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for Conservation

## Information Sheet



### **Ett klick för skogen (one mouse click for the forest), Sweden**

**In brief** - Ett klick för skogen (one mouse click for the forest) was started by two Swedish women who felt passionately that Sweden's indigenous forest needed better protection. The current project is aimed at saving the Verle old growth forest from logging, the forest is situated approximately 50 kilometres North East of Gothenburg.

**Project** - The group is currently in negotiation to buy a threatened forest in Verle (approx. 2 hours from Gothenburg) and have 1 year in which to raise the necessary EUR€533,000. The owner is planning to log it but is willing to negotiate a sale if the funds can be raised in time. Once acquired the Verle Forest will be held in trust on behalf of the nation; the species and flora will be mapped; a forest trail will be built with information boards to assist in the education and enjoyment of visitors. The aim is to encourage more people to learn about the native Swedish Forest and their importance to the biodiversity of the nation.

The forest mainly consists of old pine trees with some birch and juniper together with occasional oak and alder. The forest has three small lakes and a few smaller springs. A large part of the forest is classified as a "Naturvärdesobjekt" (a forest with ecological values) according to a survey by The Swedish National Board of Forestry.

**Organisation** - 'Ett klick för skogen' was started by people who felt passionately that Sweden's indigenous forest needed better protection. Sweden is a country of forests and as a result the business community, the population and the authorities have a tendency to view them as mere commodities and don't differentiate between commercial forestry and conservation grade forestry. The remaining areas of native Swedish Forest are a haven for a wide range of species, yet many of them are in forestry parcels that are under 100 Hectares and the Swedish Government lacks the resources to protect them. As a result many are being included in commercial 'clear felling' plans and are as a result lost for ever. Ett klick för skogen raises money to purchase native woodland in order to hold them in trust for their landscape, flora, fauna and recreational value.

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