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# Suomen luonnonsuojeluliitto

## the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation

The largest membership-based environmental non-governmental organization (ENGO) in Finland, founded in 1938

15 local districts + youth organization Luonto-Liitto, the Nature League

Roughly 30 000 members in over 100 active local groups

Number of staff: around 60

Suomen Luonto (The Finnish Nature) magazine  
and Luonnonsuojelija (The Nature Conservationist) membership tabloid

Aims at the protection of the Finnish nature and environment (also international issues)

Challenges: Climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, overconsumption of natural resources

Achievements: Environmental legislation and administration, national parks, etc...

- logo: the Saimaa ringed seal - the only endemic mammal in the country



# A loyal customer

FANC the only ENGO to regularly turn to the courts in our work to protect nature

3 layers of organization: voluntary local chapters, regional organizations, and central organization

Southern Finland regional organization: in average 4 complaints / year. Approved or partly approved about 40 %. But complaints only 5 % of all the official statements

The Regional organization of Northern Ostrobothnia usually takes a few (3-7) cases to court every year

Hanko local chapter: in average 1 complaint / year, 50 % fully approved, 25 % partly, 25 % rejected

**=> the whole of FANC probably a little less than 100 complaints to court per year**

# Peat - a national question directly linked to EU environmental policy

Photo (Harri Hölttä): a peat excavation field.  
Peat is one of the fossil co-incineration fuels used in Finland.



# Patvinsuo National Park, Eastern Finland



# Mining – a global headache



# Thank you!

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