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Ecotourism in the Republic of Karelia: Retro- and Perspective

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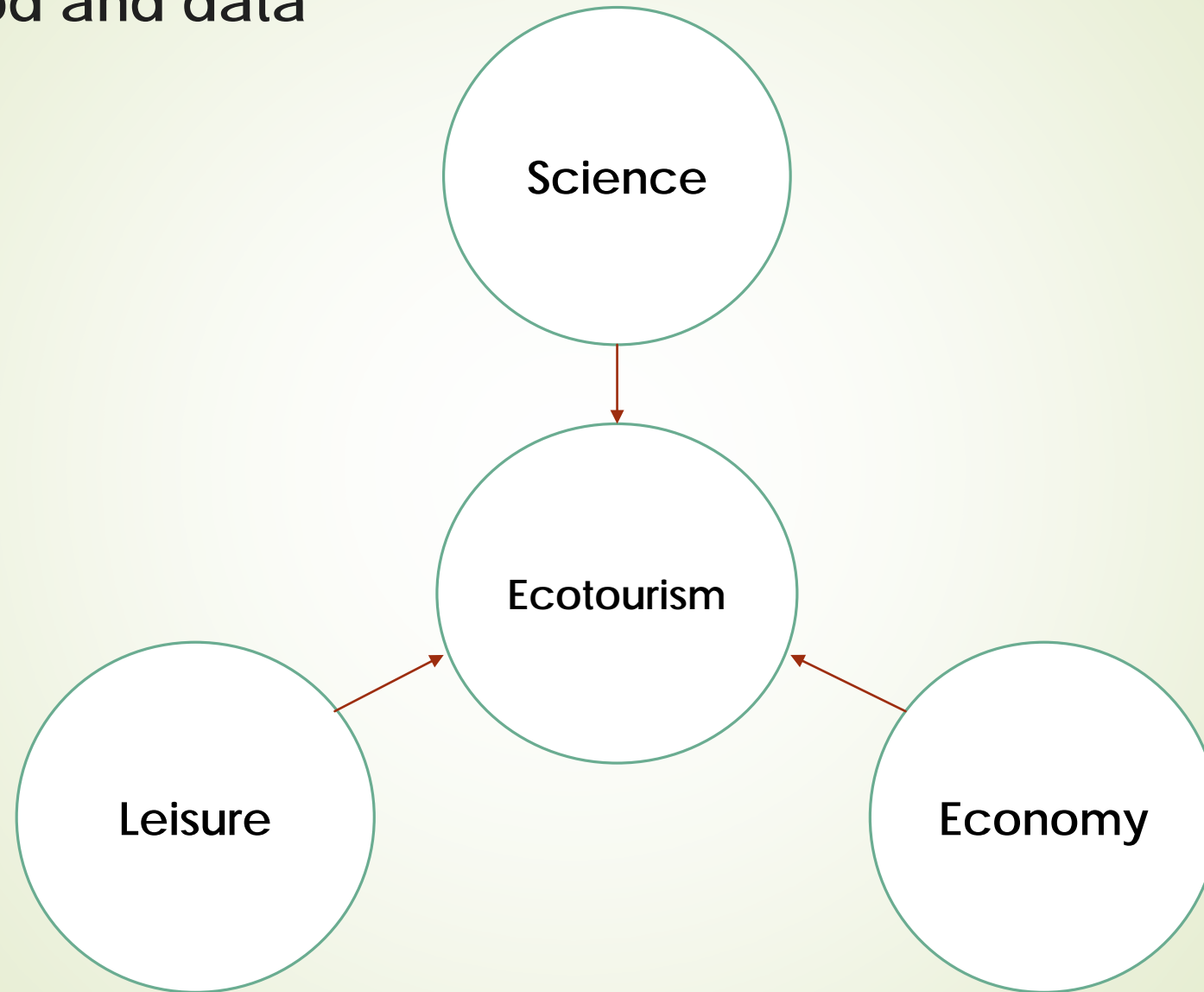


