

Sámi culture and land use

Tomas Kuhmunen, The Sami Parliament



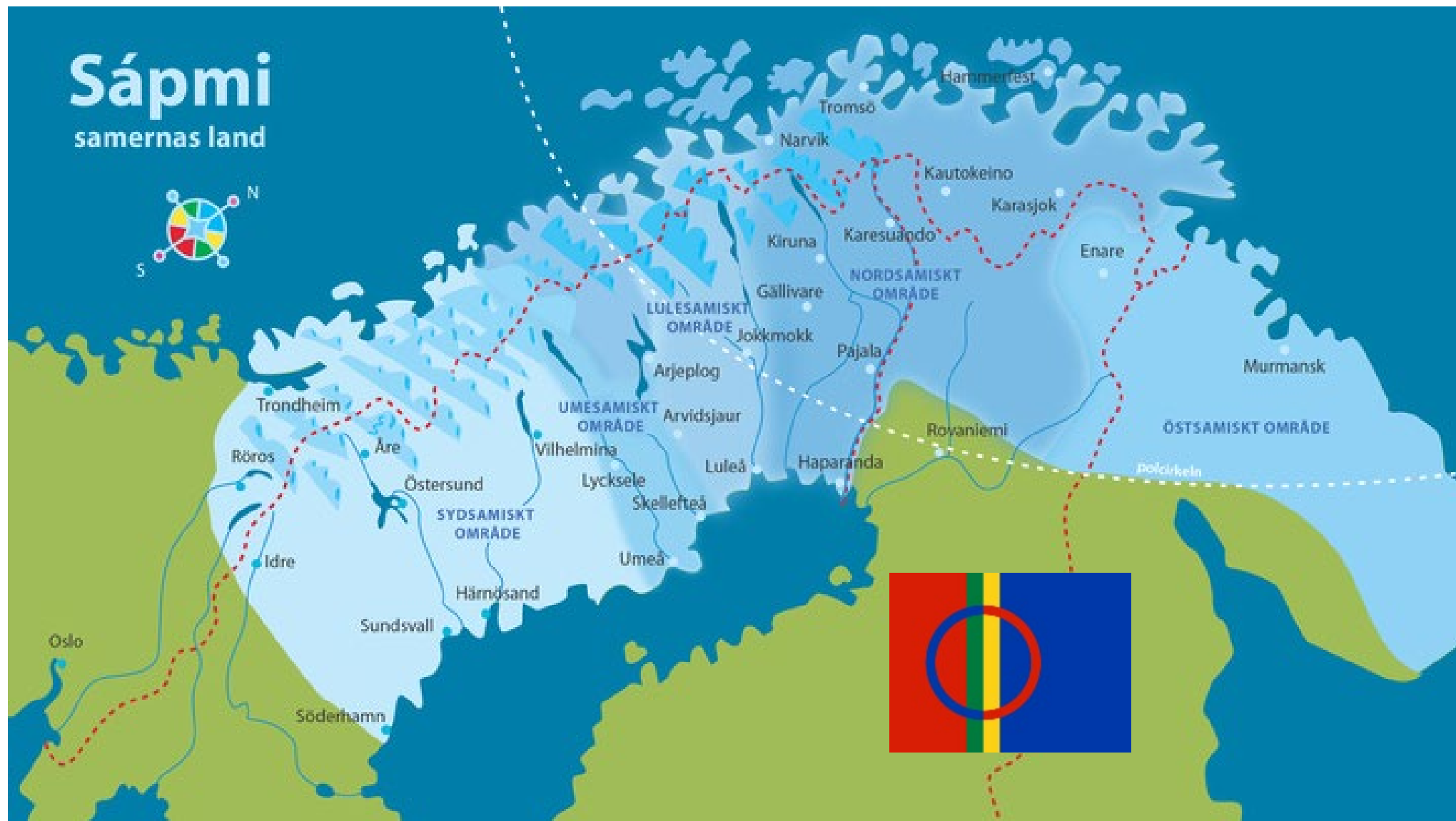
"Had the common Swede known as much about the Sami as he or she knows about, for example, the Indians of North America, the situation would have been completely different today"

