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Programme for Research
in Outdoor Recreation
and Nature Tourism

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- Broad nationwide research programme
- Funded by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency 3+3 years
- 6 projects, 7 universities and colleges, 18 researchers

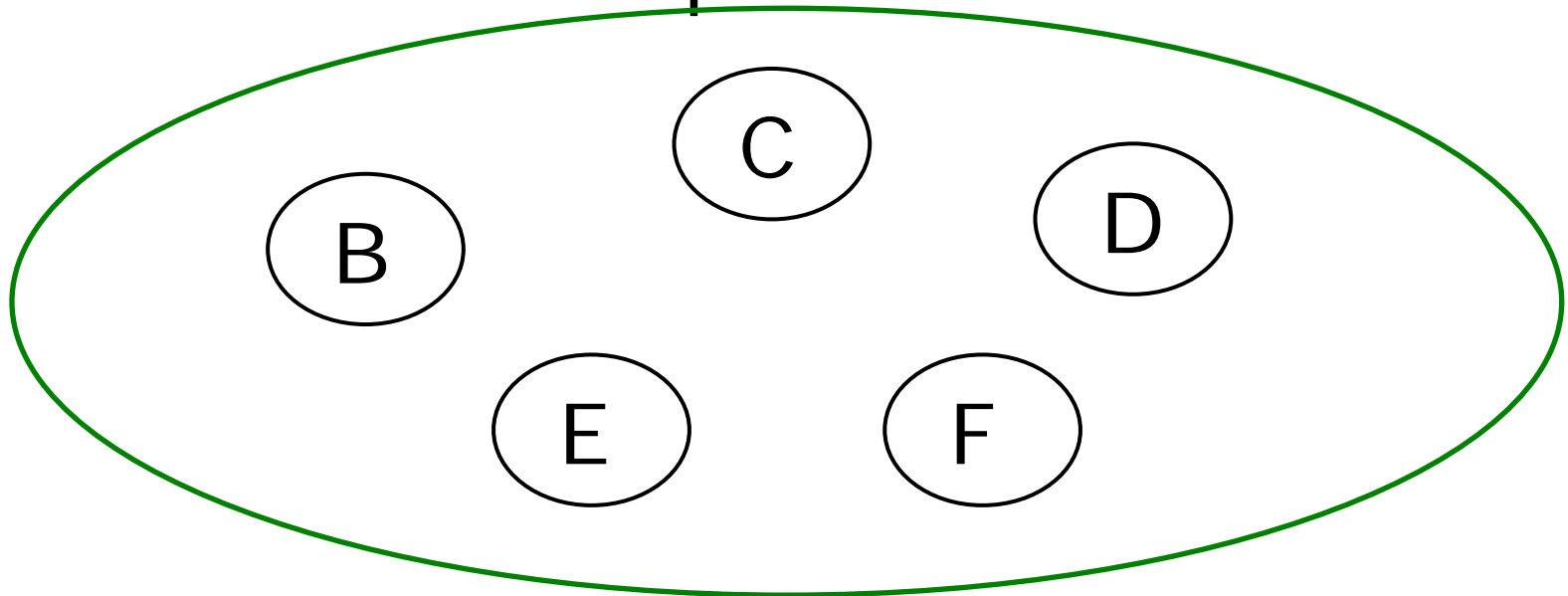
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- Mid-Sweden University / Etour
 - Umeå University
 - Karlstad University
 - Örebro University
 - SLU -Uppsala, Alnarp (the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)
 - Göteborg University
 - Blekinge Institute of Technology

One "common empirical arena" and five integrated research projects

A. "empirical arena"



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1. Common empirical arena
2. Outdoor recreation patterns
3. Urban-proximate outdoor recreation
4. Outdoor recreation in spatial planning
5. Outdoor recreation and nature conservation
6. Nature tourism for regional development

1. Common empirical arena

- Case studies of outdoor landscapes
- National /regional postal survey



- *Data on participation in outdoor recreation*
- *Data on non-participation in outdoor recreation*
- *Development of visitor monitoring methods*
- *Description of outdoor landscapes*



Input to the programme's other research projects

2. Outdoor recreation patterns

Describes the outdoor recreational patterns in Sweden today. The various reasons of the groups, for participation and non-participation in outdoor recreation and nature tourism. The topics include:

- What do the visitors do, in what type of landscape and for what reason?
- Which are the groups that refrain from outdoor recreation and what are their reasons?
- Which trends are particularly influential within outdoor recreation?

3. Outdoor recreation in urban-proximate nature

The project analyses outdoor recreation in the proximity of urban communities in general, and in particular from a socio-economic perspective.

The contents include:

- to analyse the outdoor recreation in urban proximate surroundings, especially in the forests in the south of Sweden
- to develop a framework for the measuring of outdoor recreation in urban proximate surroundings
- to analyse the importance of hunting from an outdoor recreational and national economical aspect

4. Outdoor recreation in spatial planning

To study the integration of outdoor recreation in the physical planning work of the local authorities and county administrative boards. The project will work on

- good examples of outdoor recreation in local planning
- institutional and legal context for outdoor recreation in physical planning
- the interaction between the local and regional authorities' planning
- international experiences and models

5. Outdoor recreation and nature conservation

To generate knowledge about the interaction between outdoor recreation and the conservation of nature. How outdoor recreation can bring understanding of nature and insight into nature conservation.

- study how the outdoor experiences influence people's perception of nature and vice versa
- study how the 'nature' schools and visitor centres ('Natuurum') function and produce suggestions how to develop these further
- study how youths make use of the urban proximate green areas, and suggest how their time there can be stimulated

6. Nature-based tourism for regional development

The project analyse the nature based tourism's role in creating sustainable communities outside the major cities. It will identify factors that contribute to creating job opportunities and positive socio-cultural processes.

- map the demand and offering of nature-based tourism
- analyse the socio-economical effects of tourism development
- analyze relationship between outdoor recreation and tourism
- study how tourism entrepreneurs and other players can contribute to an improved maintenance of protected rural areas.

Information and communication

- Information

Web site, newsletters, reports / books, media

- Dialogue

Web site, outdoor research conference, reference group

- Collaboration

Personal contacts, contact groups, workshops,
case studies

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