

NORDIC SYMPOSIUM FOR BIODIVERSITY ACROSS THE NATURAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES



October 22 – 23, 2024

Trondheim, Norway

- Two days of facilitated dialogues, workshops, networking, and collaborative writing.
- Opportunity to contribute to coauthored manuscript(s) and network activity.
- Over twenty researchers from the Nordic region will be selected to participate.

THE OBJECTIVE

In the face of the parallel crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, progress towards a healthy, resilient environment and society calls for collaboration across the natural and social sciences.

Yet there remain challenges in collaborating across the natural and social sciences. We applaud many recent efforts to raise the profile of the nature-related social sciences, and at the same time we are certain that there remains much room for continued growth.

Biodiversity science has seen a dramatic transformation in recent years, with the emergence of new technologies, new challenges, and renewed focus on societal engagement. As the field embraces new opportunities and grows in the face of new challenges, we must also address the consequences of these changes for continued and evolving interdisciplinary collaboration.

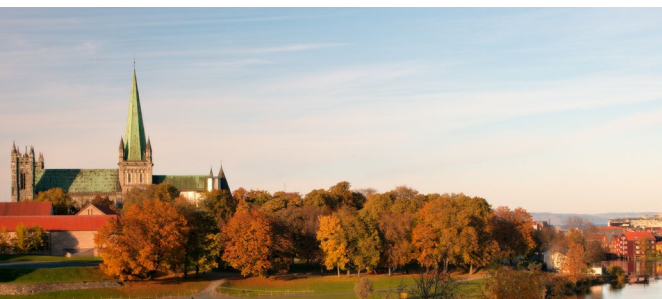
With eyes on both the growing profile of environmental social sciences and the rapid developments within the biodiversity sciences, **we define the central question for this symposium as follows:**

How can the revolution in biodiversity data be harnessed to support research within the diverse environmental- and nature-related social sciences?

THE SYMPOSIUM

We are convening a symposium of selected researchers from diverse backgrounds to collectively explore themes related to this question.

Together, we will follow an open-minded, generative approach to grow our understanding of the intersections between diverse research fields related to nature and biodiversity. All participants in the symposium will be invited to coauthor one or more peer-reviewed manuscripts and to participate in presentations and other network activity to share the findings of our discussions together.



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WHY JOIN US?

The cohort of selected participants will contribute to thought leadership around interdisciplinary collaboration in and beyond the Nordic region. Participants will gain the following outcomes:

- **Network and engage in conversation with a cohort of collaborative researchers from a range of nature-focused disciplines from across the Nordic region**
- **Coauthor one or more peer-reviewed manuscripts advancing strategies for interdisciplinary research**
- **Gain tools and strategies to further interdisciplinary research in your own research networks**

YOUR ROLE

The value in this symposium arises from the engagement of each and every participant. We ask that participants be willing to commit to the following:

For all participants

- A half-day preliminary Zoom workshop, to be held approximately three weeks before the symposium
- Participation in the full 1.5-day symposium on October 22-23, 2024, in Trondheim, Norway

For participants opting into manuscript coauthorship

- Two to three virtual writing sessions of at least two hours, to be held between autumn 2024 and summer 2025
- Additional asynchronous contribution to writing as needed

LEARN MORE & APPLY

Eligibility:

- ✓ You conduct research, in the natural or social sciences, focused on biodiversity and/or nature
- ✓ You are based in the Nordic region
- ✓ You are interested in interdisciplinary engagement across natural and social sciences
- ✓ Early career and non-academic researchers welcome!

- ➔ **To apply, complete the application form on the symposium website.**
- ➔ **Applications must be completed by Friday, August 23, 2024.**
- ➔ **We will provide a stipend of up to €500 to cover travel and accommodation.**

www.nordicbiodiversitysymposium2024.no

We are committed to creating an inclusive, diverse, equitable, welcoming space. We welcome all participants whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation or identity. We prohibit discrimination or harassment for any reason and will provide a code of conduct for the symposium. We are committed to offering accessibility accommodations as needed.

