## **ASSESSMENT OF ALPINE HABITATS IN SWEDEN**

- What to assess
- The alpine assessment
- Contributions from MOTH
- Thoughts about the future





## **WHAT TO ASSESS**

Biogeographical & marine regions of Sweden

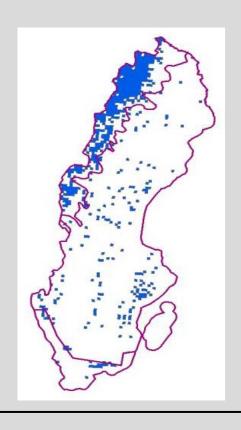




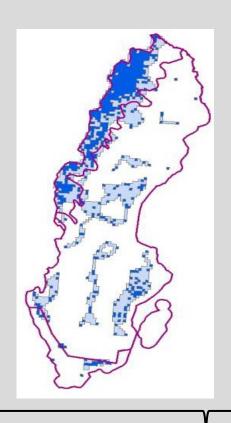


#### WHAT TO ASSESS

**Distribution** 



Range



# Structures, functions, incl. typical species

= 'quality'



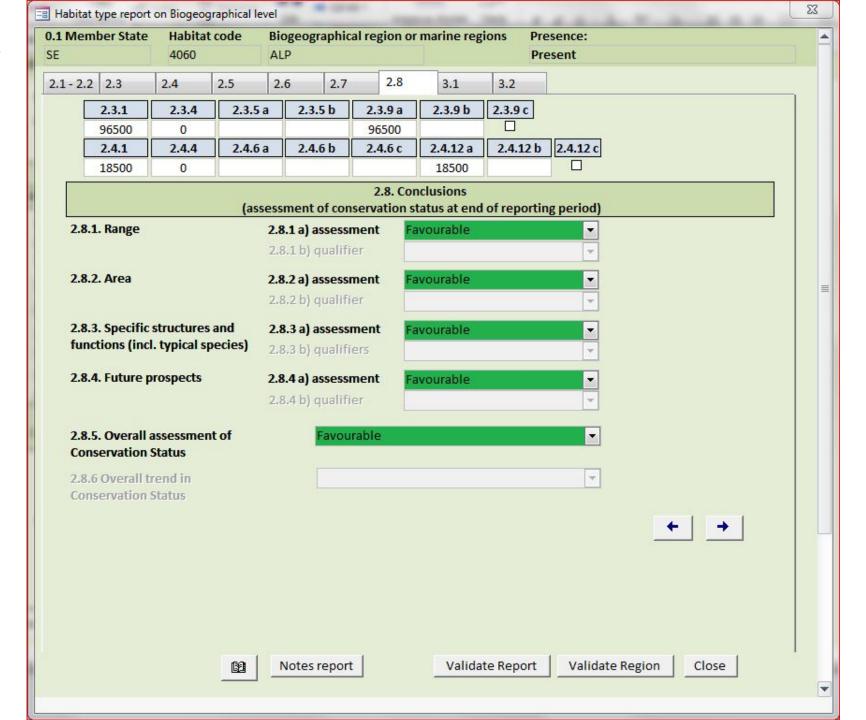
**Future prospects** 

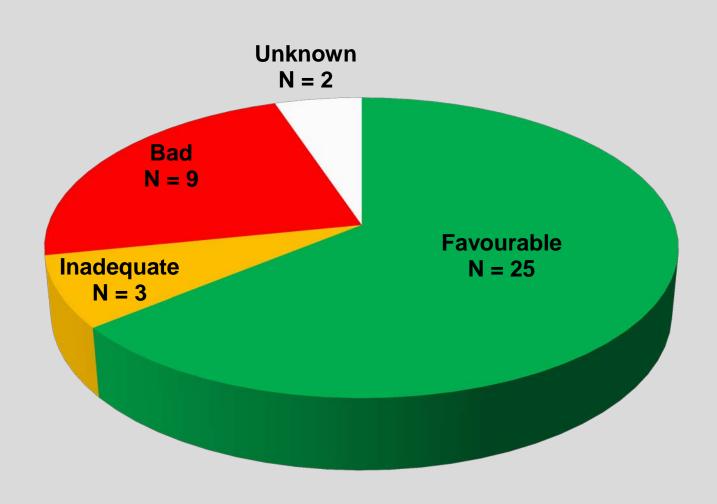
2025?

