



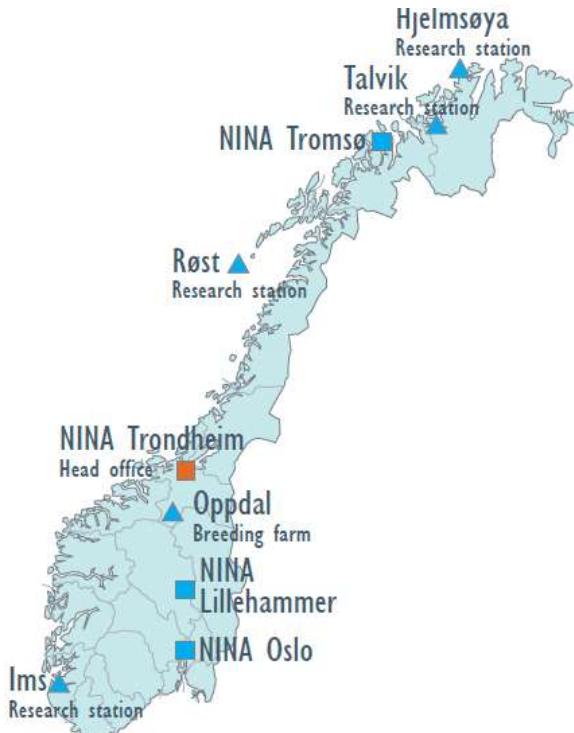
# The Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (**NINA**) and EEA Programmes **BG02** Integrated Marine an Inland Water Management and **BG03** Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

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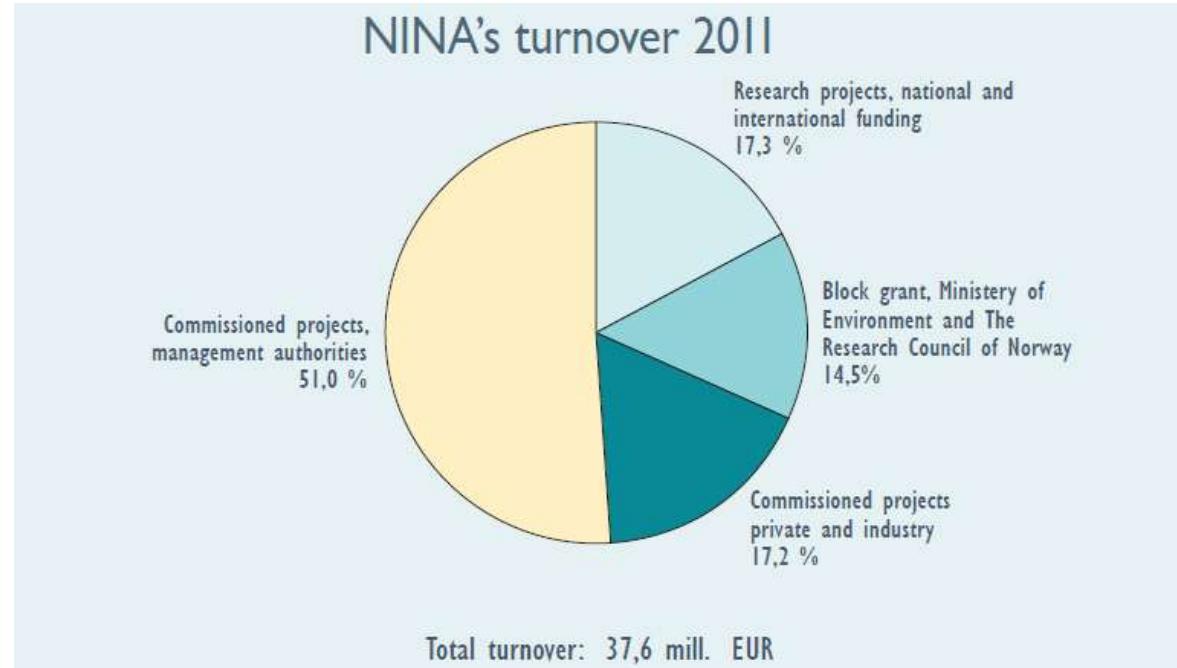