Frank Orton, Discrimination Ombudsman (DO), 1992-1998



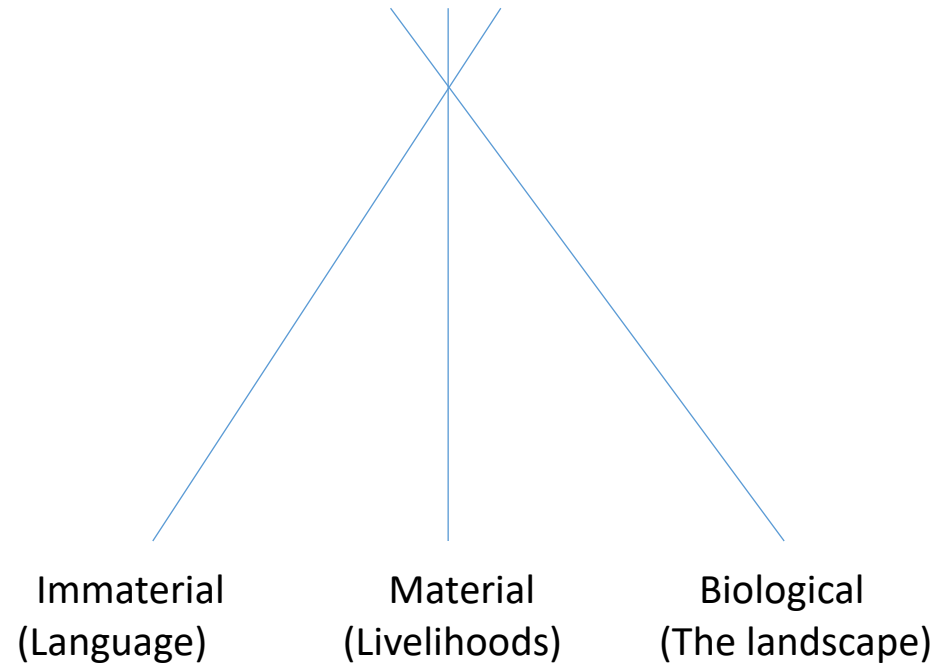
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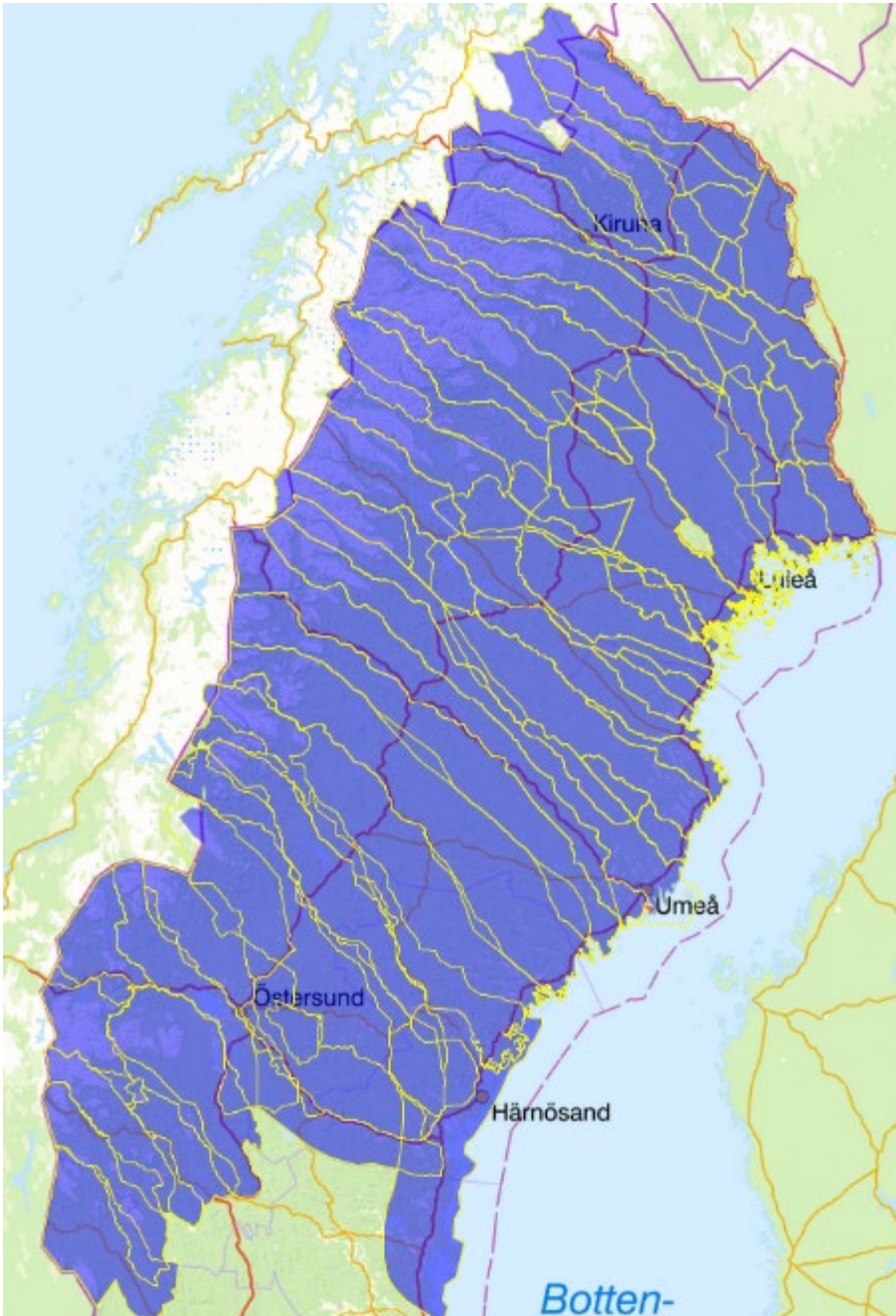
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The Sami cultural heritage stands on three legs

The Sami cultural heritage means the culture and history of the Sami people in a geographical context. The cultural heritage reflects a bygone era while at the same time it is the basis of a mindset and today's living Sami culture.



