



Wilderness in Estonia

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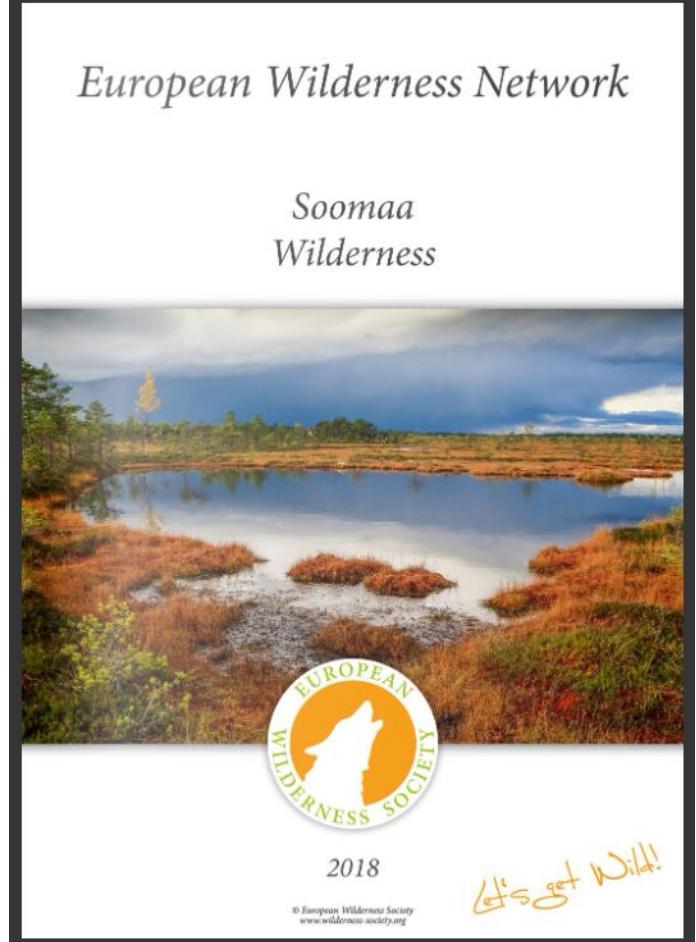
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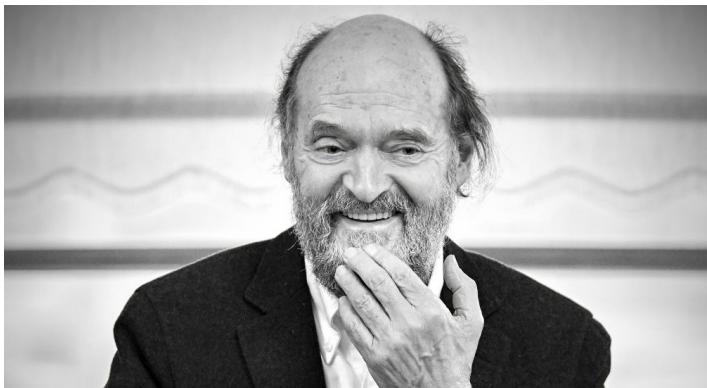
1) Celebration of #WildernessWeek in Estonia

