

Stakeholder workshop: Nature-based solutions in the Nordics

S-ITUATION (Synthesis - implementation of nature-based solutions in Nordic countries) aims to synthesize the knowledge on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) relevant to the Nordic countries, including relevant projects and experiences, policies, knowledge gaps and cost-benefit analyses. We represent research institutes in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. S-ITUATION is the first project in the Nordic Council of Ministers' new program on nature-based solutions.

Nature-based Solutions:

Nature-based solutions (NbS) are ways to solve issues related to climate change or environmental deterioration that are supported and inspired by nature. We apply IUCN's criteria and definition of NbS as "Actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural or modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits".

Monday 15. November 2021

Platform: **Teams**

Start-time: **9.30 (IS) / 10.30 (NO, SE, DK) / 11.30 (FI)**

Duration: **2 hours**

In this first workshop with stakeholders and external participants, we aim to:

- Learn how to what degree the concept of NbS is used across different disciplines and ecosystem types.
- Introduce the IUCN global standard for NbS and discuss its applicability in Nordic Countries and in Nordic ecosystems.
- Uncover implementation barriers and knowledge gaps.
- Find out how the S-ITUATION project can extract useful and usable knowledge for your daily work with NbS.
- Give you an opportunity to exchange experiences with other Nordic stakeholders working with NbS.

We invite you as an expert on your field of knowledge. You are not expected to know about all NbS or the IUCN definition. If you want to familiarize yourself with the IUCN criteria, you can [read more here](#).

PROGRAM

- 9.30 **Welcome and round of introduction**
Mentimeter to get to know each other
- 9.40 Nordic Council of Ministers and Nature-based solutions
- 9.45 Introduction to the S-ITUATION project and aim of the workshop
- 10.00 **Breakout group session 1** (30 min):
Group discussions about participants' experience with NbS and identifying national projects, potential knowledge gaps / needs.
- 10.30 **BREAK** (10 min)
- 10.40 IUCN's global standard for NbS – What is in it for the Nordic Countries?
- 10.50 **Breakout group session 2** (30 min):
Groups discussions on how to assess and evaluate NbS, the relevance of IUCN criteria and potential barriers / facilitators for implementation
- 11.20 Summarizing – way forward
- 11.25 **END**