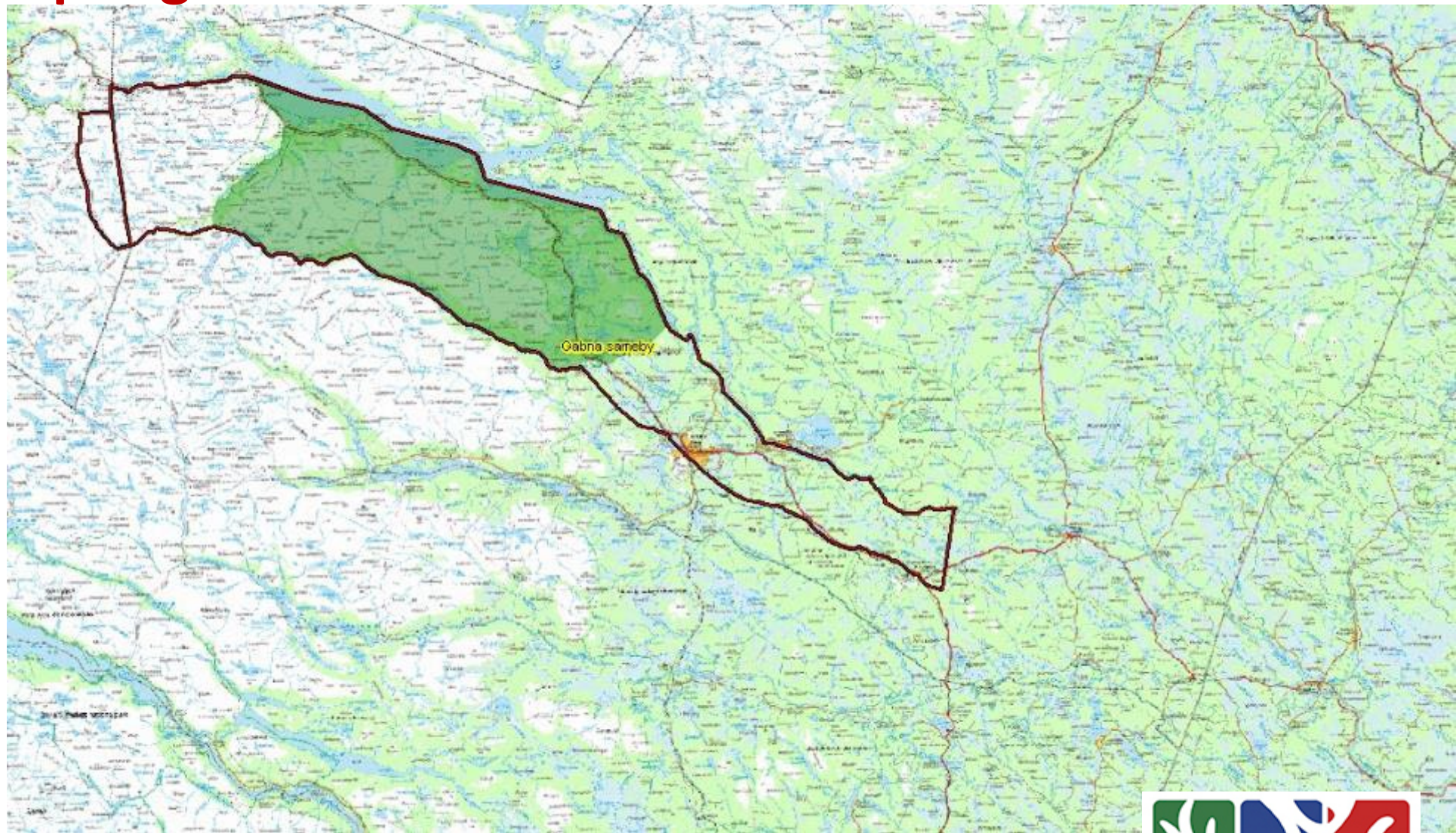


Rendee herding districts (Samebyar) in Sweden

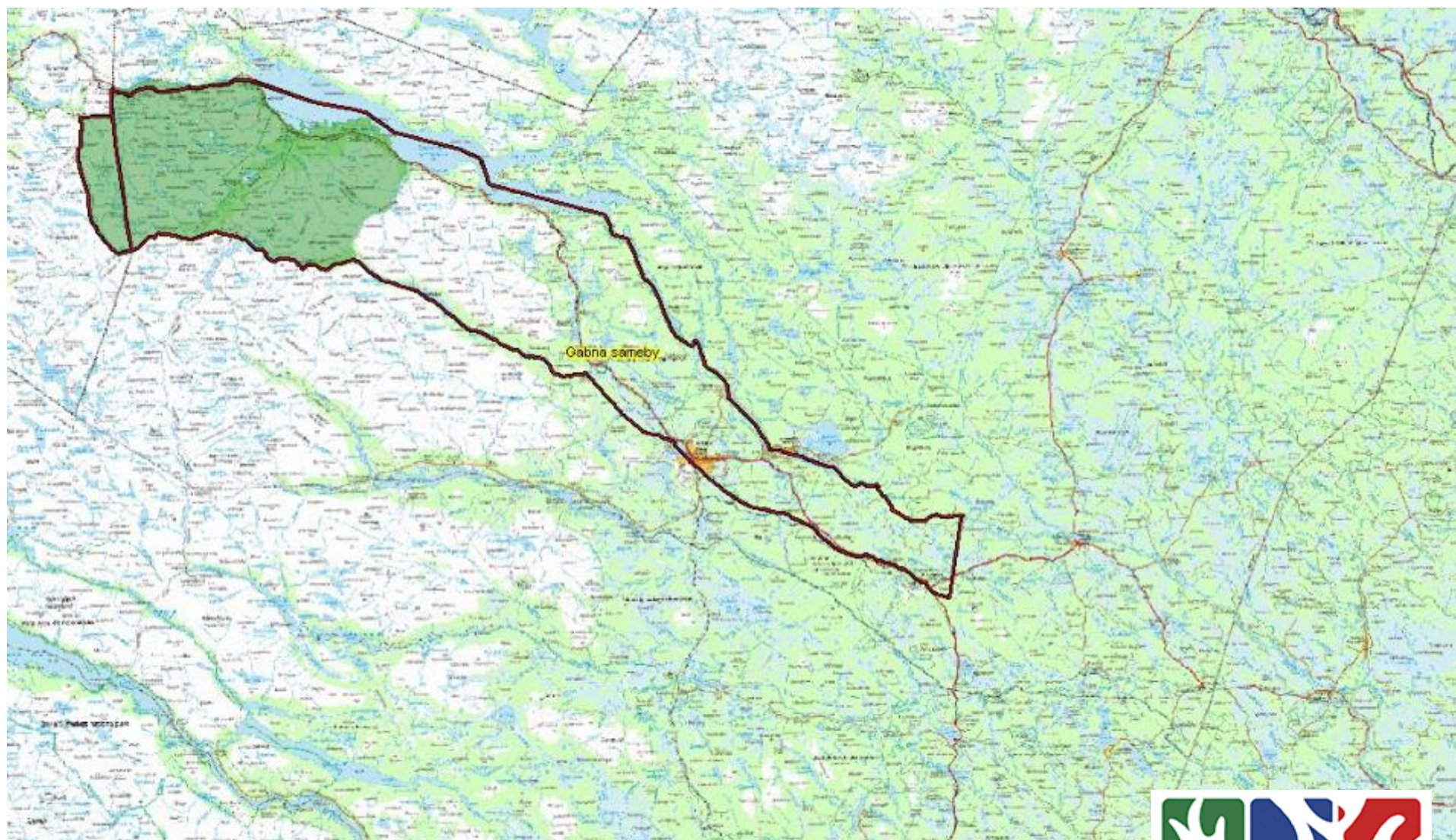
- 51 Districts
- 33 Mountain
- 10 Forest
- 8 Concession



