

## Results of Helmi Habitats Programme 2025

The results do not include measures of the projects carried out by municipalities and associations (Kunta-Helmi and Järjestö-Helmi)

(GR = Government Resolution on the Helmi Habitats Programme 2021–2030)

GR No	GR measure	Target	Unit	Result 2025	Total (2020) - 2021–2025	% of the target
1	Establishment of Helmi areas	30 (–50)	number	0	20	67
2	Protection of mires based on voluntary negotiations with landowners	60000	hectares	4435	32205	54
3	Restoration of mires in state-owned and private protected areas	30000	hectares	1548	14277	48
4	Restoration of mires outside protected areas (private lands)	20000	hectares	83	253	1
5	Restoration of mires in multiple-use forests of Metsähallitus	9300	hectares	1403	9403	101
6	Returning water to protected mires from surrounding areas	400	number	25	104	26
7	Rehabilitation of SPAs and other valuable waterfowl sites in the network of protected areas	200	number	10	73	37
8	Management of sites rehabilitated in measure 7 and repeating rehabilitation measures during the Helmi period where necessary	100	number	8	88	88
9	Establishment and rehabilitation of wetland habitats for birds outside the network of protected areas.	500	number	16	83	17

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<b>10</b>	Intensive capturing of alien predators in some of the sites rehabilitated in measure 7 (recurring measure)	70	number	70	70	100
<b>11</b>	Supplementing the network of protection and resting areas for birds through voluntary action models	150	number	13	49	31
<b>12</b>	Increasing the surface area of managed semi-natural grasslands	52000	hectares		25052/23972*	46/48
<b>13</b>	Rehabilitation of semi-natural grasslands to improve their quality (ELY Centres + Metsähallitus)	26000	hectares	694**	5278**	20
<b>16</b>	Rehabilitation and management of novel habitat sites with valuable flora and fauna to strengthen the network of novel habitat sites (numerous recurring sites)	150	number	10	69	46
<b>17 a</b>	Restoration and nature management measures in forests in protected areas	800	number	127	833	104
<b>17 b</b>	In addition, prescribed burning on 750 hectares, about 100 sites (protected areas)	750	hectares	28	145	19
<b>18</b>	Active nature management measures in state-owned multiple-use forests	2850	hectares	668	2545	89
<b>18 a</b>	Management of herb-rich forests	500	hectares	19	54	11
<b>18 b</b>	Prescribed burning (in fire continuity area as far as possible)	2200	hectares	630	2397	109

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18 c	Management of sun-exposed esker forest habitats	150	hectares	19	94	63
20	Establishment of supporting areas close to nature reserves by protecting sites after retention tree felling	No target			0	0
25	Rehabilitation of small water bodies and their immediate catchments in nature reserves.					
25 a	Springs	350	number	30	145	41
25 b	Brooks	200	km	24	148	74
25 c	Flads and glo-lakes in land uplift areas	40	number	8	26	65
26	Rehabilitation of small water bodies and their immediate catchments outside nature reserves					
26 a	Springs	700	number	30	150	21
26 b	Brooks	400	km	12	41	10
26 c	Flads and glo-lakes in land uplift areas	40	number	6	14	35
26 d	Restoration of migration connections to small water bodies	700	number	8	25	4
27	Removing barriers to migration in small water bodies in state-owned multiple-use forests	970	number	102	434	45
29	Rehabilitation and management of shore habitats in and outside protected areas	200	number	64	191	96
35	Organisation of the application process for special subsidies to municipalities and associations (Kunta-Helmi and Järjestö-Helmi), finished projects	No target		34	178	

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X	Rehabilitation of brooks in state-owned multiple-use forests (target not included in the Helmi Programme)	200	km	47	47	24

#### **\*Semi-natural grasslands, continuous management**

The figure includes the result of continuous management by ELY Centres by means of aid under the Nature Conservation Act and sites managed by means of agri-environmental aid according to the report on the implementation of the common agricultural policy (period 15 October 2023–16 October 2024).

Since then, the area being management has decreased. According to the Finnish Food Authority's press release, on 25 March 2025 agri-environmental aid contracts covered **23,569 hectares**. Data on the trend in the number of contracts since then is not available.

#### **\*\*Rehabilitation of semi-natural grasslands**

Clearings under the agri-environmental aid in 2023 and 2024 have been counted towards the cumulative total volume, data for 2025 is not yet available.