

# Continental cormorants Finnish anglers' point of view



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# The position paper

- A formal statement with the other Nordic anglers organizations was published on 4. July 2017
- The European Angling Alliance (EAA) approved the statement before it was published
- We and the other Nordic angling organizations share basically the same opinions about cormorants as the EAA

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## Continental cormorant in the Nordic countries – a position paper



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## Key demands:

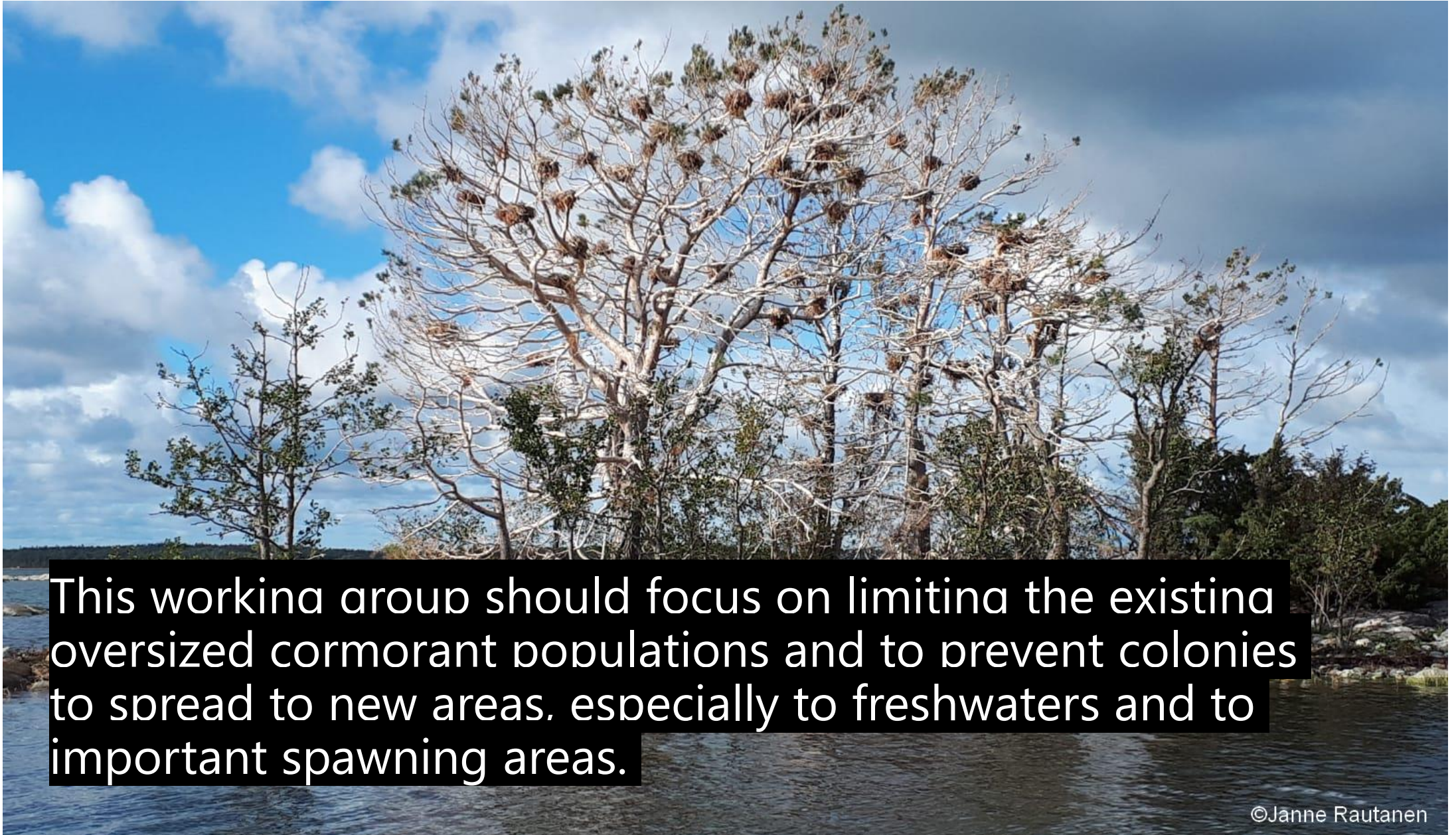
- The application procedure for limiting the cormorant population must be made easier.
- The protection of the continental cormorant cannot pose a threat to endangered or threatened fish species.
- The protection of fish stocks and threatened fish species shall be considered more important than the protection of species with a positive stock status, such as the continental cormorant.
- In areas with weak and threatened fish stocks, existing cormorant colonies and/or new colonies can be limited or eliminated.
- In areas of importance for fisheries, especially angling and angling tourism, more active measurements shall be carried out if the cormorants cause a considerable damage on the fish stocks.



## National management of cormorants

- FFRF is represented in all three regional Cormorant Working Groups that the Ministry of the Environment has set.
- One of the working groups has published a Cormorant Action Plan (*Cormorant Action Plan for the coastal zone of Ostrobothnia*)
- Unfortunately, recommendations and suggestions of the Action Plan has been implemented poorly if at all.
  
- We hope that this new cormorant working group will be able to reduce harms caused by cormorants.





This working group should focus on limiting the existing oversized cormorant populations and to prevent colonies to spread to new areas, especially to freshwaters and to important spawning areas.

