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Implementation of SEAmBOTH maps in marine environmental assessments



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The environmental protection unit

Areas of influence:

Environmentally hazardous projects, municipalities, private individuals and the environmental courts.

Our work:

Supervising, providing guidance, writing permits and bans, providing statements for the environmental courts.

Examples:

The municipalities' regional development plans, mining permits and monitoring and helping with remediation of polluted areas.



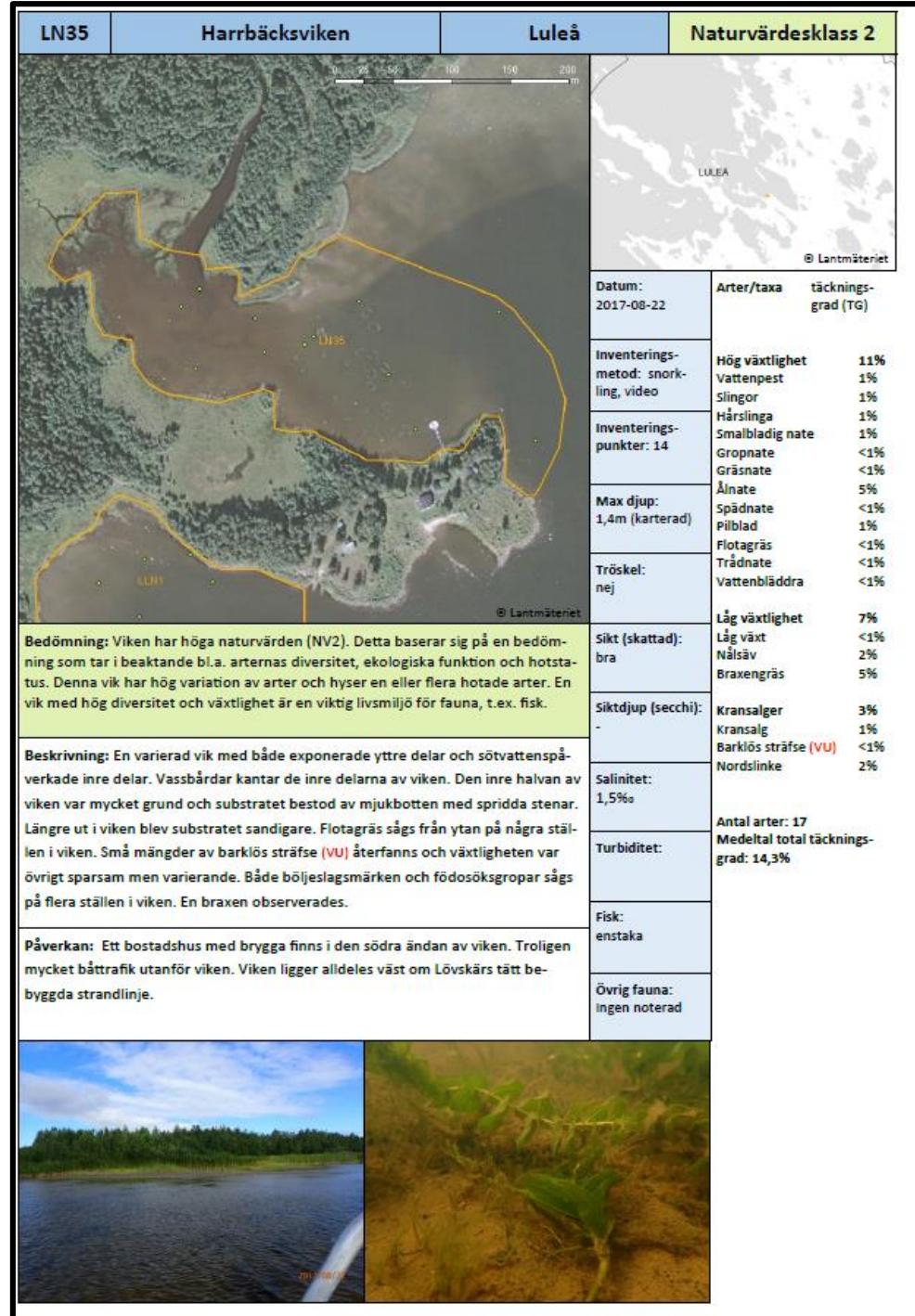
Current usage

A private individual intends to build a harbour close to Luleå in a very shallow area.

