



**BOTTENVIKENS  
SKÄRGÅRD**

## Joint coastal development 2021

The **Bothnian Bay coastal inter-municipal cooperation** (*Bottenvikens skärgård kommunsamverkan*) is a collaboration between Haparanda, Kalix, Luleå, Piteå and Skellefteå municipalities. The aim is to, through joint municipal resources, develop a cohesive coast and archipelago that provides opportunities for well-being, a rich outdoor life and unique experiences for both residents in the municipalities and visitors. The aim is also to create good conditions for an innovative tourist industry and promote a development towards achieving set global goals. The cooperation began in 2006 and is based on a common strategy and an inter-municipal agreement.



The new strategy covers the years 2021-2030.

archipelago development has continued in several different ways. Among other things, one project has been completed, another has been started and an application for a third project has been submitted. The project *Destination development in the Bothnian Bay archipelago 2018-2020* is completed. In the project, ten places to visit have received increased service, among other things through the construction of jetties, barbecue areas and windbreaks. The project has been financed with the support of Region Norrbotten and Region Västerbotten. A report is available on [our website](#).

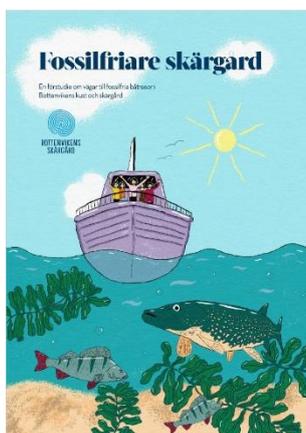
Operations in 2021 have continued to be affected by the Corona pandemic, and planned meetings have either been conducted digitally or canceled. However, the work of developing our common coast and archipelago continued in several different ways. To begin with, the strategy for the coming ten-year period, which was developed in 2020, has been decided in all five municipalities. The strategy [The Bothnian Bay 2021-2030 – inter-municipal cooperation for those who live, visit and work at the coast and archipelago](#) consists of two parts: a [document that describes the strategy](#) itself and a [background document](#).

In addition to the work on the new strategy, work on



Within the project *Destination development in the Bothnian Bay archipelago*, the marina in Båtvik in Skellefteå has been equipped with a barbecue area and the pier has been extended.

The municipalities are preparing for future development through a pilot study for future coastal development. The study aims to investigate the conditions, costs, and necessary processes for desired initiatives. The project started in April 2021 and will be completed in March 2022. The project is funded with support from Region Norrbotten and Region Västerbotten and the County Administrative Board of Västerbotten, which also participates in the investigation of necessary measures in Bjuröklubb marina.



Cover of the report *Fossil-free archipelago*

A study on fossil-free alternatives for boat traffic has been carried out. Our hope is that the study will contribute to more fossil-free boat transports in the Bothnian bay and give better knowledge for both municipalities and commercial actors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at sea. The study included, among other things, description of fossil-free alternatives and calculation of costs for a conversion to electric tour boat traffic. The report [Fossil-free archipelago](#) is published on our website.



Your guide to 100 gems in the Bothnian Bay.

A guide, *Your guide to 100 gems in the Bothnian Bay*, has been produced and is available in [Swedish](#) and [English](#). The guide contains descriptions of our unique archipelago, facts, maps and pictures from a large number of places to visit. It's also available at tourist centers and at [Bottenviken.se](http://Bottenviken.se). The cooperation with the website [www.bottenviken.se](http://www.bottenviken.se) has continued and the page has been updated during the year to work better in mobile phones.



The beach on Halsön island in the Kalix archipelago has new barbecue areas.

In addition to projects and studies, investments in small-scale infrastructure have continued. In Haparanda archipelago, the beach area at the island Skomakaren has been equipped with barbecue areas, dry toilets and woodshed, and in Sortisviken on Seskarö, piers and mooring buoys have been put out.

In Kalix archipelago the island Halsön has had refreshed barbecue areas in exchange for what was removed after the TV recording of Robinson.

In Luleå archipelago, the new sauna on the island Brändöskär has been put into operation and a new sauna has been built on Kluntarna. A well for drinking water has also been drilled at Kluntarna.

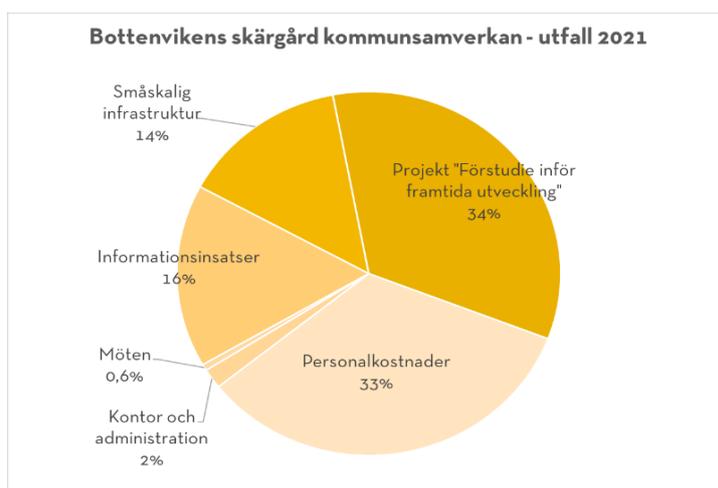


The new sauna at Kluntarna in Luleå archipelago is ready for lovley sauna baths.

Piteå municipality got a tough start as their work boat sank in the beginning of the summer. While waiting for a new boat, no major projects have been implemented, but in cooperation with private actors, two new barbecues sites have been built at Nördharaholmen.

In the Skellefteå archipelago, Lillhällan and Bergskäret outside Kåge as well as the marinas in Båtvik and Furuögrund have received new archipelago barbeques.

At the end of the year an application for a project was submitted to the County Administrative Boards in Norrbotten and Västerbotten. The project *Accessible and sustainable outdoor life in the coast and archipelago of the Gulf of Bothnia*, approved, will start in April 2022.



Distribution of costs during 2021

During 2021 the joint municipal work in the archipelago have used a total of 2.2 million SEK. The investments have been made through the municipalities' basic financing and through completed projects.

More details about what has been done is described in *Operations and budget follow-up 2021 – Bothnian Bay inter-municipal coastal cooperation* (in Swedish). Contact us to find out more! You will find contact information at <https://www.bottenvikensskargard.se/en/>.



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Piteå kommun



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