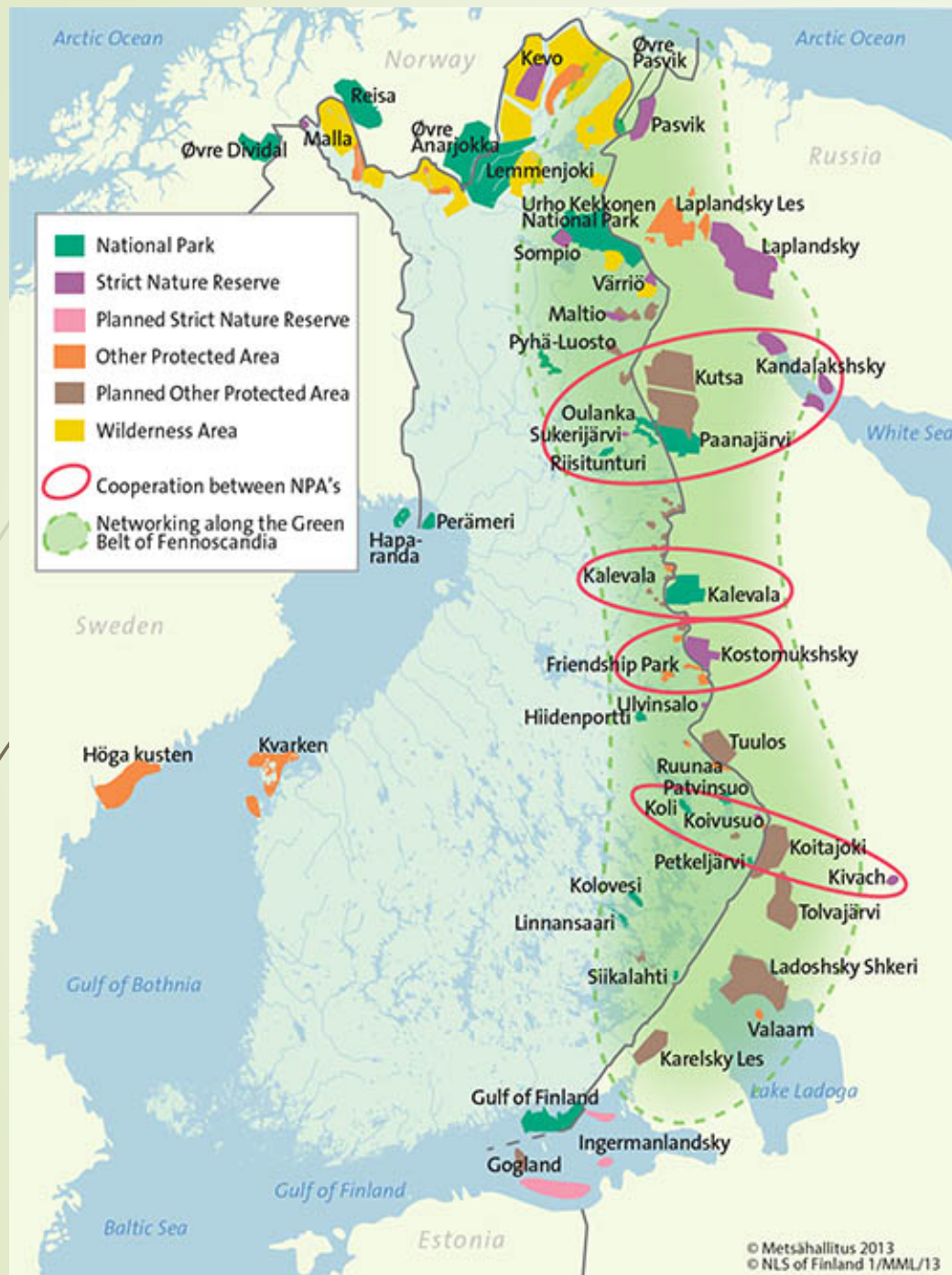
Definition of ecotourism



<https://pixabay.com/en/environmental-protection-326923/>

- Wilderness
- Minimal impact
- Learning
- Benefits





The difference between ecotourism in Finland and Russia

- Paanajärvi National Park = 6,000 tourists
- Oulanka National Park = 200,000 tourists