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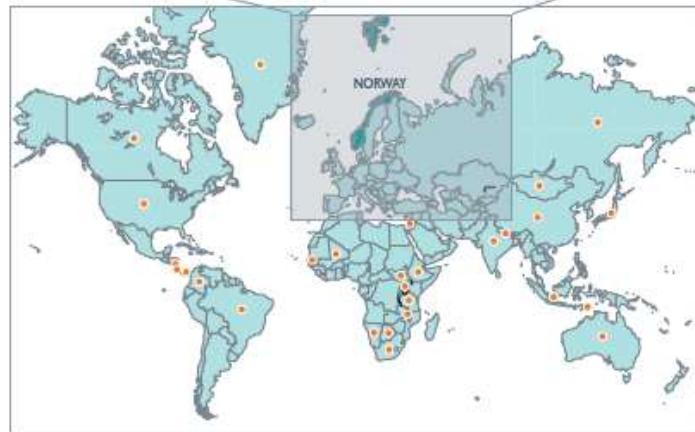
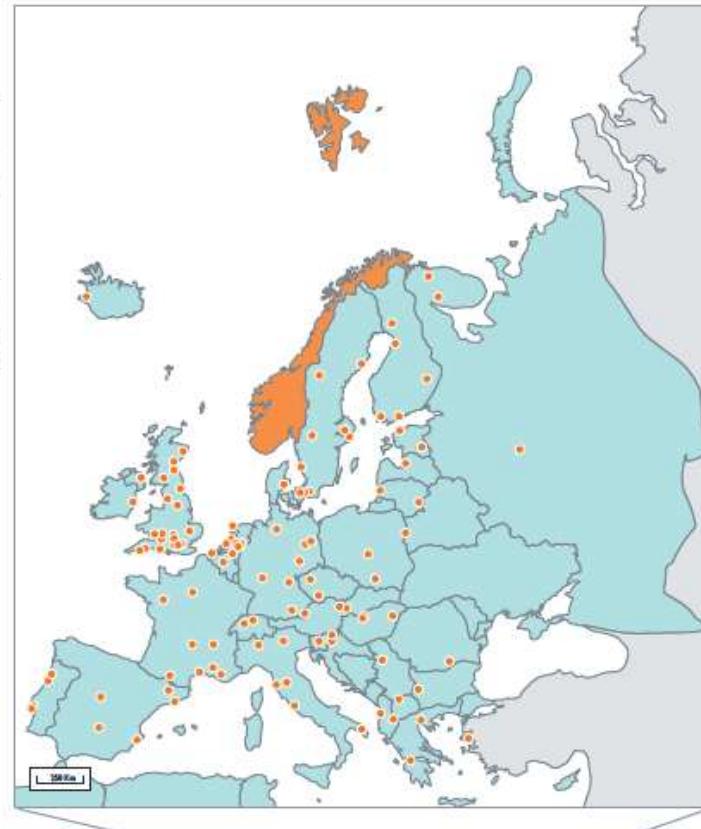
- The Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) is Norway's leading institution in the areas of nature management, monitoring, biodiversity, ecosystems services, sustainability, and community development of natural resource management.
- It is a non-profit making, nongovernmental foundation.



# Cooperation

NINA is an attractive partner in international cooperation projects. These maps provide an indication of the current level of international activity.

The map of Europe shows the cities where our partner institutions are based. The global map shows the countries where we have active project cooperation.