Overall assessment

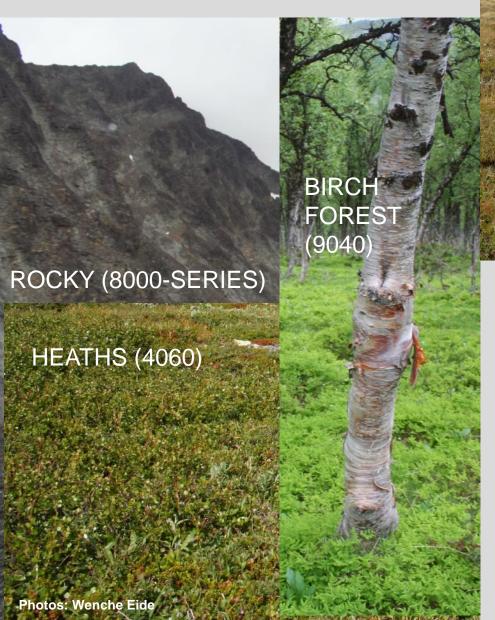


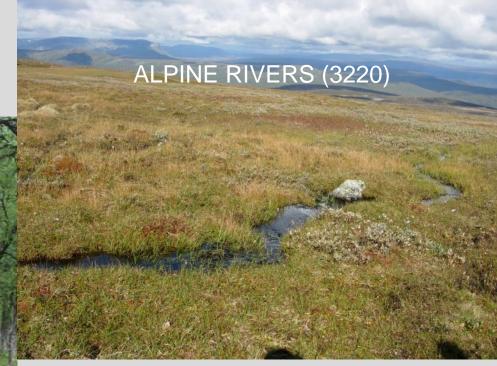


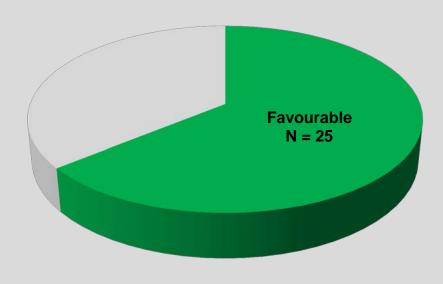


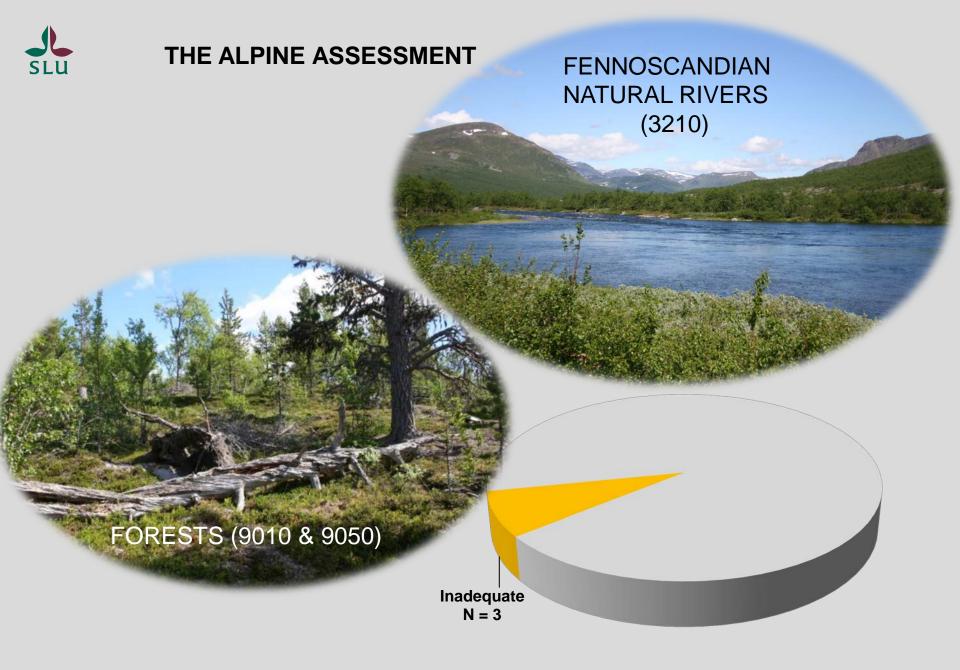










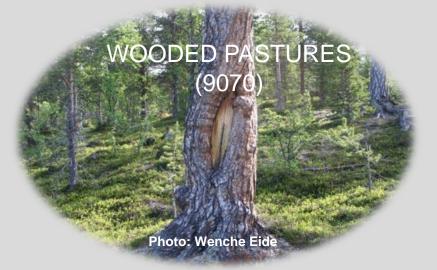


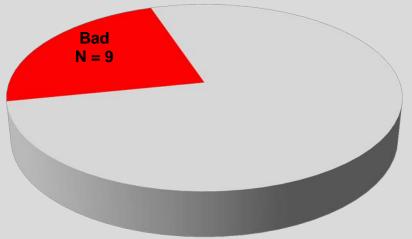
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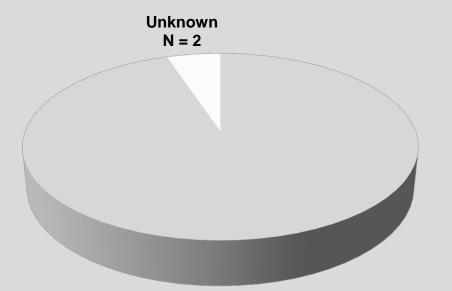