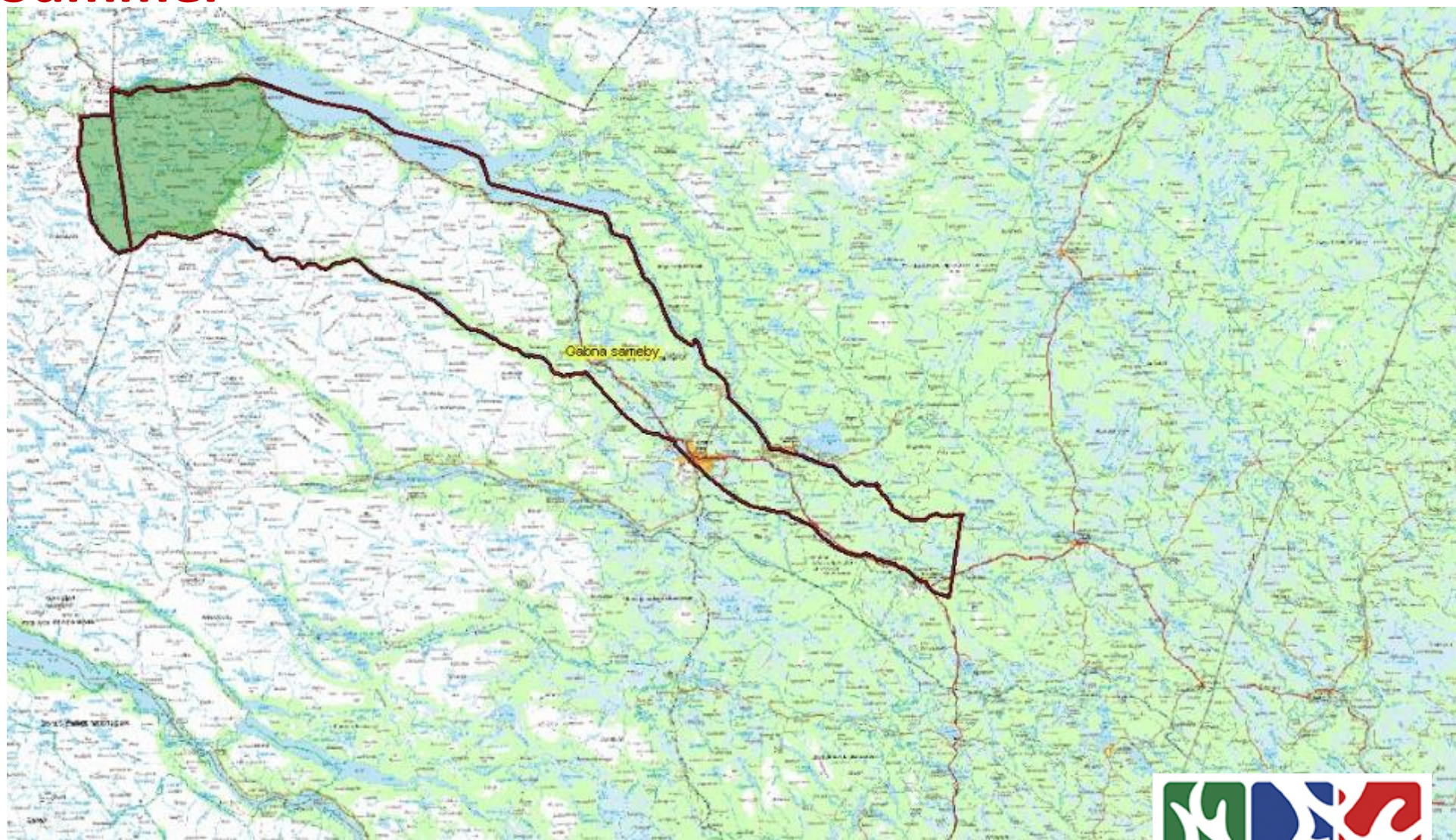
Spring



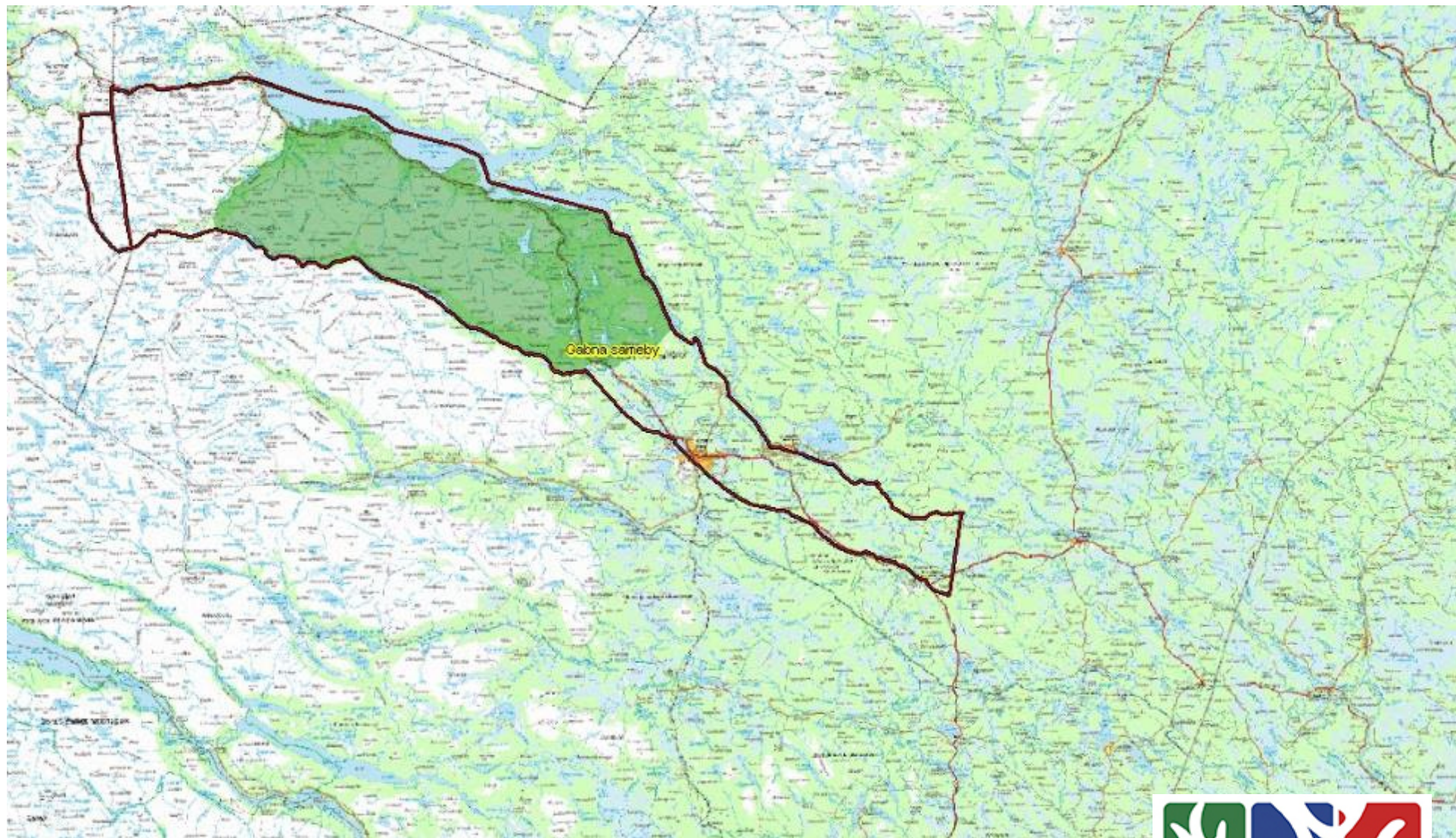
Pre-summer



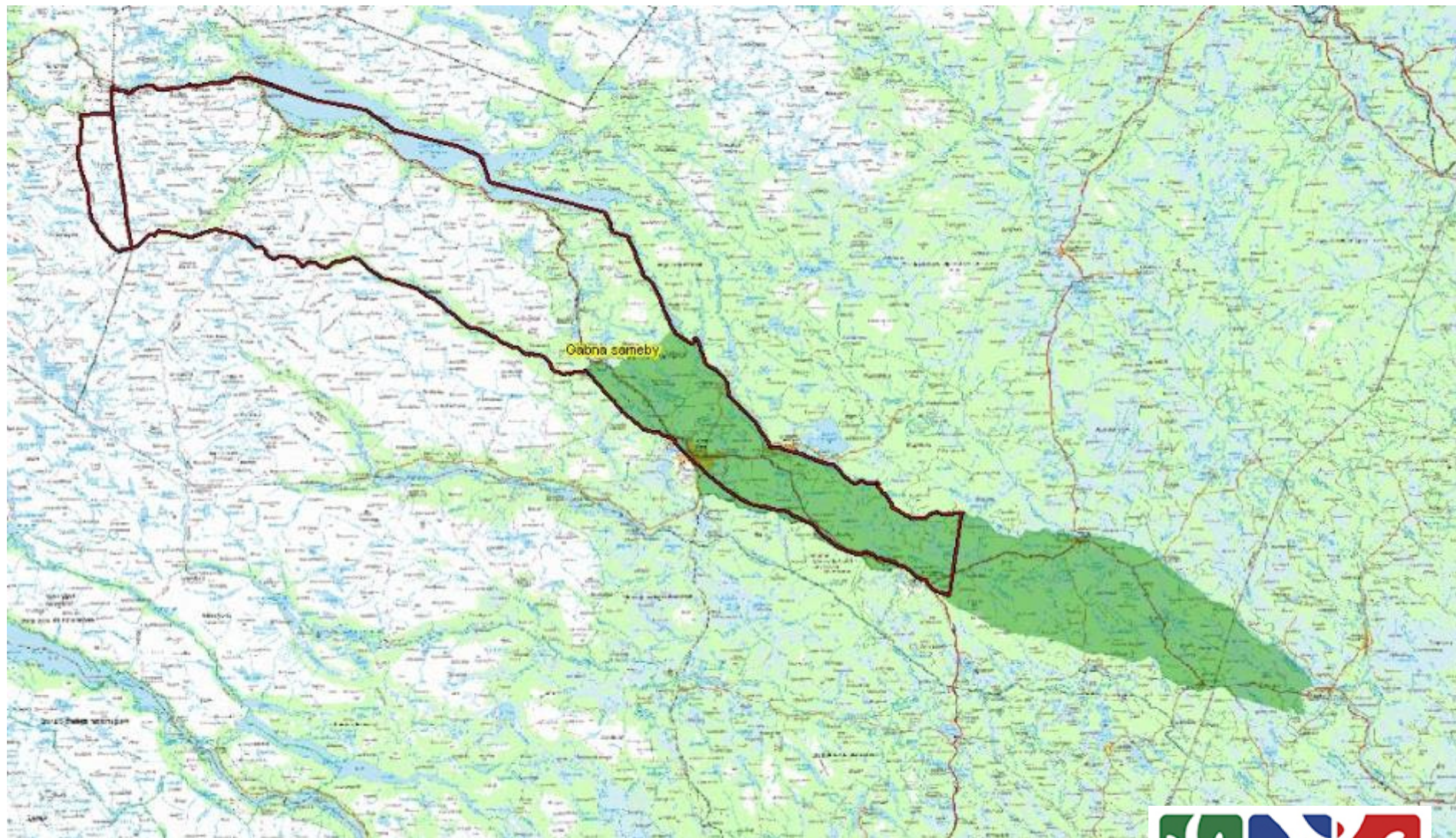
