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## Norway's nature index

The Norwegian Government has initiated and is developing a nature index. The main goal is to get an overview of the state of biodiversity in Norway.

The nature index will serve as a tool for the government to measure the 2010 target on biodiversity. It will reflect ecological state and threats to biodiversity. The nature index is to be included in the official statistical indexes of sustainable development and the work will identify biodiversity monitoring needs in Norway.

The Government stresses that the index should be widely accepted within the scientific community. This influence the way the project is organized, i.e. insuring a broad involvement of scientists. The work involves about 120 scientists who are specialists in one or several indicators/ species.

### Facts on Norway's nature index

- Is being developed to get an overview of the state of biodiversity in Norway
- Represents a tool for the government to measure the 2010 target on biodiversity
- Is intended to be included in reflecting ecological state and threats to biodiversity
- Will be included in the official statistical indexes of sustainable development
- Will identify biodiversity monitoring needs in Norway
- Has a broad involvement of scientists and other experts
- Methodology inspired by the Natural Capital Index (NCI), the Biological Intactness Index (BII) and the Water Frame Directive (WFD)
- Data are gathered from the experts via internet

### Time line:

- 2007 - Establishing the methodology for the index
- 2009 - Collection of data started
- 2010 - Nature index will be launched

### Reports with English abstract:

<http://www.nina.no/archive/nina/PpBasePdf/rapport/2008/347.pdf>

<http://www.nina.no/archive/nina/PpBasePdf/rapport/2008/425.pf>

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- Uncertainty is included for each indicator
- Can be disaggregated into smaller areas, major habitats and groups of species and presented as graphs or maps
- The method can be applied both in areas rich on biodiversity data and areas where only expert judgements are available



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