# Regional plans as a tool to assess human pressures in the coastal zone of Finland

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- SmartSea 2014–2021 (Strategic Research Council of Academy of Finland)
  - Provides science-based guidance and new innovations for the sustainable use of the Finland's marine resources
  - Lead by Finnish Meterological Institute, other Finnish partners e.g. Finnish Environment Institute, Natural Resources Institute, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and the Universities of Turku and Helsinki











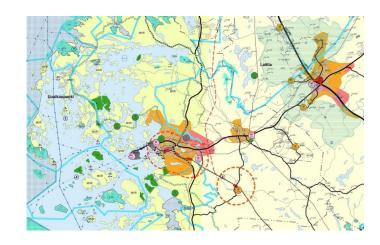
## Pressures, conflicts and planning in the coastal zone management

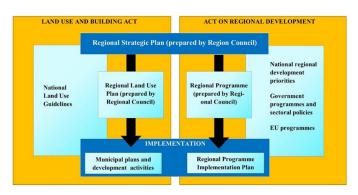
- Land-use conflicts are situations in which involved people and parties have incompatible interests concerning the land use within the specific area (Hersberger ym. 2015).
- Planning resolves conflicts by 1) identifying potential conflict areas in the early stages of the process, and 2) seeking mutual agreement between competing interests and stakeholders
- High number people and limited space increases both human pressures towards fragile coastal ecosystems and conflicts within the coastal zone



## Land use planning system in Finland

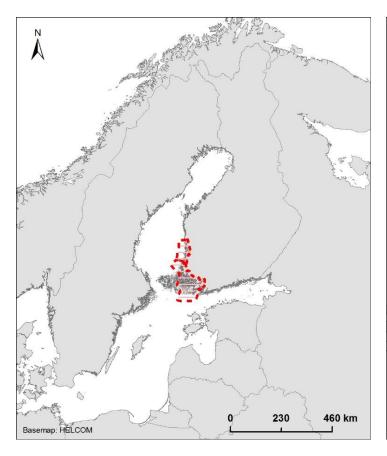
- Three-level planning system which translates National Land Use Guidelines and regional objectives to the activities on a local scale
  - Regional plan creates a vision for the future land use (~10 years) based on the current and proposed activities and interests
  - Regional plans cover the entire region but they can have large areas with no specific interests ("white areas")
  - Large variety of marking and descriptions
- Regional Councils and coastal municipalities have the mandate to plan activities also on territorial waters
  - ⇒ Overlap between terrestrial and maritime spatial planning in Finland!

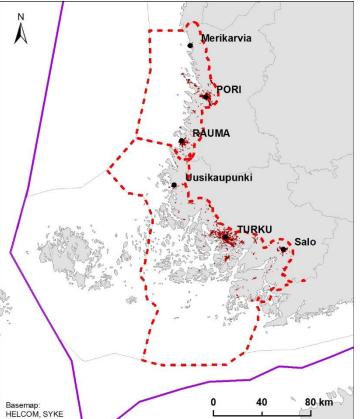


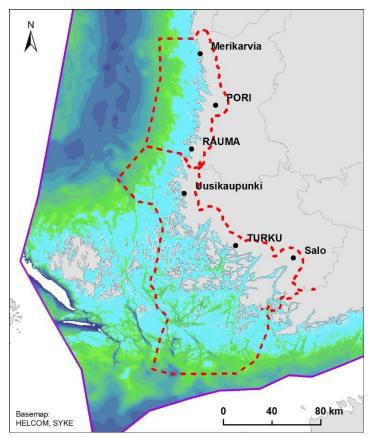




## Study area









## Aims of this presentation

- To demonstrate the use of regional plans as a baseline data to analyze the distribution of regional interests in the coastal zone of Finland
- 2) To compare the intensity of coastal land and marine use in southwestern Finland (regions of Satakunta and Southwestern Finland) based on the statutory regional plans
- 3) To identify areas with high interest towards
  - I. human development (i.e. activities that alter natural environments), and
  - II. environmental conservation and regulation (i.e. activities that maintain the state of the environment)



## Data extraction and analysis

- 1. Data extraction
  - Regional plans of Satakunta and SW Finland (available in Lounaispaikka.fi)
  - · Only statutory (finalized) plans considered
    - 2. Layer extraction, polygonization and buffering
      - Point markings (buffers 150 m and 250 m), line markings (buffer 150 m)
        - 3. Data harmonization and layer synthesis
          - Combining similar activities into same layers within and between regions
            - 4. Classification of markings based on their environmental impact
              - Three classes: 1) Active land use (development), 2) Neutral/inconclusive, and
                3) Conservation and regulation
                - 5. Summation of activities within 1 km\*1 km grid
                  - · Border cells (partly within neighboring region) excluded

