



Project site fact sheet

EE-28: Sõmeri

SPA: EE0040346; SCI: EE0040356

Protection status: Sõmeri coastal lagoon habitat complex is part of Sõmeri limited conservation area (Kihnu hoiuala)

Habitats:

Coastal lagoons 1150*

Boreal coastal meadows 1630*

Juniperus communis formations on heaths and calcareous grasslands 5130

Alvars 6280*

Animals:

Tringa totanus

Vanellus vanellus

Charadrius hiaticula

Migratory birds

Site description

The project area of Sõmeri beholds 157 ha of coastal meadows in western coast of Pärnu County.

The project area is mostly owned by state, but also there are some private landowners. This means that there is stakeholders needed to be involved into the management of the coastal meadow.

Project will work to improve the favourable status of the valuable habitats and species of the area. This will be achieved through combination of appropriate management – restoration and grazing. Local community will be involved into nature conservation to sustain the ongoing management also in the future.

Project idea

During the project planning period the management of Sõmeri coastal lagoon habitat complex had just started and the first hectares of coastal meadows had been taken out from the extensive reedbed. As the area is important staging site for migratory birds and also an important habitat for many valuable breeding birds, restoration and continuous management needed to be encouraged.

Actions

Purchase of cattle

Increase of the total area managed

Increase of the quality of the management

Purification of coastal lagoon

Raising awareness of the local people and wider audience

More information:

Pärnu-Viljandi region of Environmental Board, www.keskkonnaamet.ee