



**NORDISKT KOLLEGIUM FÖR
VILTFORSKNING (NKV)**
Nordic Board for Wildlife Research

**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**

for

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**(NORDIC BOARD FOR
WILDLIFE RESEARCH)**

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Introduction

THE NORDIC BOARD FOR WILDLIFE RESEARCH (NKV), which was established in 1971 after recommendation from the Nordic Council of Ministers in 1968 (appendix 1), hereby agrees on defining its future tasks and mandates as given below.

Chapter 1. The role of NKV

1.1 Purpose

Recognising that the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife resources can only be achieved through management based on scientific knowledge and insight, the purpose of the NKV is to promote wildlife research within the Nordic region, with particular emphasis on the continuous improvement of research quality and quantity, and the dissemination of knowledge both within the scientific and general communities.

The NKV will work to do this by

1. Sustaining and publishing the international scientific journal “Wildlife Biology”,
2. Initiating and supporting Nordic Congresses of Wildlife Research at regular intervals of 4 years,
3. Supporting workshops, symposia etc. on relevant wildlife topics, and
4. Supporting students and researchers with respect to costs of travels that furthers Nordic cooperation.

Items in this list are given in order of priority.

Chapter 2. Membership

2.1. Full members

Full members of the NKV are ministries, government institutions and agencies from Nordic countries.

At the time of this memorandum, full members of the NKV are:

The Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
The Directorate for Nature Management, Norway
The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden
The Environment and Food Agency of Iceland, Iceland
The National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark

Full members may leave the NKV after giving a written notice two years in advance. The right of membership is contingent on the payment of the membership fees.

Funding for the NKV's operation is provided by annual membership fees. Annual fees are proposed by the Board and approved by the full members.

2.2. Associate memberships

To further one or more of its specified goals, the NKV is open to associate membership of other institutions and organisations, both governmental and non-governmental, as decided by the Board.

Associate members can, e.g., share the NKV's responsibilities for publishing Wildlife Biology or host Nordic Congresses for Wildlife Research.

Associate members pay fees according to agreement. The agreement is approved by the Board and signed by the NKV chairman and a representative of the associate member.

The agreement can be terminated by either part with two years written notice.

Chapter 3. The NKV Board

3.1. Management

Management of the NKV is exercised by the Board. Each full member appoints one Board member, representing wildlife research and/or management. Insofar as differentiated fees are paid, full members may by mutual consent be given the right to appoint more than one Board member.

3.2. Board responsibilities

Subject to the available resources, the Board is responsible for the fulfilments of the purposes of the NKV as specified in Chapter 1.

The Board appoints the Editor-in-Chief and the Technical Editor of Wildlife Biology.

The Board should have an agreement with the editorial office for Wildlife Biology to secure the publication of the journal. Changes in this agreement can only be done after giving a written notice one year in advance.

The Editor-in-chief and the Technical Editor of Wildlife Biology can participate in Board meetings.

The Board is responsible for ensuring the scientific independence of Wildlife Biology. This mandate is delegated to the Editor-in-Chief.

To further the purpose of the NKV, the Board can decide to work with institutes, organisations and private companies.

Associate members participate in Board meetings, with rights to participate in decisions according to their agreements.

3.3 Order of business

The Board establishes itself by appointing a chairman and preparing an order of business. This order should regulate the work of the Board and include at least one personal meeting per year. Chairmen are appointed for finite periods, and the chairmanship rotates among full Board members.

The order of business should also include regulations for fees, budgets and accounts, subject to approval by Board members.

Memorandum - NKV

This memorandum has been drawn up and signed in five originals. Each full member retains a copy.

On behalf of the Finnish
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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Signature:

On behalf of the Directorate for
Nature Management, Norway

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