#### A) Satakunta (41 layers)

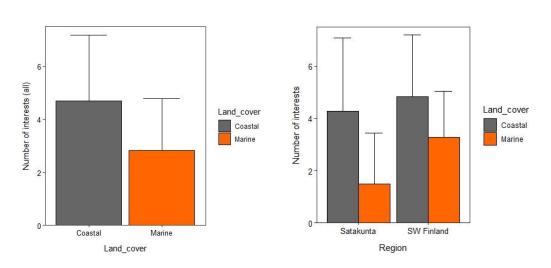
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| Energiahuolto    | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| GE_alueet        | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Hiljaisuus       | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Jatehuolto       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Kaasuputki       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Kaivostoim       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Kauppa           | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Kaupunkipuisto   | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Keskustatoim     | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Keskustatoim_keh | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Kulttuuriymp     | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Laivavayla       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Lentoliikenne    | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Lsuoj_heikko     | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Lsuoj_kova       | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Maa_aines_turve  | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Maisema          | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Matkailu_keh     | 0           | 1       | 0            |
| Matkailupalvelut | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Melu             | 0           | 1       | 0            |
| Moottorirata     | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Muinaisjaan      | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Natura2000       | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Palvelut         | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Pohjavesi        | 0           | 1       | 0            |
| Raideliikenne    | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Satama           | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Satama_keh       | 0           | 11      | 0            |
| Suojavyoh        | 0           | 11      | 0            |
| Taajama          | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Teollisuus       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Tie_hist         | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Tulva            | 0           | 11      | 0            |
| Tuulivoima       | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Tyopaikat        | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Vedenottamo      | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Vesijohto_viem   | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Viestiliikenne   | 1           | 0       | 0            |
| Virkistys        | 0           | 0       | 1            |
| Voimajohto       | 1 1         | 0       | 0            |

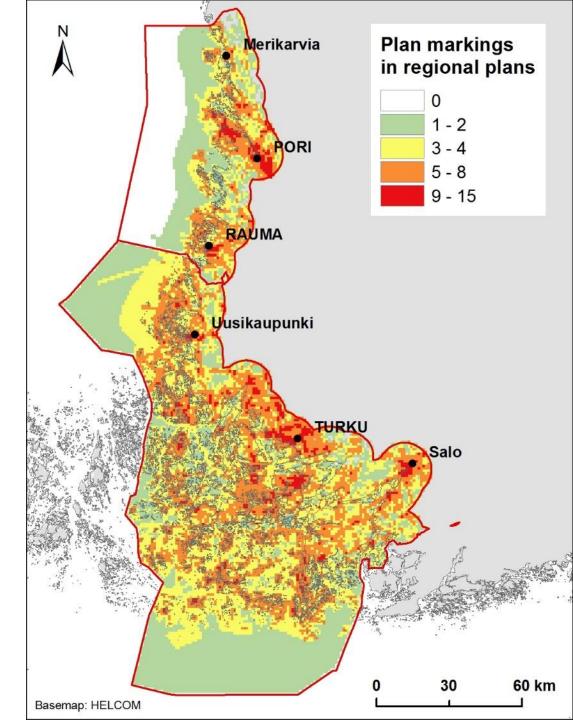
#### B) SW Finland (41 layers)