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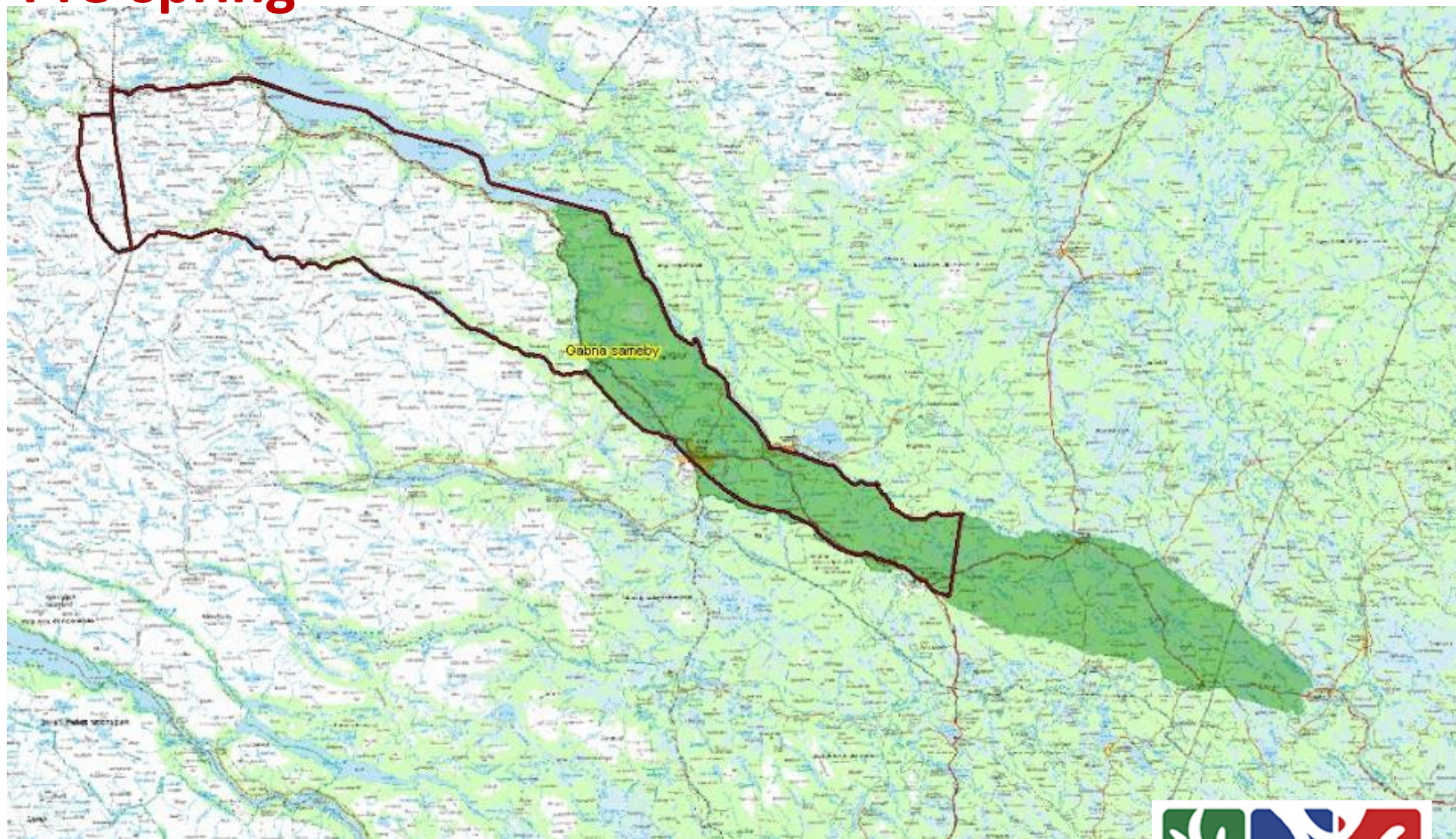
Pre-autumn/autumn