Negative factors that hinder ecotourism



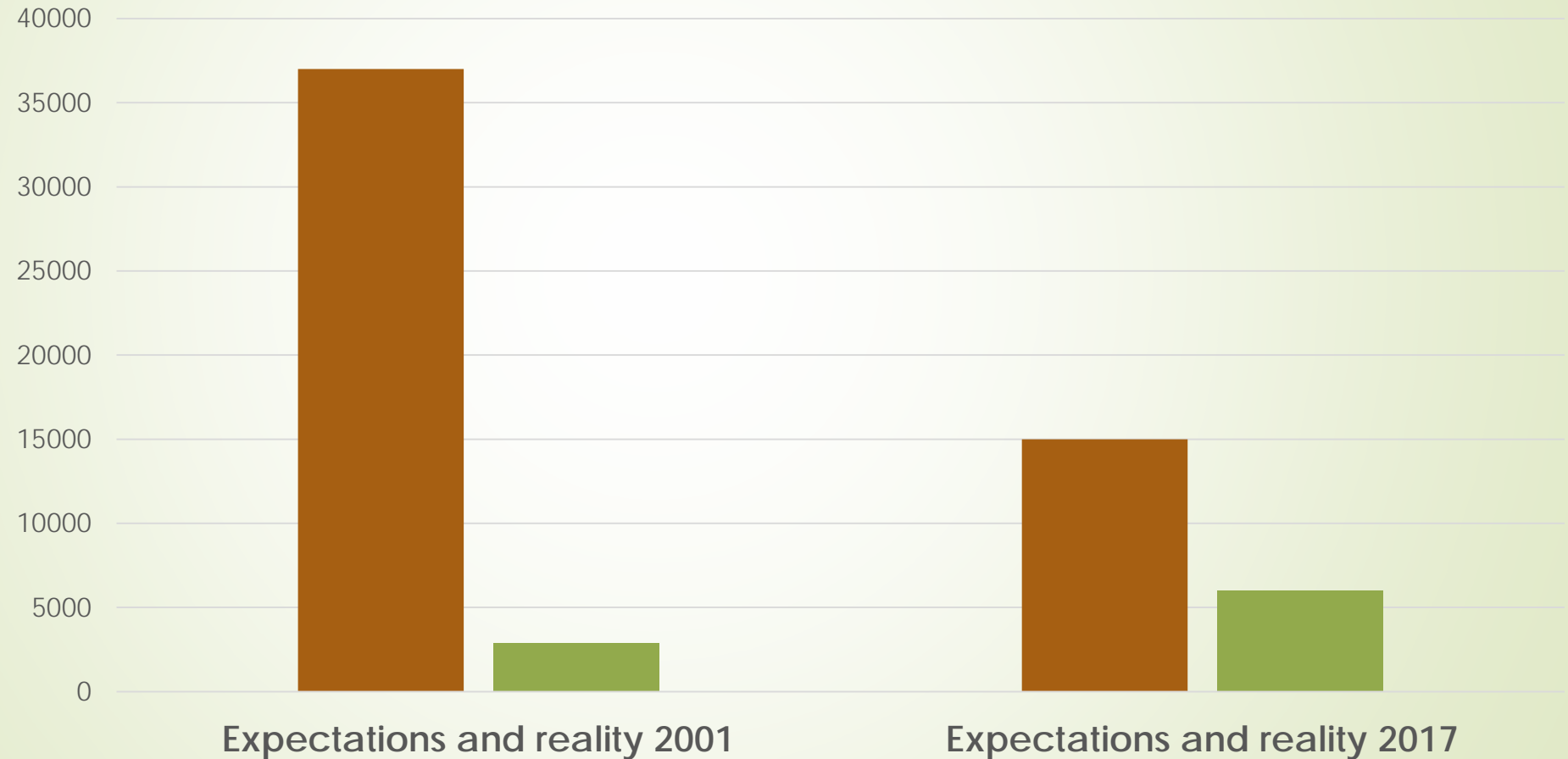
<http://paanajarvi-park.com/o-parke/>

- Lack of experience in ecotourism development
- Weak financing
- Lack of infrastructure
- Vague concept of a national park

