

## BOTTENVIKENS SKÄRGÅRD

# Joint coastal development 2024

The *Bothnian Bay coastal inter-municipal cooperation* 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.

In 2024, the main focus has been on implementing our two LONA projects. The LONA project "[Accessible and sustainable outdoor life in the Bothnian coast and archipelago](#)" is in its final phase and will be completed in 2025. At Torne-Furö in Haparanda and on Fingermanholmen in Piteå, hiking trails have been cleared and marked. Along the paths, small information signs tell you about the area's natural and cultural values. In addition, barbecue areas have been arranged, among other things. At Vassholmen in Kalix, measures are underway to increase accessibility. A wide footbridge with information signs that tell about the area's history and nature, runs along one shore. In Luleå, a test of a solar-powered decomposition toilet is underway, and a so-called "environmental jetty" will be tested in Junkön harbour. Gåsören's harbour in Skellefteå has been equipped with an accessible jetty and visitors to the island can walk along a "nature trail" where information signs tell about the island's nature and history.

In the LONA project "[Discover angling in the Bothnian coast and archipelago](#)" work has progressed. The aim is to promote sustainable sport fishing and attract more people to discover the fishing opportunities of the coastal area. The project is being carried out in Skellefteå municipality, but the results will be able to be used by other municipalities along the Bothnian Bay. The work has been set up in dialogue with associations, companies and authorities in the area. During the year, a much appreciated course in winter fishing has been carried out. This has formed the basis for a draft "Handbook for a successful fishing course" that has been sent out for comments.

Efforts to create an accessible and pleasant archipelago continue. In Haparanda, jetties have been equipped with the Bothnian Bay archipelago mooring devices, and Sortisviken and Tromsövikén on Seskarö, among other places, have been equipped with barbecues areas and car parks.

In the Kalix archipelago, the typical archipelago signage for the Bothnian Bay archipelago has been put up out on Frevisören.

In the Luleå archipelago, Altappen has been equipped with a new jetty, Junkön's harbor has been dredged and given a new jetty. On 15 June, the public was invited to *Archipelago Day*.

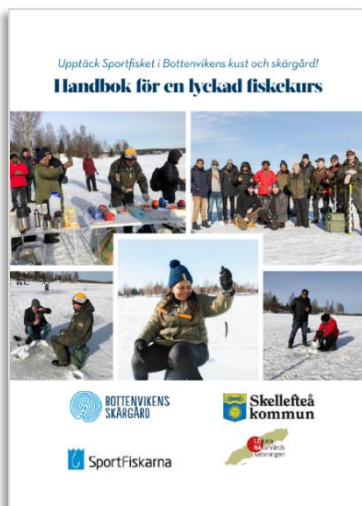
In the Piteå archipelago, Bondö marina has built a sauna with the Bothnian Bay archipelago sauna. The municipality has also renovated navigation signs in the waterways for leisure boats.



Information sign at Torne-Furö



Nature trail and sign at Gåsören



Handbook for a successful fishing course



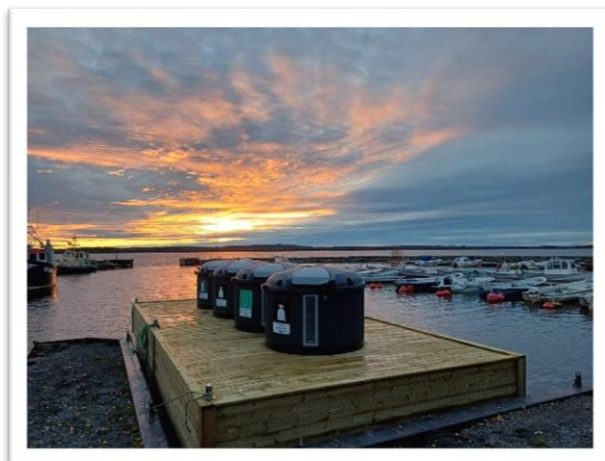
Description of winter activities in the coast and archipelago

In the Skellefteå archipelago, several marinas have been equipped with the mooring loops of the Bothnia Bay. At Gåsören there is now an accessible toilet, in Örviken new barbecues and in Båtvik harbour a new sauna.

We have informed about tour boats and accommodation out on the islands throughout the coastal area of the Gulf of Bothnia, as well as what is prepared in the coast and archipelago in the winter, such as ski trails out to the islands, open saunas and ice rinks. The guides [summer/winter](#), are available on the Bothnian Bay archipelago's website and are available in both Swedish and English.

In order to obtain a basis for the municipalities' priorities and decisions regarding investments in destinations in the coast and archipelago, a description of the current situation and needs has been produced. This year, this work has begun for the municipalities of Skellefteå and Kalix.

The dialogue on archipelago development has continued. Among other things, with companies and associations in Skellefteå municipality, where we discussed priorities for future measures.



Luleå's environmental jetty will be located in Junkön's harbour



A new sign out on Frevisören tells about the Bothnian Bay

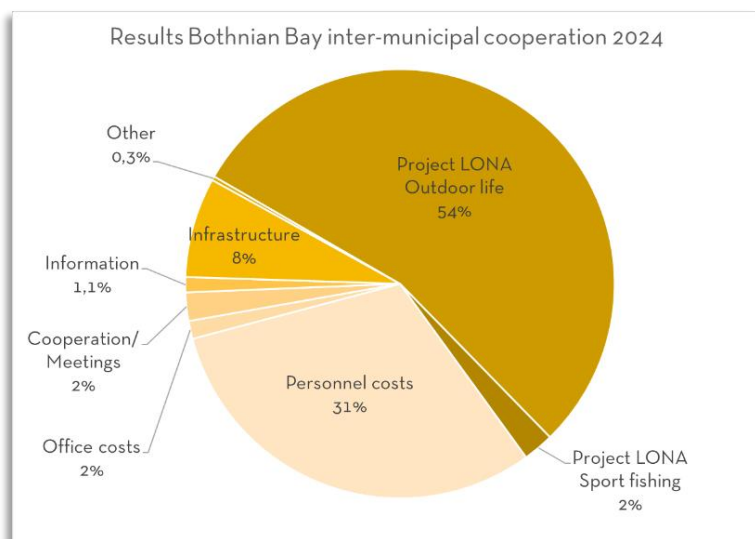


A very nice barbecue area at Fingermanholmen

During a study trip to Tjörn and Stockholm, the focus was on climate-smart archipelago traffic. During the trip, we met, among others, Region Stockholm and the electric boat manufacturers Swede Ship Marine and Candela Technology.

In 2024, SEK 2.7 million was invested in the municipal coastal development. Investments have been made through the municipalities' basic funding and co-financing from LONA via the County Administrative Boards of Norrbotten and Västerbotten.

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Distribution of costs during 2024