- 40 guided trips in wild locations

2) Soomaa National Park - Wilderness Capital of Estonia



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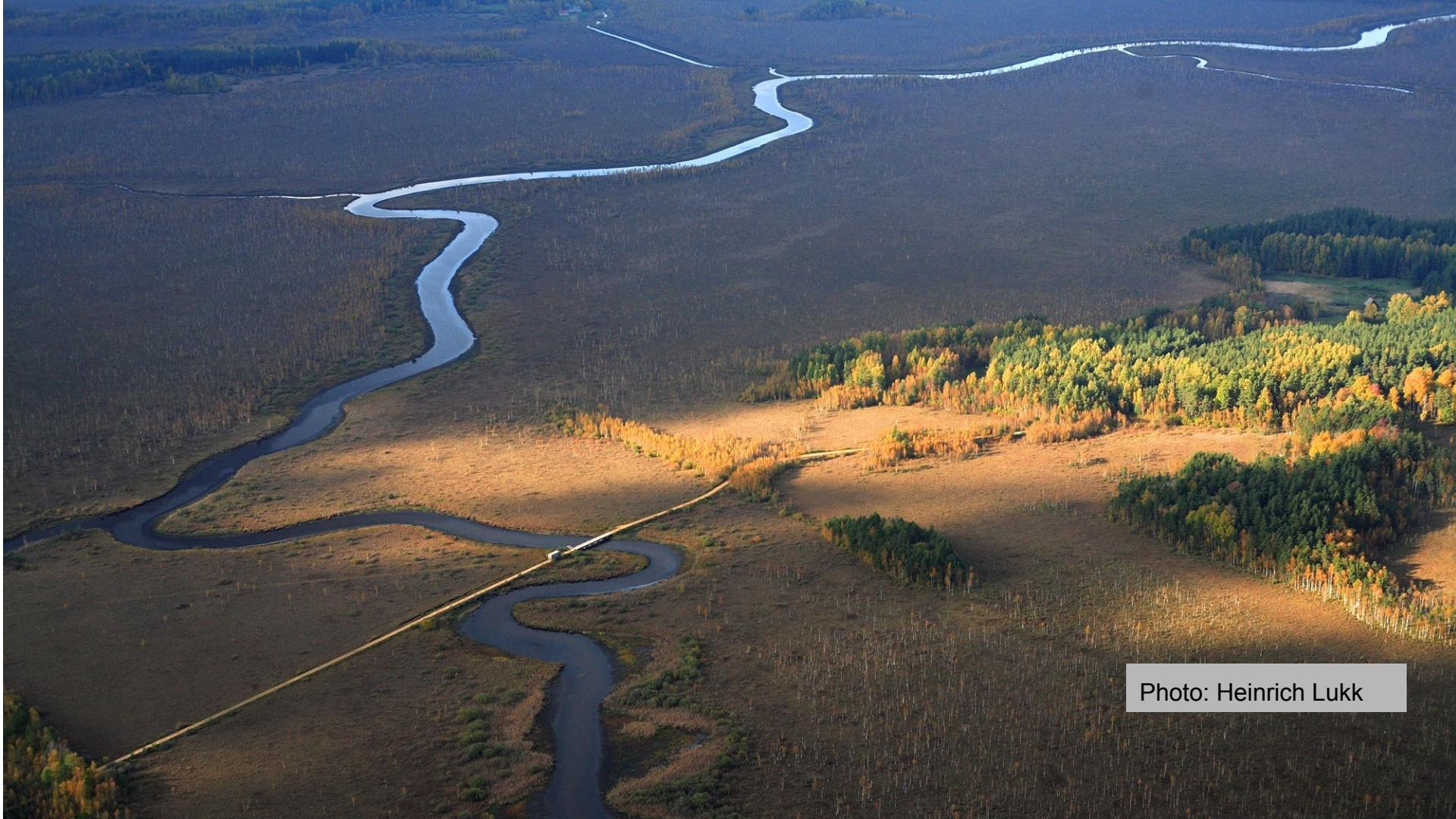


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WORLD FISH
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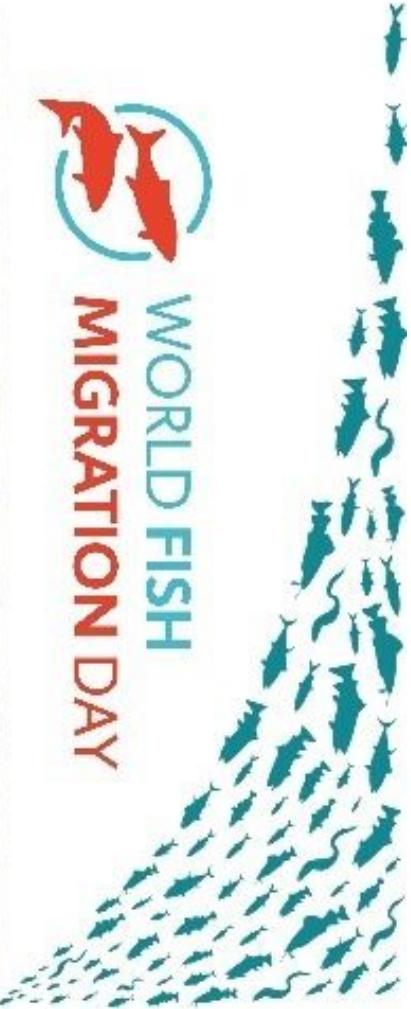




