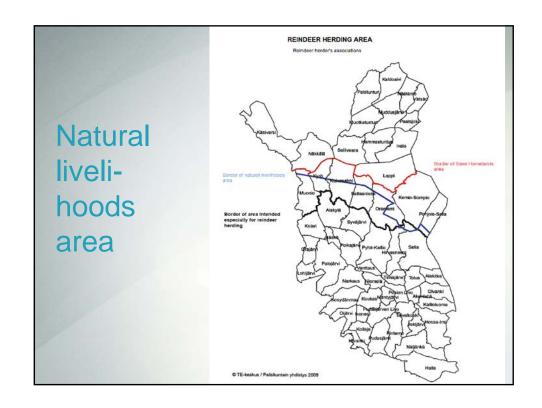




## **Background**

- 1980s large share of population at the northern part of Finland earned significant part of their living from fishing, hunting and gathering berries
- Number of people who earned their living primarily from natural livelihoods was 700
- Natural Livelhoods Act was established in 1984 -> natural livelihoods area was determined





## Natural livelihoods according Natural Livelihoods Act (1)

#### **Traditionally**

- Reindeer husbandry
- Fishing
- Hunting
- gathering natural products













## Natural livelihoods according Natural Livelihoods Act (2)

- Fish farming, small-scale agriculture
- Making and repairing tools needed in natural livelihoods
- Handicrafts, tourism accomodation, guidance and other kind of services, are natural livelihoods when they are practiced in addition to traditional natural livelihoods



# Natural Livelihood Real Estates

- Possible to employ State land use measures to form Natural Livelihood Real Estates and addition areas to existing real estate
- For people who earned their living entirely or primarily from natural livelihoods and for Skolt Sámi people
- State bought land for land use measures and planned land use
- Formed areas were sold at their market price
- Areas were mostly paid for through long-term mortgages with a low interest rate

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#### Resrictions

- Judicial acts of selling and leasing Natural Livelihood Real Estate or part of it without permit are null and void
- Not permissible to subdivide areas without permit
- Restrictions are effective 30 years
- Restrictions are registered to the Cadastre and to the Land Registry (both)

## Rights for natural livelihoods at natural livelihoods area

- Reindeerherding is free for all reindeerowners
- Fishing and hunting in State-owned areas are freely available to locals on application
- berries and mushrooms may be picked freely according Everyman's right



## Special rights to use State-owned areas freely

- Owners of Natural Livelihoods Real Estate have special rights to use State-owned areas for
  - Pasturage of cattle
  - Gathering hay, leaves and other plants for cattle
  - Upon application
    - Building necessary
      - 1) huts for hunting and fishing
      - 2) cellars and shelters
    - Gathering lichen



### Natural Livelihoods nowadays

- reindeer husbandry is only economicallly significant as natural livelihood
  - Growing amount of predators
  - Diminishing supplies of lichen
- 50 entrepreneurs earn all or part of their living from other natural livelihoods than reindeer husbandry
- New law was established and formed real estate is legally as an ordinary real estate without restrictions
  - breach of contract causes to the restoration of financial support





## Natural livelihoods nowadays

- Ageing of population?
- Ratification of the ILO's Indigenous and Tribal People's Convention No. 169
  - Sámi People are Indigenous People in Finland
  - Ratification is important but its consequenses are not yet known