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|                | Development                | Neutral | Conservation |  |
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| Autoliik       | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Energia        | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| GE_alueet      | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Jatehuolto     | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Kaasuputki     | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Kaivostoim     | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Kalatalous_keh | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
| Kauppa         | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
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| Keskusta       | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Kulttuuriymp   | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Laivaliikenne  | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Lentoliikenne  | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Matkakeskus    | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Lsuoj_heikko   | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Lsuoj_kova     | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Luontomatk_keh | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
| Maisema        | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Matkailu       | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Melu           | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
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| Muinaisj       | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Natura2000     | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Pintavesi      | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
| Pohjavesi      | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
| Puolustus      | 0                          | 0       | 1            |  |
| Raideliikenne  | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Satama         | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
| Suojavyoh      | 0                          | 1       | 0            |  |
| Taajama        | 1                          | 0       | 0            |  |
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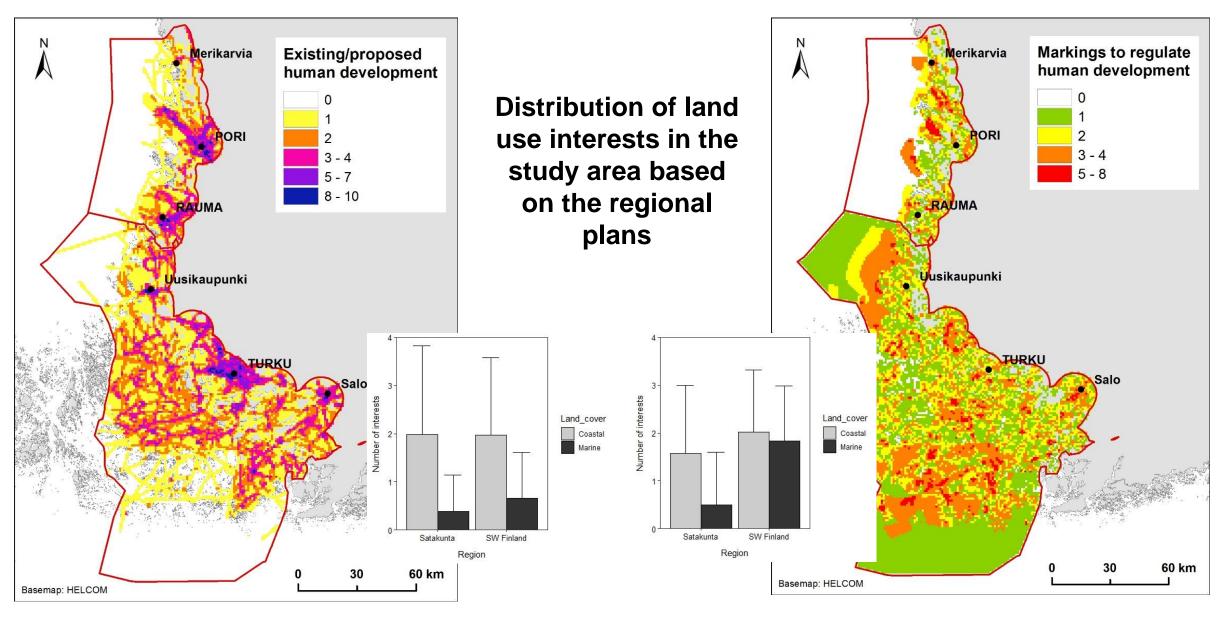
## Distribution of regional interests in the study area

- Number of different plan markings varied between 0-15 within grid squares (1 km \* 1km, n= 19 432)
- Activities focus on coastal (4.7±2.5 marks/pixel, n=6 819) rather than marine areas (2.8±2.0, n=12 613)





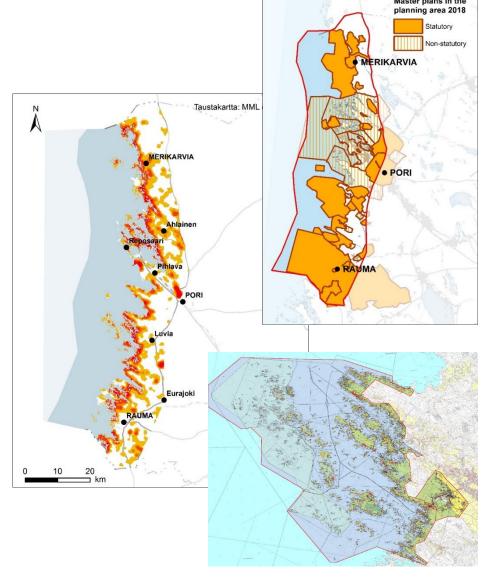
#### A) Human development



#### B) Conservation and regulation

## Limitations of the analysis

- Naive method!
- Unharmonized markings between regions limit the explicit comparison
- Finnish land use planning system does not regulate all human-based activities/interests. Additional data is needed at least from the following activities
  - Forestry (announcements of the forest management)
  - Nature conservation (areas designed for nature conservation)
  - Small-scale residential housing and construction (municipal master plans)
  - Professional fisheries







#### Plans and reports produced in the SustainBaltic project can be downloaded from:

https://www.utu.fi/en/sites/SustainBaltic/Pages/home.aspx