Coniferous forests on, or connected to, glaciofluvial eskers (9060)







#### THE ALPINE ASSESSMENT – and the habitat barometer

Regions

Habitat groups

**FAVOURABLE** 

Rocky

Mountain

Lakes and rivers

Wetlands

Coast INADEQUATE

Marine Forest

**Dunes** 

Grasslands

DAD

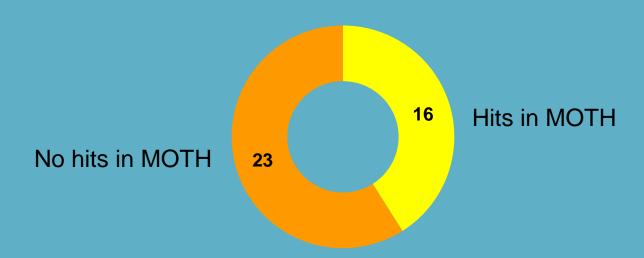
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Alpine

Marine Baltic Boreal Marine Atlantic Continental

- area/distribution

Alpine habitats = 39



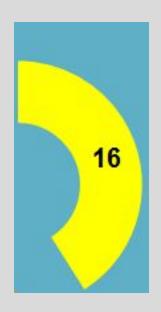




- area/distribution

#### 1. Few hits - need of new method

## Hits in MOTH



English short name	Code	
Alpine rivers	3220	Linear objects
Alluvial forests	91E0	
Mineral-rich springs and springfens	7160	1
Alpine fens with Caricion bicoloris- atrofuscae	7240	Rare & small objects

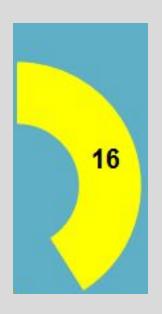




## - area/distribution

## 2. Many hits - nice to have, but how much is needed?

#### Hits in MOTH



English short name	Code
Alpine and boreal heaths	4060
Siliceous alpine grasslands	6150
Transition mires and quaking bogs	7140
Western taiga	9010
Subalpine birch forest	9040

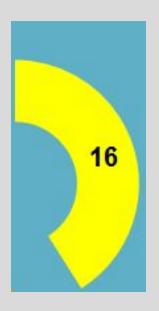




#### - area/distribution

## 3. MOTH is an important complement – increase the effort?

#### Hits in MOTH



Short name	Code
Sub-Arctic Salix spp. scrub	4080
Calcareous alpine grasslands	6170
Alpine tall herb fringe communities	6430
Alkaline fens	7230
Aapamires	7310
Herb-rich picea forest	9050
Bog woodland	91D0





- area/distribution

Methodological test – Cliffs and screes (8110, 81120, 8210, 8220)

## Calculations of coverage/presence

Manual interpretation

Automatic classifications

too time consuming

rough estimates, as good as it gets with available data

Test of model



Aerial photographs & field work





– 'quality'

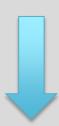
Data on typical species

 $\longrightarrow$ 

fragmented, many species few hits

Structures and functions ( i e grazing) — large variations in quantity of data





MOTH is one source of information





– 'future prospects'

MOTH is one of the data sources when listing pressures and threats



Assessments of future prospects

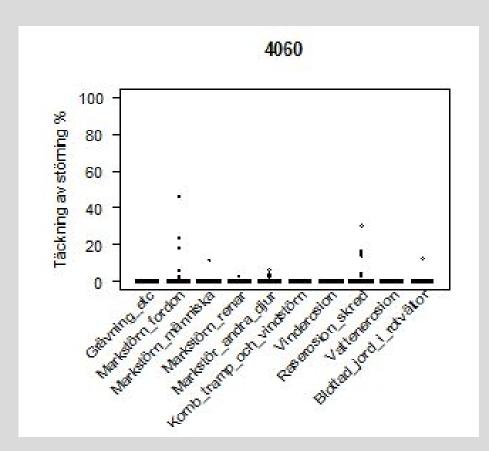


Figure from Henrik Hedenås



#### THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

Identify for which habitats and parameters MOTH is:

- the 'best' solution
- a necessary complement
- not a 'must have'