## Eligible activities

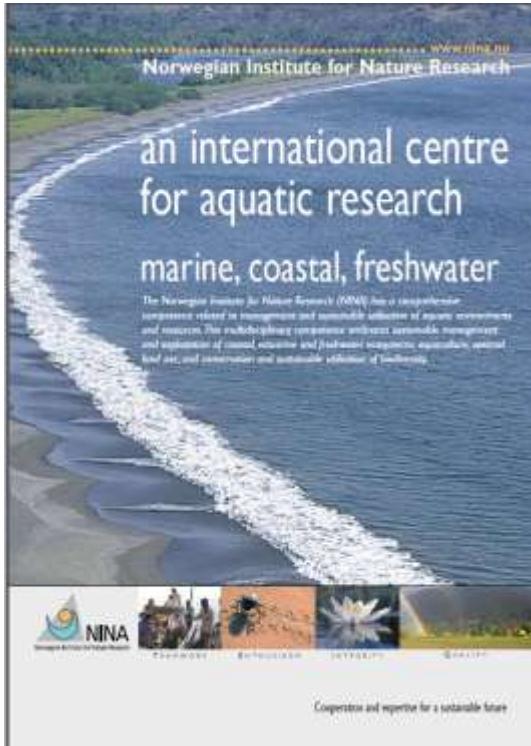
### BG02 – Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management

- More integrated management of marine and inland water resources
- Improved monitoring of marine waters
- Increased capacity for assessing and predicting environmental status in marine and inland waters

### BG03 - Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

- Increased awareness of and education in biodiversity and ecosystem services, including awareness of and education in biodiversity and climate change, and economic valuation of ecosystems
- Increased protection of native ecosystems against invasive alien species
- Improved integration of biodiversity considerations in sectoral policies and legislation

## BG02: NINA has strong management and applied research capacities in this field



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Recent publications include:

- ▶ [Economic benefits of remediation of pollution to marine sediments](#)
- ▶ [Effectiveness of marine Protected Areas as harvest refuge for fish](#)
- ▶ [Marine ecosystem variability and vulnerability to oil pollution](#)
- ▶ [Predictive probability modelling of marine habitats](#)
- ▶ [GIS modelling of wave exposure at the seabed](#)
- ▶ [Pollution by organochlorines in a marine top predator in relation to latitude](#)
- ▶ [An integrated development program for marine stocking: the Norwegian example \(FAO report\)](#)
- ▶ [Modelling of marine nature types and the EUNIS classes](#)
- ▶ [Freshwater crustaceans as monitors of long-range transported air pollutants](#)
- ▶ [Ocean warming, freshwater, and age of maturity of anadromous fish](#)
- ▶ [Quantifying marine, freshwater and human effects on stocks of anadromous fish](#)
- ▶ [Successful restoration of freshwater shellfish populations](#)
- ▶ [Survival and movements of eels in late freshwater and early marine phases](#)

# SEAPOP – long term monitoring of seabirds for improved management of the marine environment

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Publications

The SEAPOP programme - a milestone for the mapping and monitoring of seabirds in Norway

SEAPOP (SEAbird POPulations) is a new and long-term monitoring and mapping programme for Norwegian seabirds that was established in 2005. The programme represents a new initiative for these activities in Norway, Svalbard and adjacent sea areas, and will provide and maintain base-line knowledge of seabirds for an improved management of this marine environment. The data analyses aim to develop further models of seabird distribution and population dynamics using different environmental parameters, and to explore the degree of covariation across different sites and species. This knowledge is urgently needed to distinguish human influences from those caused by natural variation.

► <http://www.seapop.no/en/about/index.html>

# Management and restoration of freshwater ecosystems



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## See also:

Managing river meanders  
([.pdf](#)); communities and river & wetland restoration in Oslo  
([.pdf](#); [.pdf](#));

Monitoring: see, e.g., The Norwegian Nature Index;  
The Norwegian Species and Habitats Database, below

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Increased awareness of and education in biodiversity and ecosystem services, including awareness of and education in biodiversity and climate change, and economic valuation of ecosystems

Increased protection of native ecosystems against invasive alien species

Improved integration of biodiversity considerations in sectoral policies and legislation