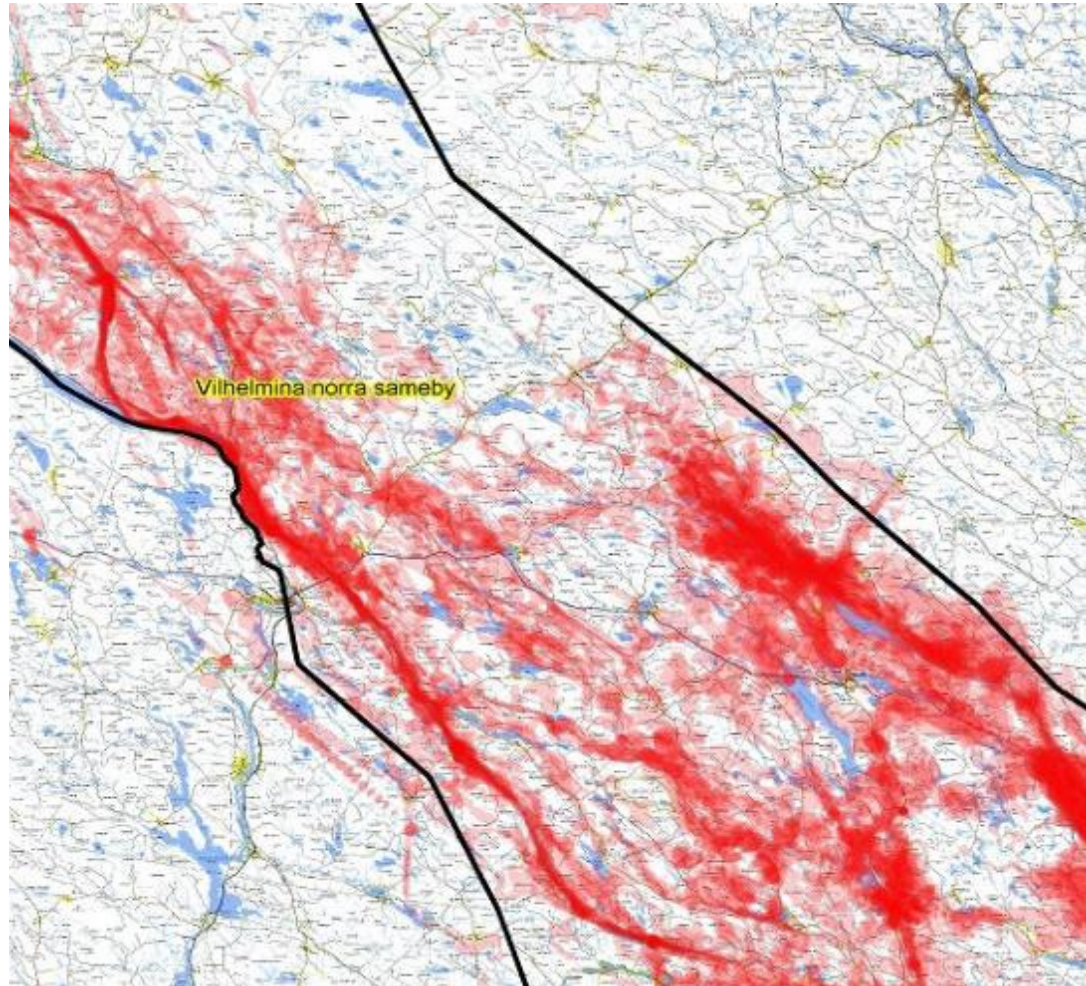
Pre-winter/winter



Pre-spring



**In reality, the reindeer flows through the landscape.
Reindeer husbandry manages a complex world based on a
cohesive landscape perspective**



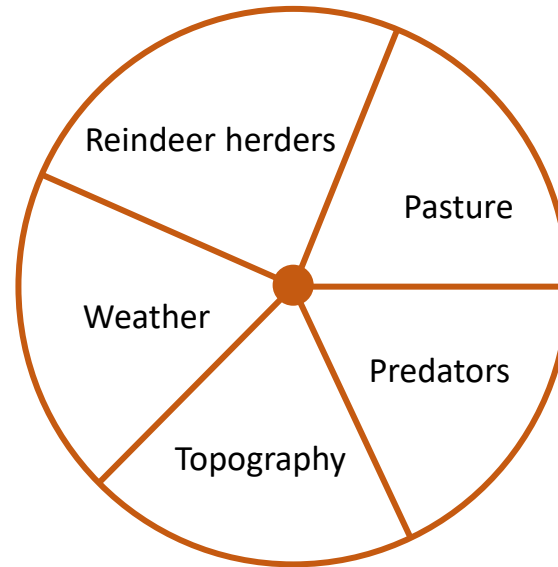
Reindeer:

- Natural behavior
- Collecting resources
- Different places, different times
- Avoids infrastructure



A Sami landscape perspective

What controls
the reindeer?