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WILD Forests



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Wild Bogs







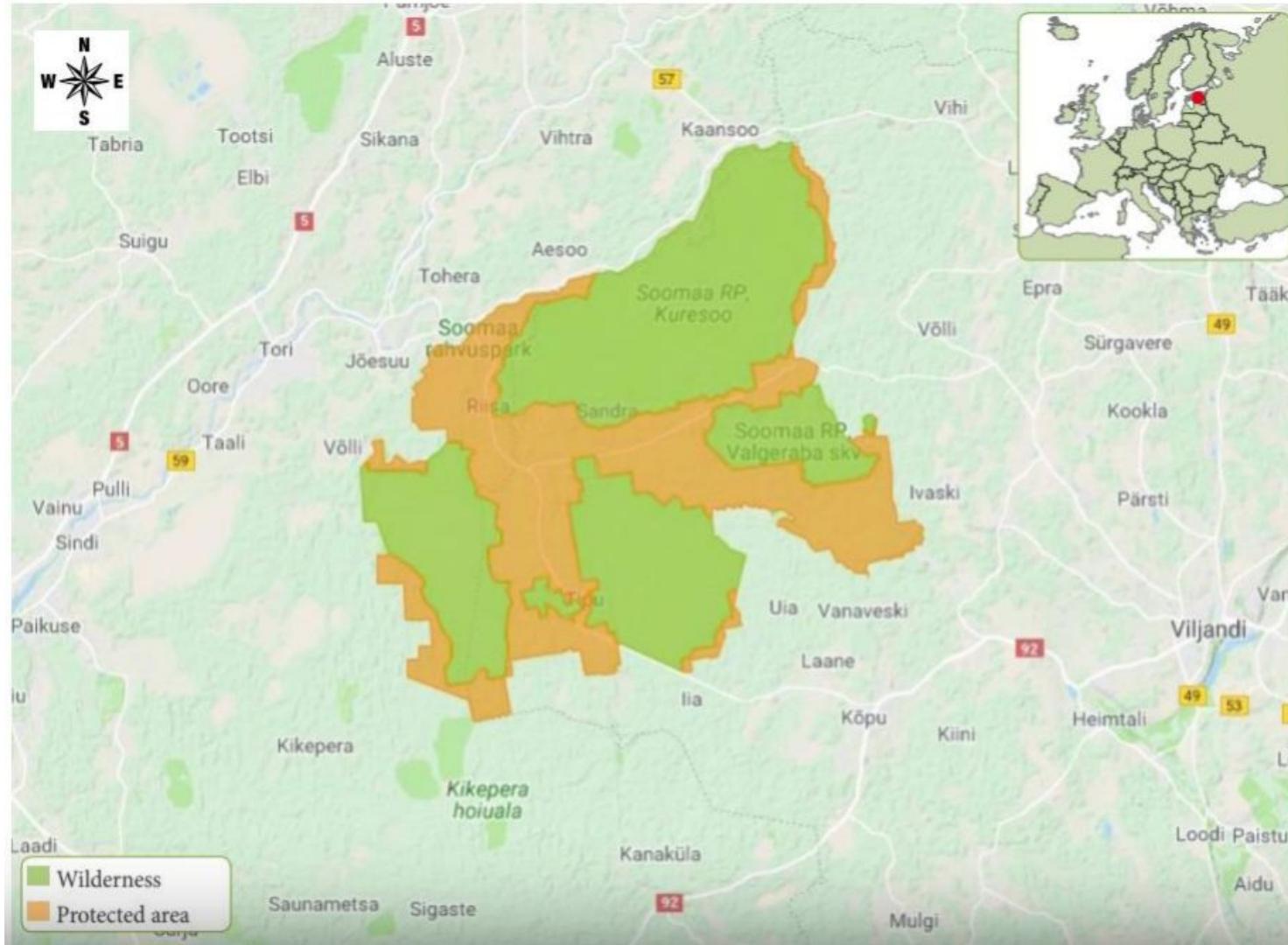


Bog Shoeing



Soomaa - Land of Bogs

Photo: Kristjan Lust



The 11 530 ha Soomaa Wilderness is embedded into the Soomaa National Park, located in the south-eastern corner of Estonia. The Soomaa National Park, situated in Transitional Estonia, was created to protect large pristine raised bogs, floodplain grasslands, wet forests and meandering rivers. Soomaa Wilderness consist of four large peat-bogs: Kuresoo, Valgeraba, Ordi and Kikerpera. The bogs are separated from each other by the Pärnu, Halliste, Navesti, Raudna, Lemmjögi, and Kõpu rivers. Alongside these rivers, floodplain meadows and floodplain forests occur.

Soomaa Wilderness is the most valuable part of an extensive peat-bog Wilderness in south-west Estonia. The area is internationally protected as a Ramsar site (wetland). Within Soomaa Wilderness, Kuresoo Bog is one of the two best surviving large bogs in Estonia, with a high species diversity. Soomaa Wilderness is known for having five unique seasons, the fifth season being the high-water season. A number of local rivers from surrounding uplands meet in a relatively small area between the bogs and swamp forests. Once or twice a year, when the snow melts across the country, the rivers fill with melting water and break their banks.

Wilderness information	
Protected area	Soomaa National Park
Wilderness	Soomaa Wilderness
Country	Estonia
Size of the protected area	39 640 ha
Size of the Wilderness	11 530 ha
First Audit	2009
Most Recent Audit	2011
Wilderness Uniqueness	Large active raised peat-bogs, wetlands and alluvial forests
Number of visitors per year to the protected area	approx. 50 000
Number of visitors per year to the Wilderness	approx. 15 000



1989

1993

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An aerial photograph capturing a vast landscape during a spring flood. The scene is dominated by numerous winding, meandering rivers and streams that have溢出 (over溢出) their banks, inundating large areas of surrounding land. The water is a deep, reflective blue-grey. Interspersed among the flooded fields are patches of dark green forest, some of which are partially submerged. The sky above is filled with scattered, puffy white clouds, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, possibly overcast day.

Fifth Season

Photo: Argo Ingver

A photograph showing three people in canoes on a flooded landscape. In the foreground, a yellow canoe with the number "15" and website "www.infloweb.ee" is occupied by a man in a brown jacket and black beanie. Behind him is a red canoe with a man in a dark wetsuit. Further back, another person is in an orange kayak. The water is calm, reflecting the overcast sky. Bare trees stand in the background.

Fifth Season





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