NINA has broad and deep engagement in these areas. Recent publications include:

- ▶ [The Norwegian Nature Index: Expert evaluations in precautionary approaches to biodiversity policy](#)
- ▶ [Biodiversity protection and economics in long term boreal forest management — A detailed case for the valuation of protection measures](#)
- ▶ [Is biofuel policy harming biodiversity in Europe?](#)
- ▶ [ALTER-Net, a long-term biodiversity, ecosystem and awareness research network](#)
- ▶ [Assessment of existing and proposed policy instruments for biodiversity conservation in Norway](#)
- ▶ [Costa Rica: National level assessment of the role of economic instruments in the conservation policy mix](#)
- ▶ [Capacity building for Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(IPBES\)](#)
- ▶ [Forest owners' willingness to accept compensation for voluntary conservation: A contingent valuation approach](#)
- ▶ [Renewable energy respecting nature](#)
- ▶ [Good Practice Wind - <http://www.project-gpwind.eu/>](#)
- ▶ [Valuation of species and nature conservation in Asia and Oceania: a meta-analysis](#)
- ▶ [Bio Score – Cost-effective assessment of policy impact on biodiversity using species sensitivity scores](#)
- ▶ [Confronting the costs and conflicts associated with biodiversity](#)
- ▶ [Securing the Conservation of Biodiversity across Administrative Levels and Spatial, Temporal, and Ecological Scales](#)
- ▶ [Towards the development of a management relevant index for invasive alien species : a pilot study](#)



- Leading member of [Alter-NET](#), Europe's biodiversity research network. Awareness of and education in biodiversity and climate change is a main theme.
- Modelling effects of increasing or decreasing connectivity in ecological networks [paper](#)
- Restoring migration routes for reindeer [paper](#); [.pdf](#); [.pdf](#)
- Bears and habitat fragmentation [paper](#)
- Effects of ecological network connectivity on predictions of wolf distribution [paper](#)
- Effects on biodiversity of habitat fragmentation by roads: [.pdf](#)

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**What is the Norwegian Nature Index?**

The index aims to respond to the need for transparency in biodiversity. It is based on a wide range of indicators representing different aspects of biodiversity. The index can be used to monitor the impact of human activities on natural resources, as well as to detect long-term biodiversity patterns.

The Norwegian Government has set the Norwegian Environment Agency responsible for developing a systematic index of change over time for natural resources, and the index is the first of its kind (see also [NINA](#), [EPA](#)).

**Where are the results available?**

The main results are displayed in a series of reports by the Norwegian Environment Agency. The reports focus on issues in the Norwegian effects of climate change, biodiversity, ecosystem services, and the resulting environmental management measures. National reports are also available on the Ministry of Environment's [National Budget](#). In the meantime, it is possible to follow the development of the index through the [Species Portal](#) or the [Species Database](#).

**How does the index work?**

The index tracks the state of natural resources by the following eight indicators: land, water, air, energy, species, ecosystems, and biodiversity. These indicators are used to calculate the index, which is then converted into a single value. This value represents a measure of biodiversity, increasing trends for individual regions are also used to monitor trends for entire districts, provinces, and the entire country.

**Based on international methods.**

The index uses a set of international methods (the so-called [Biodiversity Index](#)). This is the most common approach of measuring natural resources in many countries.

## The Norwegian Nature Index

### 4 minute animation explaining the NNI (in English)

NINA runs Rovdata and is a main partner in the Nature Index, and the Species and Habitats Database



## The Norwegian Species and Habitats Database

**Risk assessments of alien species**

A risk assessment methodology which assesses the potential environmental impacts caused by alien species that have been introduced into Norway.

**Biodiversity**

Assessing the condition of an area, ranging from different landscapes and ecosystems to the diversity of species and genetic variability.

**Species in Norway**

In Norway, around 40 000 species are known. Of these, about 10 000 are non-native. These numbers do not include bacteria and fungi.