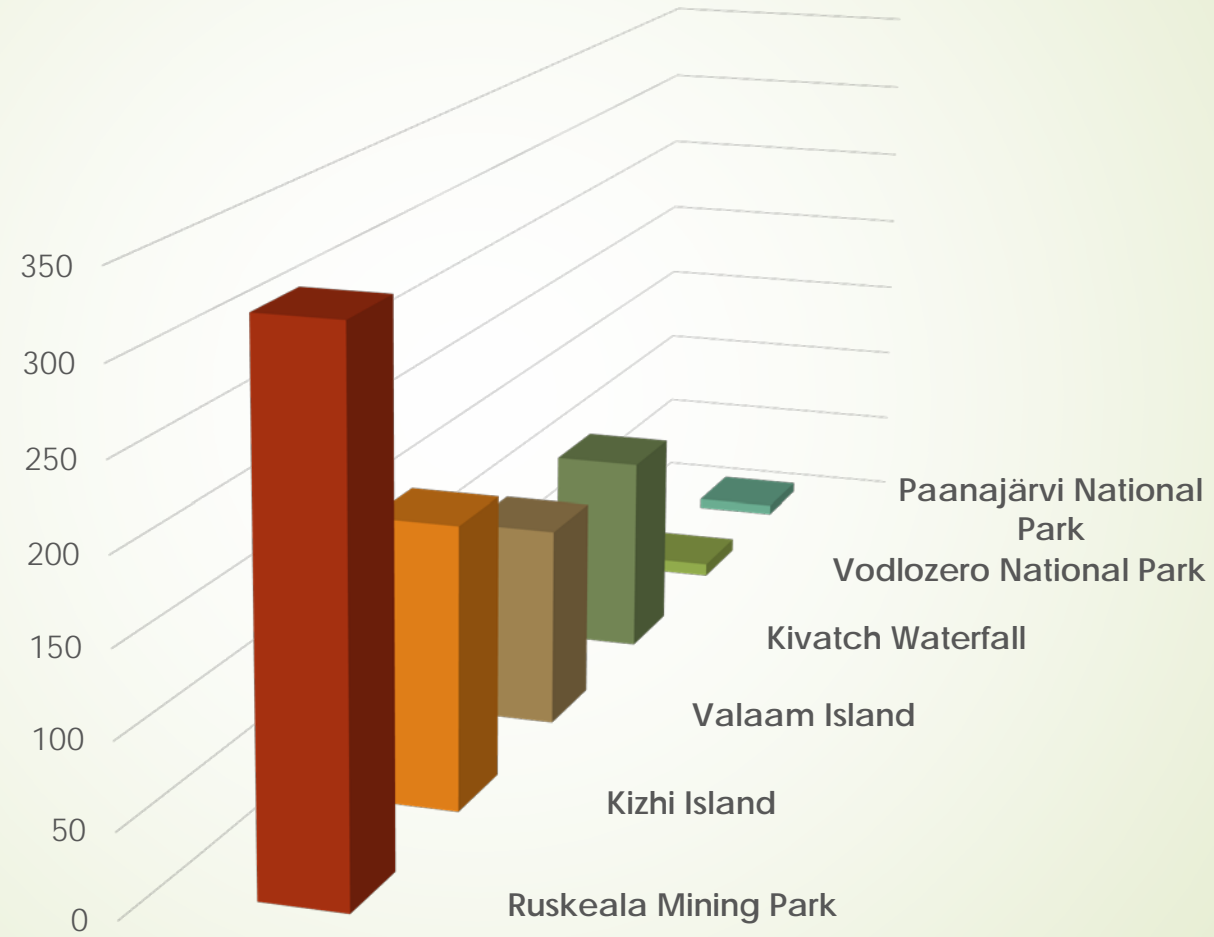
Tourists in the Paanajärvi National Park



Great expectations regarding the Paanajärvi National Park



Tourism destinations in the Republic of Karelia (2018)



Conclusions

- Ecotourism grows slowly
- Human-made objects are the main tourism destinations
- Ecotourism is not a panacea for local economy
- National park or national landscape?

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