

Incentives for local measures and the role of catchment officers

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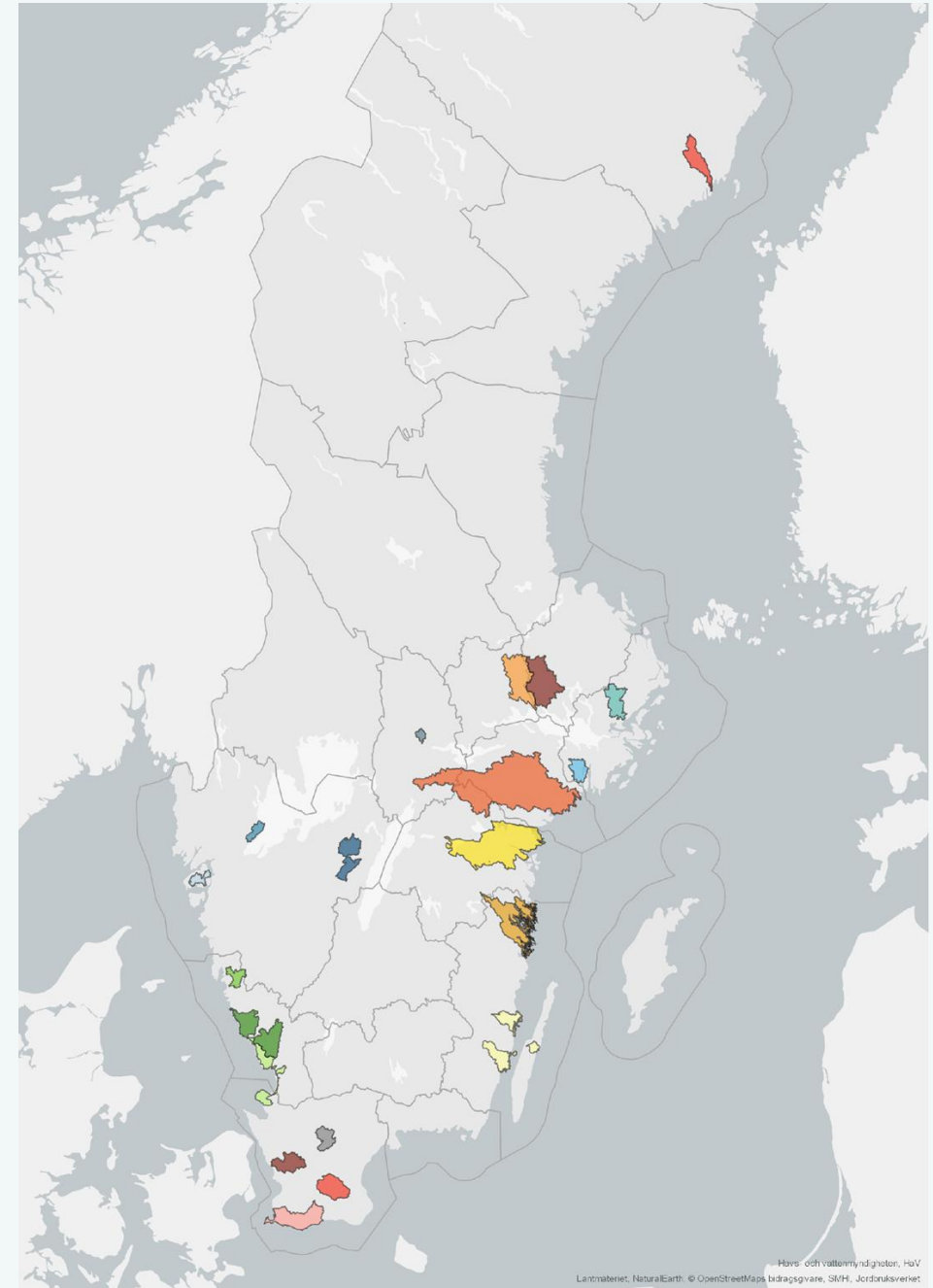
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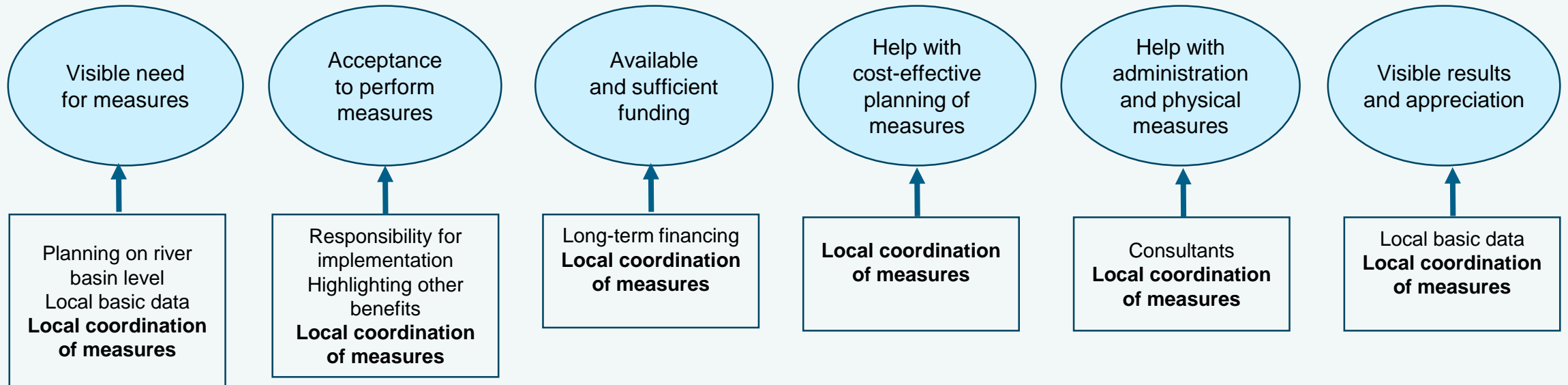
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20 pilot areas with catchment officers

- » Create local engagement
- » Support land owners to perform more local voluntary measures
- » Share experiences and knowledge as well as incentives and impediments for local action
- » Financed 2019-2021
- » [LEVA- Local engagement for water](#)



Chain of incentives for local voluntary measures in the agricultural landscape



The effects of coordination



Färdigrävd våtmark hösten 2020. Foto Edlunds schakt AB

- » The catchment officers have been part of applying for 150 million SEK in grants/funding for local measures during 2019-2020
- » This is a **increased exchange of four times** compared to the state funding of the catchment officers
- » Local measures so far performed are for example wetlands, meandering, ponds, environmental ditch maintenance, spring processing and liming to improve soil structure

Summary

- » Landowners want to perform voluntary measures, but lack of time, knowledge and economy can be a hindrance
- » Catchment officers are a catalyst on a basin scale and for the individual farmer, creating incentives for implementing measures and increasing participation
- » Continued improvement of the process of planning local measures is needed, from the national to the local scale
- » SwAM proposes a long-term government initiative for catchment officers as well regional and national support for voluntary local action





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