**Alien species**

The introduction of alien species can have both positive and negative effects. In this category, they look at what is new to the local environment.

**Species Database**

A risk assessment methodology for alien species which reproduces their natural habitat.

**Alien Species in Norway - with the Norwegian Biodiversity List**

A risk assessment methodology for alien species which reproduces their natural habitat.

**Norwegian Red List for Ecosystems and Habitat Types**

A review of assessments of ecosystems and habitats, covering terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems.

## Rovdata - The Norwegian large predator database

**Rovdata**

**National inventories of predators**

**Arcto-Norvegicus**

Arcto-Norvegicus is a large predator database containing information on all species of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and insects found in Norway.

**Ulvsvipper påvist i Østmarka**

En ulvsvippe ble observert i området i Østmarka sist i juni 2013. Det er ikke sikkert om det var en ulv som ble observert, men det er et viktig resultat for området.

**Hare hentes medfylende**

Et hund har hentet en hare i området. Denne arten er svært vanlig i Norge og finnes i alle deler av landet.

**Hare ulver og røkredus knokk**

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**Hare ulver som alle fra Norge**

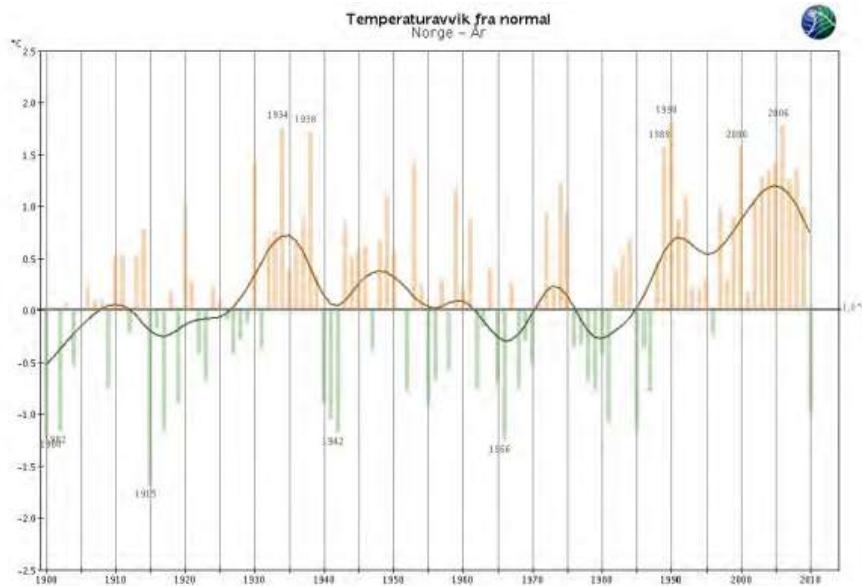
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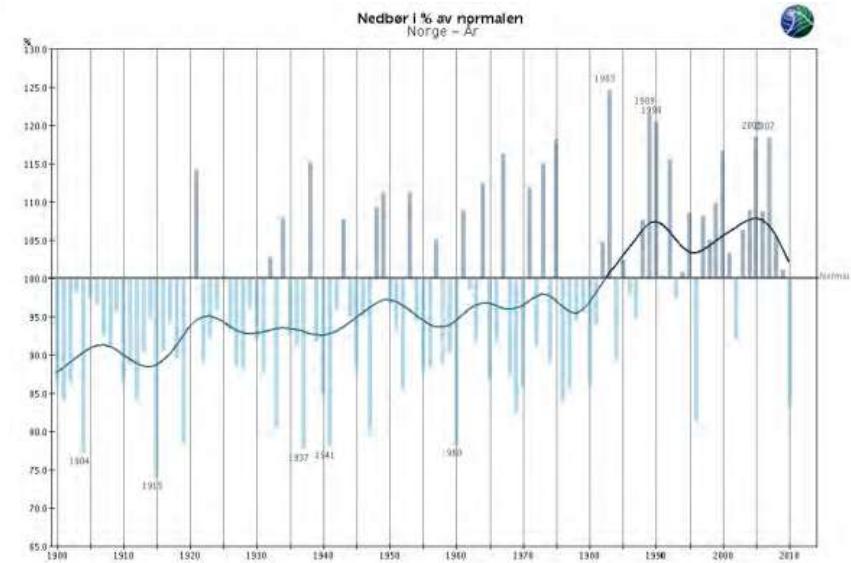
Det skandibjørnenes utvikling og utbredelse i Norge er ikke godt dokumentert. Det er ikke kjent om det finnes i Norge.