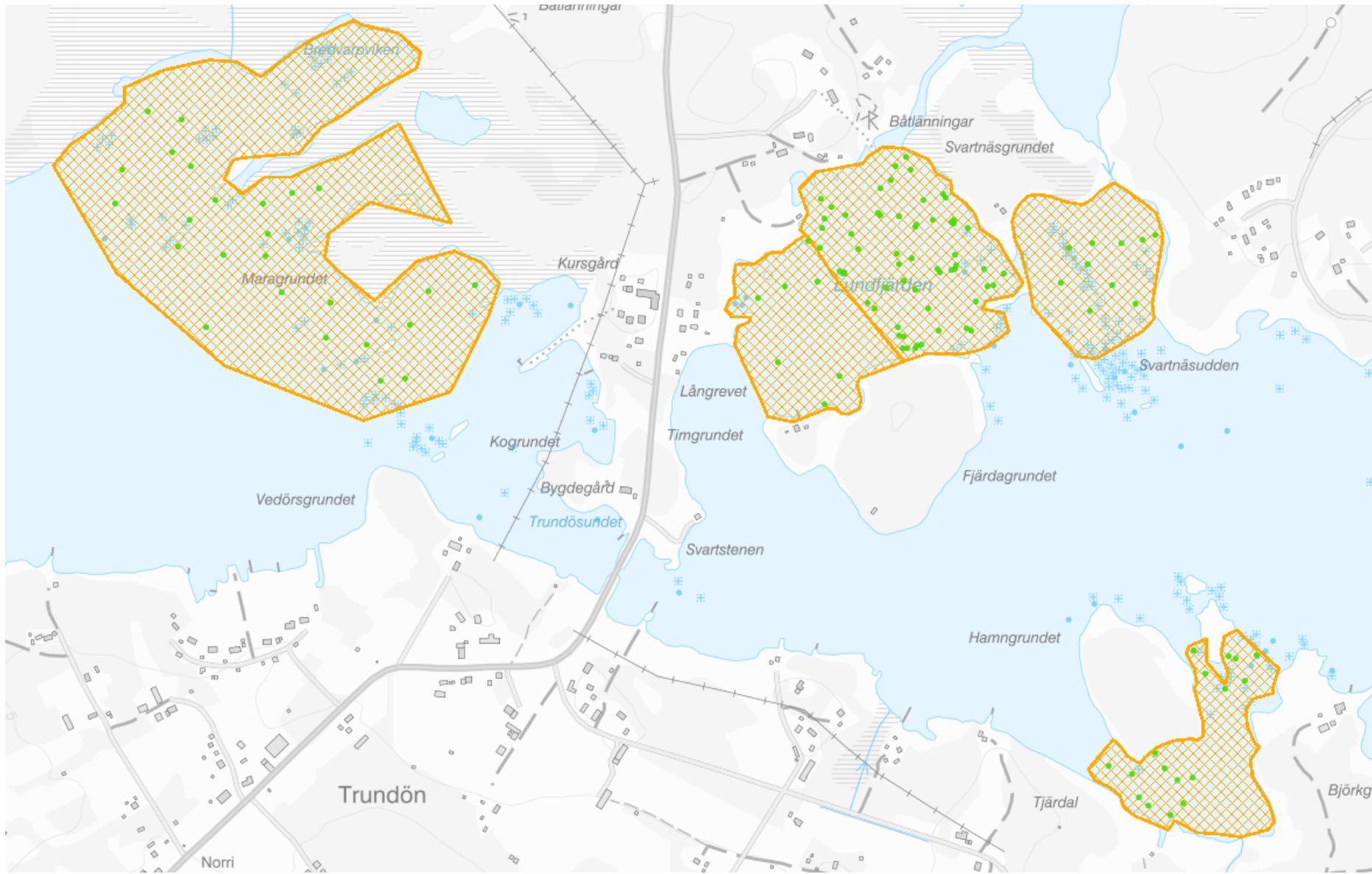
The application process has begun and we have issued a statement.

The final application for the permit needs to describe how the harbour will influence the inventoried area and how the project management intend to protect this area from harm.

The classification is an easily accessible source of information for us and the public.



Current usage



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Challenges

- Lack of reference points in exploited waters
- Precedential permits
- Equal treatment/judgement
- Cumulative effects
- Environmental court
- Social and media pressure



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Moving forward

Further inventories in exploited areas.

Application of current data to make predictions for exploited areas.

Guidance from the environmental courts and other government branches.

Cooperation between regional boards.

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