Forestry Management Law sets the minimum standard
- PEFC/FSC certification raises the bar

CONTINUOUS LEARNING



MULTIFUNCTIONALITY IN THE EU



Decentralised ownership is key for diversity and local engagement

Need for Forest Strategy with holistic approach to balance ecosystem services