# TOV: terrestrial nature monitoring

- Long distance air pollution
- Climate
- Species management

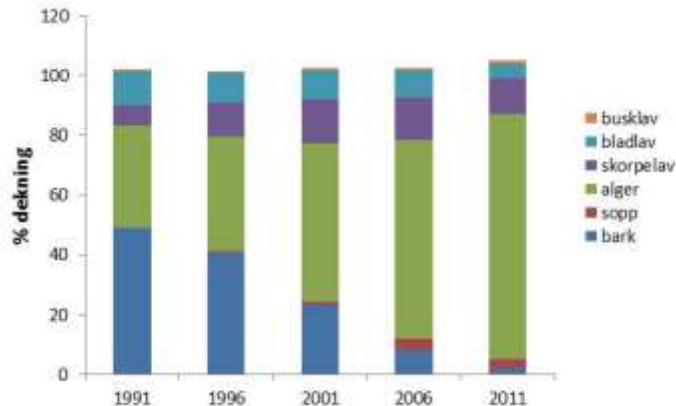


Temperature deviation from normal,  
Norway, 1900-2010

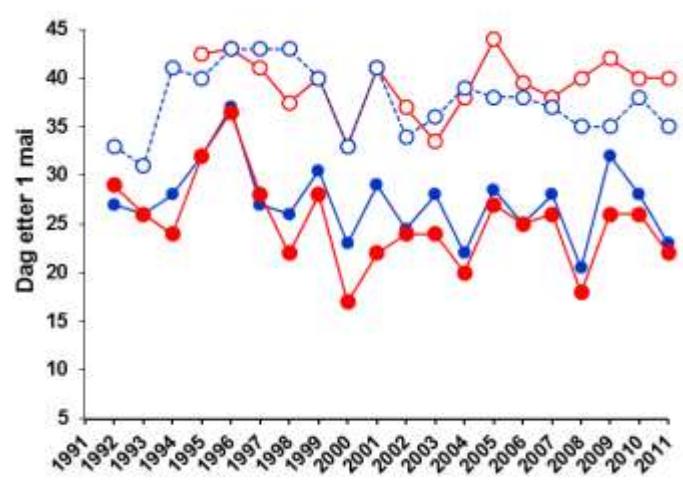
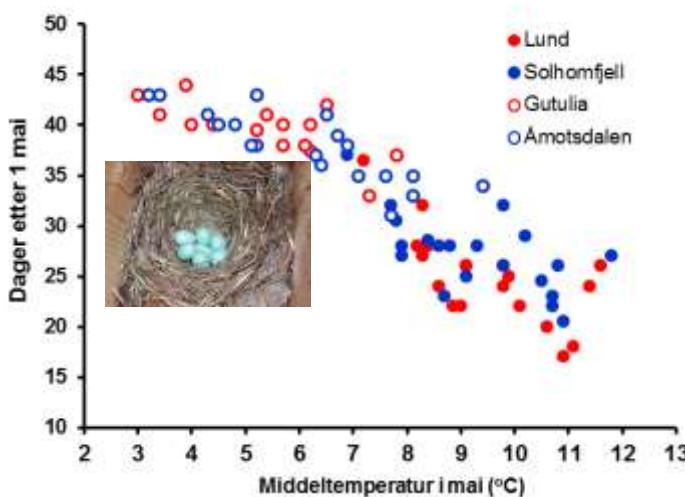