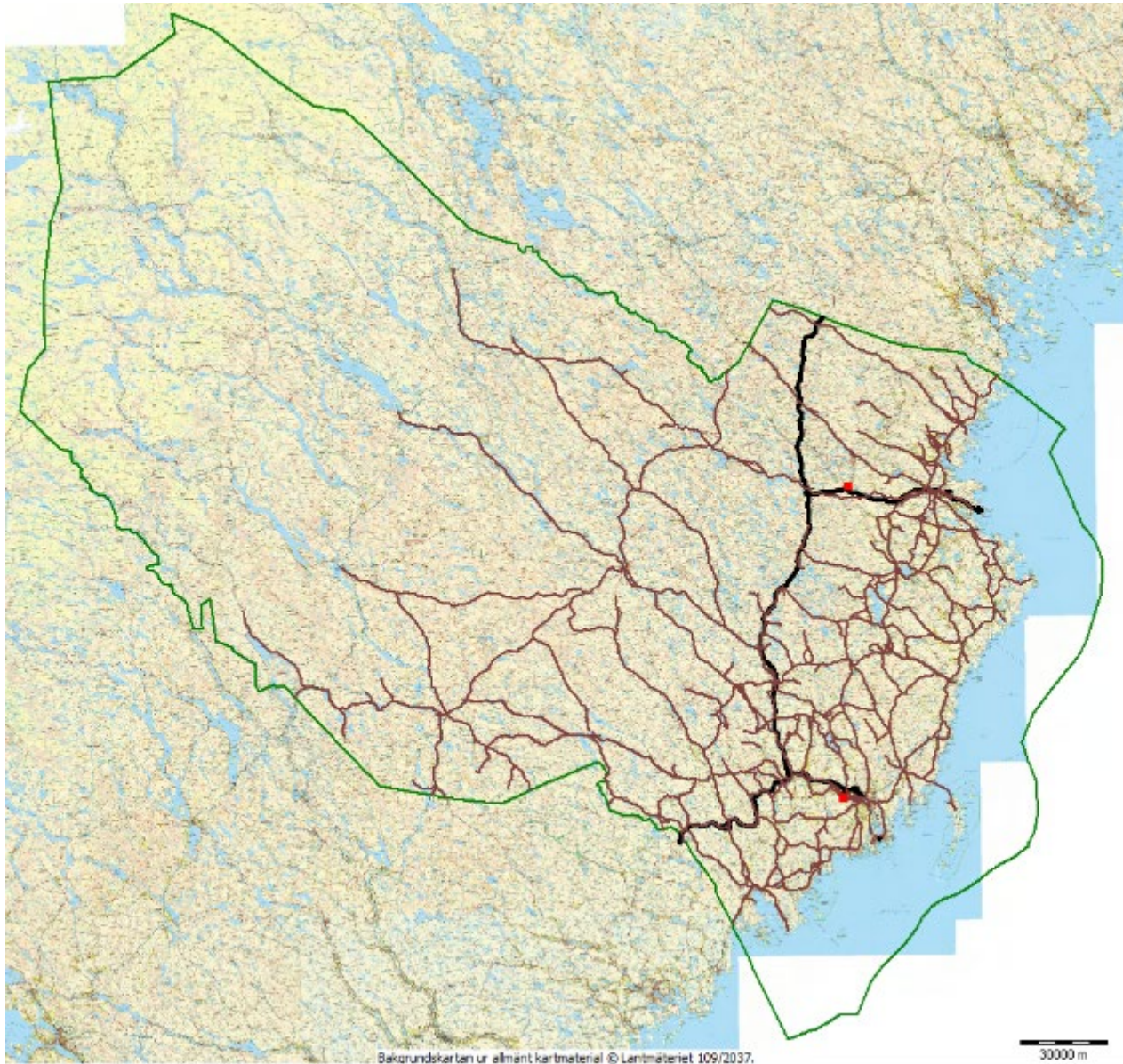
Our Common Future, " Brundtland Report", 1987

What is "sustainable development?"

"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"



**What has happened over the
years? Where is the "zero state"?**



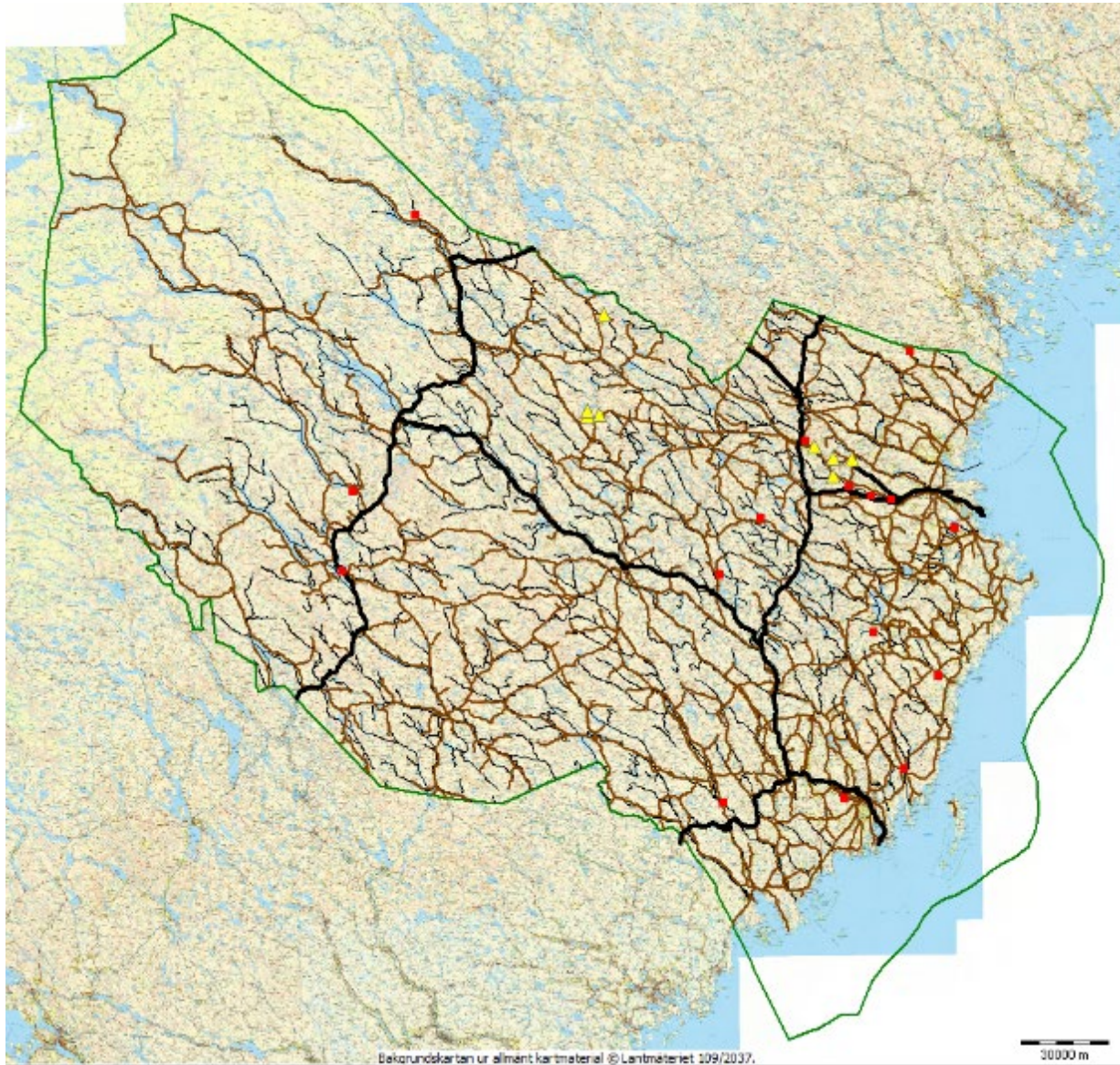
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Agriculture
Villages/towns (loose dogs)
Predators

