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ANNUAL STATUS REPORT for PROJECT SNS-118

YEAR: 2013

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1. Project titel	Ecological effects of intensive biomass harvesting in the Nordic and Baltic countries
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3. Duration	2013-2014
4. Project status	The project is running according to plan so far.

<p>5. Activities during the reporting year</p>	<p>In the project's first year, the main activity has been to compile data about relevant experiments. A meta-database has been constructed with information about experiments carried out in the Nordic and Baltic countries, as well as in other countries in the boreal and north temperate zones (above 45°N latitude). Experiments with removal of forest residues during thinning and final felling, as well as stump harvesting, have also been included.</p> <p>Within the project we have had one meeting, at Hveragerði, Iceland, in May 2013. This meeting was back-to-back with meetings in CARES, SNS-110, and the NordForsk-funded forest soil carbon network, as well as a seminar on management effects on environmental services of forest ecosystems.</p> <p>The project was presented at the SNS network meeting in Rønne on 16 May 2013 by the project leader.</p>
<p>6. Results achieved during the reporting year</p>	<p>The main achievement has been the construction of the meta-database containing data on relevant experiments. The database consists of the following spreadsheets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Variable names and descriptions 2. Codes for variables used 3. Cross-links between plots/sites and source papers 4. References and contact information 5. Overview of information about the experiments (two spreadsheets) 6. Biodiversity information (two spreadsheets) 7. Soil property information (two spreadsheets)
<p>7. Publishing and communication during the reporting year (International scientific peer reviewed journals, other scientific publications, short communications, web etc.)</p>	<p>There have been no publications during the reporting year. The project was presented at the SNS network meeting in Rønne on 16 May 2013.</p>

<p>10. Short economic report (overview) of the reporting year</p>	<p>The project's economy is good. In NOK, the accounts for the contribution received from SNS in 2013 are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="483 324 1005 492"> <tr> <td>From SNS</td> <td>200 220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td>-3 120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>-4 492</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Other costs</u></td> <td><u>-581</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds remaining*</td> <td>192 027</td> </tr> </table> <p>*The remaining funds, 192 027 NOK, are earmarked for payment for last year's (2013) work in preparing the database. That work was carried out by Thorveig Johannsdottir, a student who was hosted at Copenhagen University for doing this work. Copenhagen University paid her salaries, and should have sent the invoice for it to the project leader in Norway before New Year. The invoice for this work has, however, not yet been received but is expected soon.</p> <p>Another post-graduate student, Helena M. Stefansdottir, has now (from March 1st, 2014) been contracted to finalize the database and lead the writing of the project's reports/publications, in close collaboration with the participating scientists from different countries.</p>	From SNS	200 220	Salaries	-3 120	Travel	-4 492	<u>Other costs</u>	<u>-581</u>	Funds remaining*	192 027
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<p>11. Date and signature</p>	<p>Date: 28.02.2014</p> <p>Signature of project leader: <i>Nicholas Clarke</i></p>										