

LIFE to alvars - Restoration of Estonian alvar grasslands

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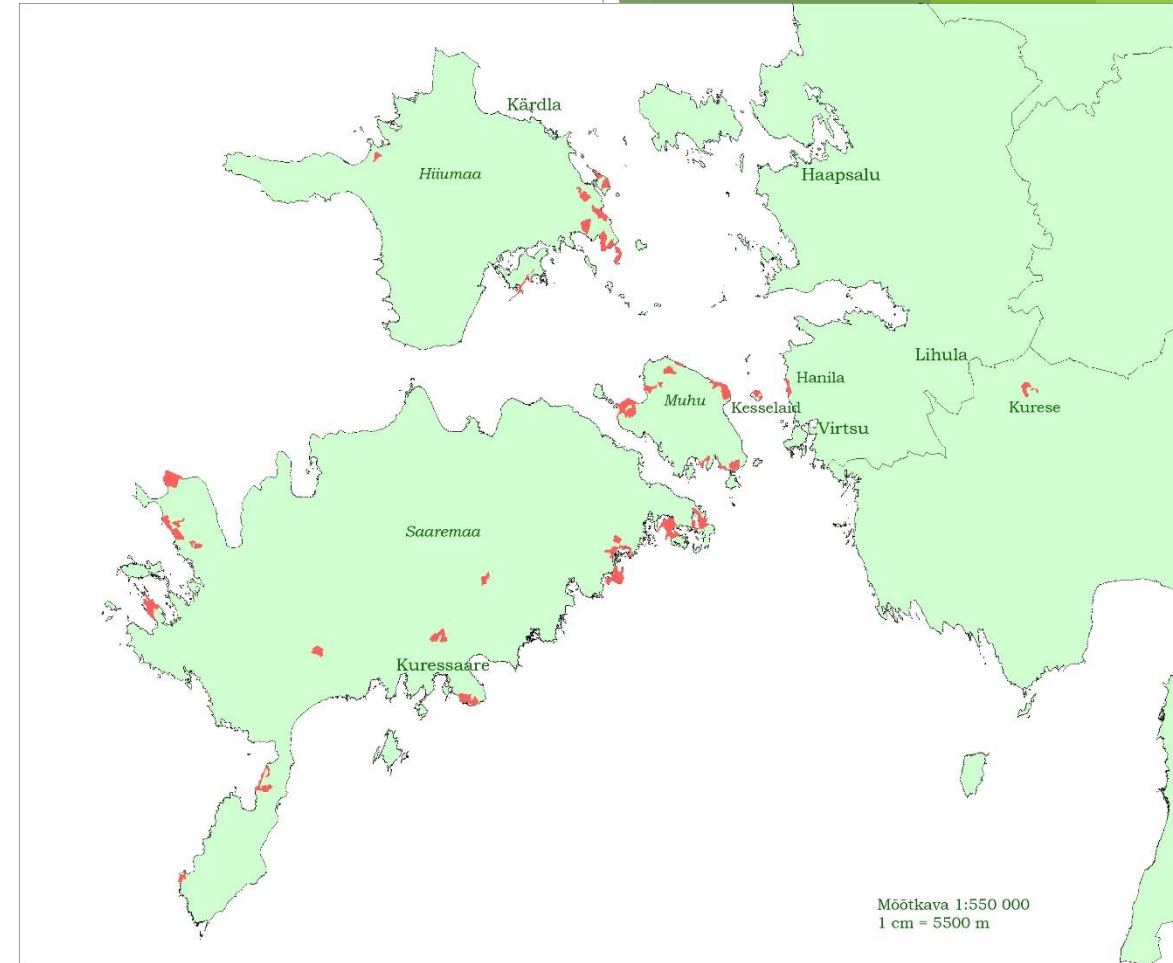


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ABOUT THE PROJECT

- ▶ *Project location:* Western Estonia and larger islands
- ▶ *Budget - 3,725,865.00 EUR*
 - ▶ *EU contribution:* 2,791,305.00 EUR
 - ▶ *Own contribution:* 934,560,00 EUR
 - ▶ *State budget:* 0,00 EUR
- ▶ *Duration:* 01-SEP-2014 to 01-SEP -2019
- ▶ *Beneficiaries:*
 - ▶ *Coordinating - EB (Environmental Board)*
 - ▶ *Associated -*
EULS (Estonian University of Life Sciences)
UT(University of Tartu)
ESCCA(Estonian Seminatural Community Conservation Association)



PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ▶ *The project's main objective is to restore the most valuable, but currently overgrown, alvar areas on 2 500 ha of land and to create the right conditions for local farmers to manage these areas after the restoration.*
- ▶ *In order to achieve this aim, the project plans to introduce effective large-scale restoration methods and to create the necessary infrastructure for continuous management of the restored sites.*
- ▶ *The project also aims to directly involve private land owners and to raise awareness among the local community and the general public on the value of alvar areas and of the importance of managing them effectively.*

CURRENT SITUATION, MEASURED IMPACTS & RESULTS I

- ▶ *The restoration of 1 400 ha of alvar meadows, ensuring that the tree and shrub coverage of the restored areas is no more than 40%;*
- ▶ *The signing of 60 long-term contracts with farmers or local agricultural companies to graze their cattle/sheep in the area annually, ensuring their continuous management;*
- ▶ *The local communities and the general public is be better informed about the value of the targeted habitat type, thanks to the project's awareness-raising actions;*
- ▶ *180 farmers or agricultural companies trained in the management work required for the project areas.*

FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- ▶ *Continuing with the restoration work*
- ▶ *Biodiversity and socio-economic monitoring*
- ▶ *Media work and work with landowners*
- ▶ *Updating management guidelines*

MORE INFORMATION:

▶ *Project website: <http://life.envir.ee/elualvaritel>*

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