

PA Nutri talks
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**Swedish identified needs for
catchment officers**

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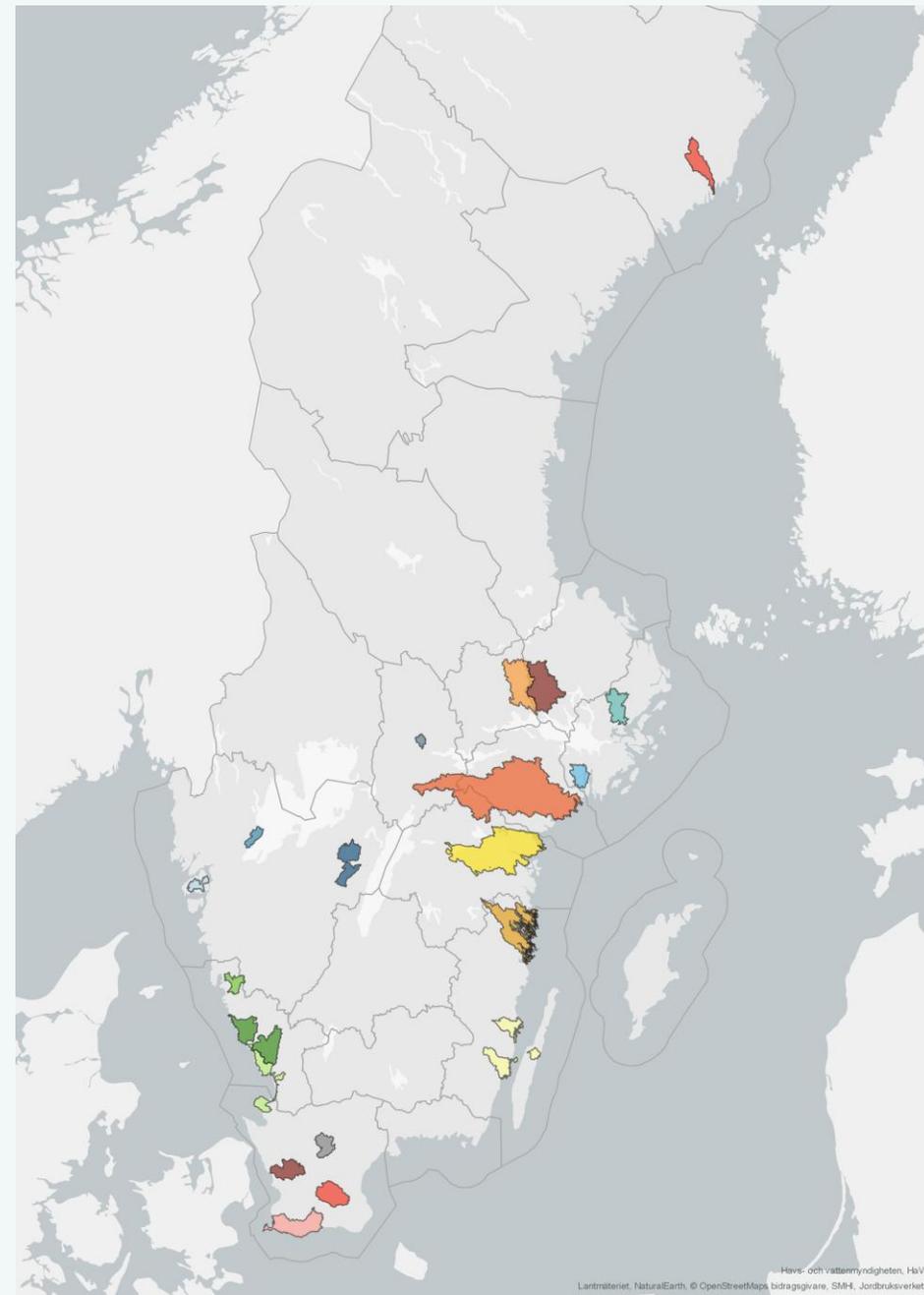
Emerging working method for clean water and healthy coastal areas in Europe

- *Great Britain- catchment officers*
- *Denmark – Oplandskonsulte*
- *Norway – Åmand (river men)*
- *Sweden – lokala åtgärdssamordnare*
- *Other countries*



Started as an assignment from the government to the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water (Havs- och vattenmyndigheten) in 2019 – 20 pilot areas with catchment officers

- » Create local engagement
- » Support land owners to perform more local voluntary measures
- » Share experiences and knowledge as well as incentives and impediments for local action
- » Financed 2019-2021
- » [LEVA- Local engagement for water](#)



The effects of coordination



Färdigrävd våtmark hösten 2020. Foto Edlunds schakt AB

- » The catchment officers have been part of applying for 150 million SEK in grants/funding for local measures during 2019-2020
- » This is a **increased exchange of four times** compared to the state funding of the catchment officers
- » Local measures so far performed are for example wetlands, meandering, ponds, environmental ditch maintenance, spring processing and liming to improve soil structure

Summary

- » Landowners want to perform voluntary measures, but lack of time, knowledge and economy can be a hindrance
- » Catchment officers are a catalyst on a basin scale and for the individual farmer, creating incentives for implementing measures and increasing participation
- » Continued improvement of the process of planning local measures is needed, from the national to the local scale
- » SwAM proposes a long-term government initiative for catchment officers as well regional and national support for voluntary local action





Lokalt engagemang
för vatten



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More conclusions and reflections

- 1. Since the start in 2019 with 20 catchment officers it has grown organically to about 50 persons.*
- 2. A government investigation suggested that 80 officers are needed to adress swedish environmental goals to decrease nutrient leaching.*
- 3. However, 50 or 80 full time catchment officers are expensive and there is a growing insight that they should also adress other measures for water, such as climate adaptation.*

More conclusions and reflections

- *To be really successful we should combine the environmental farm-scale-advisory-service with the catchment scale officers. Then we would have a new approach rather than two individual parallell good methods.*
- *Maybe a to large focus on only wetlands as a measure.*