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# WORLD HERITAGE



## THE AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF SOUTHERN ÖLAND





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# SOUTHERN ÖLAND



The southern part of Öland was put on UNESCO's world heritage list in 2000.

Together, the line villages, the cultivated land, the coastlands and limestone plain (Stora alvaret) form the World Heritage Site of the Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland.

It is the interaction between man and nature that is the world heritage.





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**The World Heritage Committee's justification for Öland's World Heritage inscription:**

- The landscape of Southern Öland takes its contemporary form from its long cultural history, adapting to the physical constraints of the geology and topography.
- Southern Öland is an outstanding example of human settlement, making the optimum use of diverse landscape types on a single island.





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**It was very important to the farmers that it would be a continuing landscape and not a museum.**

**The farmers create the agricultural landscape every day. As they have done for centuries.**





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**In the year of 2000 one third of Öland became a world heritage site.**

**That includes areas with industries, harbours and other buildings that really do not have anything to do with the Agricultural landscape.**





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# THE WORLD HERITAGE COUNCIL



**The World Heritage Council is made up of the Municipality of Mörbylånga, the Kalmar County Administrative Board, the Federation of Swedish Farmers and the Regional Council.**

**The work group also includes Linnaeus University, Kalmar County Council and Kalmar County Museum.**







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There has been two discussions about the world heritage.

1. Five wind turbines
2. Shortage of water





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# WIND TURBINES



Five wind turbines (130-150 meters high) were planned close to an industry.

The Island of Öland is very flat.

You can see wind turbines from far away.



Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland (UNESCO/NHK)



1 844 visningar





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# WIND TURBINES



There were already several wind turbines in the area when it became a world heritage site but not as high.

The picture is from UNESCO's official Youtube clip from the Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland.



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# ICOMOS



”With the wind turbines of this size, a new land use will be added to the agriculture production land, that of energy production.”

”It is a crucial issue that Southern Öland is not disturbed by features and changes that are foreign to the area.”

ICOMOS 2013





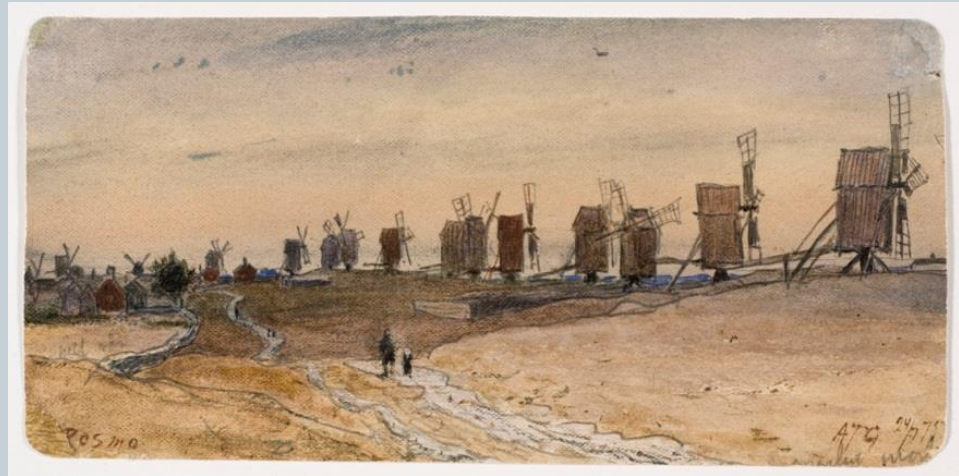
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# THE FARMER



“We are farmers and landowners who own the world heritage and take care of it daily. We do it with pride but we do not want to live in any museum.”

”Wind turbines are modern now, before that we had the wind mills.”



A village in the world heritage 1875



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# WIND TURBINES



**In december 2016 the court ruled that the wind turbines could not be built with reference primarily to the birds.**





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# SHORTAGE OF WATER



**During the past years the water levels have descended to historically low levels.**

**Without water there is no agricultural landscape on southern Öland. Regardless of world heritage status.**





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# SHORTAGE OF WATER



**A new water pipeline was constructed to transfer water from the mainland to Öland. But that was not enough.**

**In the summer of 2016 tankers with water were driven to Öland day and night to solve the emergency situation in the municipal water system.**







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Several farms fought against water shortage in order to survive.

The municipality bought water tanks to supply the farms with water.





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**In may 2016 there was a fire in a line village. To be able to put the fire out they had to get water 30 kilometers away.**





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# SHORTAGE OF WATER



**In November 2016 the municipality and the Kalmar County Administrative Board wrote a letter to Swedish National Heritage Board:**

**“The Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland is depending on modern farms with animals to be able to be preserved and to develop. We are worried about the drought and the shortage of water threatening the world heritage's values.”**





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# WORLD HERITAGE OR NOT?



In July 2016 the Swedish National Commission for UNESCO published an article in a local newspaper:

“Wind turbines can be a threat to the world heritage”

**Vindkraft och världsarv /** Det är Sverige som har tagit på sig att skydda Södra Ölands odlingslandskap som världsarv. Frågan är om etablering av vindkraft i världsarvet hotar statusen.

## Vindkraft kan hota världsarvet

**F**ör 16 år sedan blev Södra Ölands odlingslandskap Sveriges tionde världsarv, vilket firades stort. När Sverige nominerade Södra Öland och accepterade Unescos världsarvskommittés beslut tog vi på oss ett långtgående ansvar: Det är inte Unesco som lovat skydda Södra Ölands odlingslandskap. Det är Sverige. Den som nominerar ger ett löfte till världen: Arvet ska bevaras och bevarandet finansieras av landet självt. Världsarv kan förändras men det som definierar värdet hos



Världsarvet måste värnas anser debattörerna. ANOVA/OTD

för världens kultur- och naturarv slutfördes år 1972 stod det klart att inte enbart naturkatastrofer och krig hotade kultur- och naturarv utan att också fred och ökat välstånd var hot. I dag står det än mer klart att ökat välstånd, resande, modernisering och urbanisering – vilka i sig är positiva – samtidigt utgör hot mot bevarande.

En grundförutsättning för att Sverige ska leva upp till kraven i världsarvskonventionen är kunskap. Samhället är i ständig och snabb förändring och det är viktigt att fråga



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“It is Sweden that has undertaken to protect the Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland as a world heritage. The question is whether the establishment of wind turbines in the area threatens the status.”







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“Farmers from Öland want to leave the world heritage list.”

The president in the local farmer association said that the two most important questions to work with is the shortage of water and the world heritage.

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## Öländska lantbrukare vill bort från världsarvslistan



▶ 59 sek

Öländska lantbrukare vill bort från världsarvslistan Foto: Karin Ahlgren/SVT





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# DISCUSSIONS



**During the spring of 2017 we have talked a lot about the world heritage and what a world heritage is.**

**A lot of meetings have been arranged.**

**The Kalmar County Administrative Board, the Municipality of Mörbylånga and the Federation of Swedish Farmers had a meeting with Swedish National Heritage Board in Stockholm.**





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# CONCLUSION



**There is a difference in how our world heritage is experienced at national/international and on a local level.**

**Make sure you listen to the knowledge and experience of local actors, such as farmers.**

**And remember:  
Without the farmers there is no agricultural landscape.**





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