Precipitation, % of normal, Norway,  
1900-2010

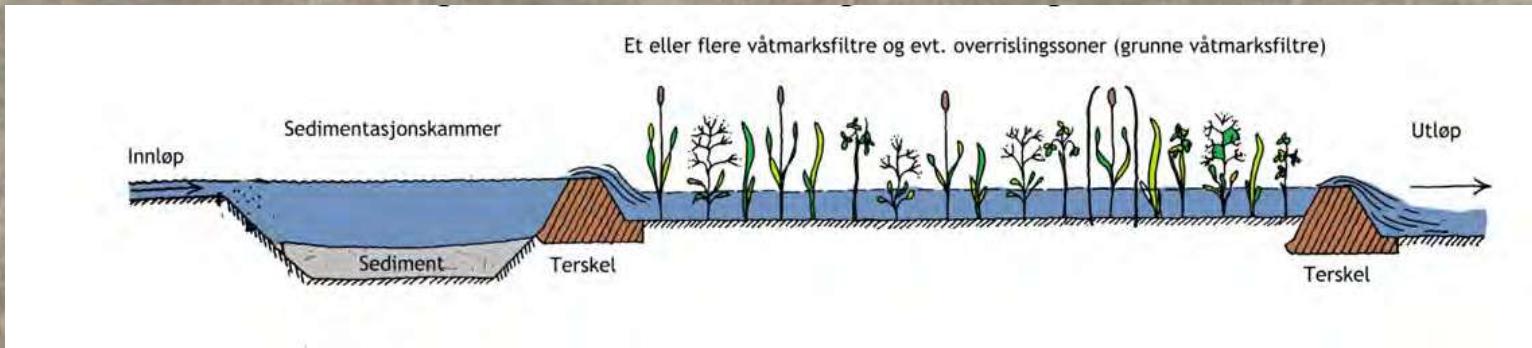
## Example 1 : Nitrogen combined with climate change: algae and lichens on birch trees in Norway



## Example 2: Climate and birds – date of egg laying



- Identification of climate change impacts on e.g. salmon [paper](#); salmon and trout [paper](#); vegetation [paper](#); soil fauna [paper](#); grouse reproduction [paper](#); seashores [.pdf](#); seabirds [.pdf](#); freshwater [.pdf](#); lemmings [paper](#); geese [paper](#); trees [paper](#); birch forest vegetation assemblages [paper](#); reindeer [.pdf](#);
- Adaptation measures: floodplains [paper](#); north Norway and Svalbard [.pdf](#); extreme weather events [.pdf](#)



# Terrestrial nature monitoring (TOV) in an international perspective

- International reporting
  - EU Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI 2010) – terrestrial breeding birds
- International study areas for long-term ecological research
  - ILTER, LTER Europe
- European Infrastructure for Research
  - LifeWatch
- Multi-site Experiments

LTER Europe



ILTER = International Long Term Ecological Research

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## NINA Report 468

Alien species and climate change in Norway

An assessment of the risk of spread due to global warming

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Sandie Oberg  
Marte Ørenlid

- NINA is a leading research institution in the area of invasive species, e.g.:
- [Development of a management relevant index for invasive alien species : a pilot study](#)
- [Alien species and climate change](#)
- [National use and applicability of Alien Invasive Species assessment criteria](#)
- [Invasive crayfish and disease transmission](#)
- [History and consequences of alien freshwater fish invasion in Norway](#)



Cooperation and expertise for a sustainable future



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# Summary

- ▶ The Norwegian Institute for Nature Research is an internationally leading institute in the areas of applied ecological research, biodiversity, ecological monitoring, nature management, and human/nature interactions
- ▶ It is an independent, non-profit making institute
- ▶ NINA has long experience in collaborating in international programmes
- ▶ NINA has strong expertise in all areas of the EEA BG02 and BG03 Calls for Proposals and is seeking Bulgarian partners
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