Roads
Railroads
Hydropower



What has happened over the years? Where is the "zero state"?



1950



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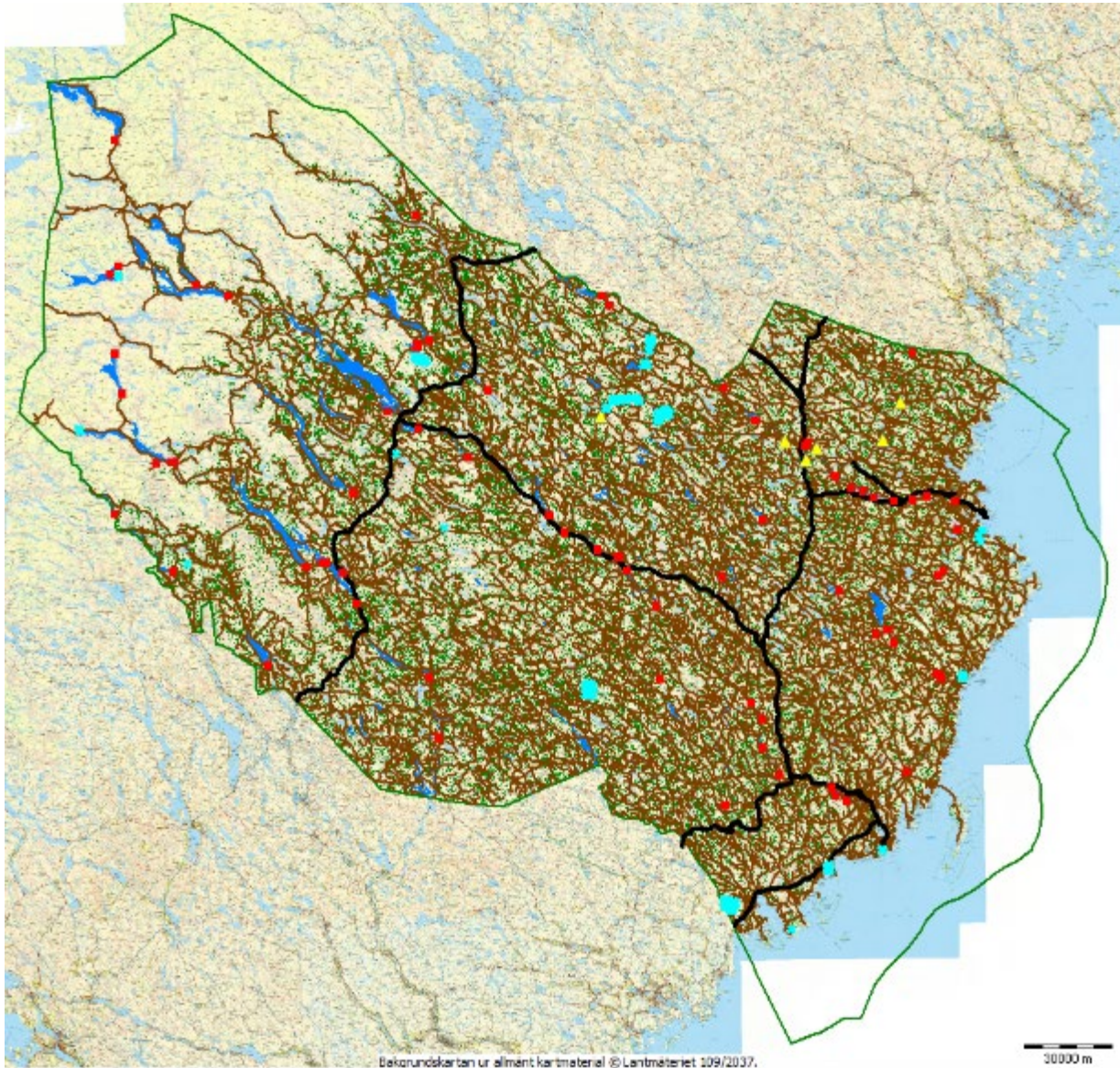


Roads
Railroads
Hydropower
Mines
Logging

(Mechanized forest industry)



What has happened over the years? Where is the "zero state"?



2015



Agriculture
Villages/towns (loose dogs)



Predators
Forest industry
Roads
Railroads
Hydropower
Mines
Windpower
Tourism
(Dog sledding, Snowmobiling, Heliskiing)
Hunting and fishing



"People usually manage somehow, but the animals, the reindeer, I worry about them" - Sixten Svonni, 88 years old, Rávttas/Rautas.

Giitu/Gijtto/Gijjto/Gijttuo/Gæjhtoe/Thank you

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