

**COUNTRY REPORT    SWEDEN**  
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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND  
MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

Actions undertaken during the past year

Exam work about the remaining Swedish black and white cattle (SLB) which was one of the main dairy breeds before the Holstein was introduced.

A study of the endangered rabbit breed gotlandskanin. The project has evaluated the conservation programme for the breed and give some recommendations for future conservation.

Actions planned for the next year

To fulfil some of the activities in the action plan, such as characterization of some breeds.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Actions undertaken during the past year

Breeding plans have been accomplished.

Actions planned for the next year

Establish contingency plans for the most threatened breeds.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION**

Actions undertaken during the past year

A bio bank is built up under the responsibility of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Actions planned for the next year

In the autumn 2009 we will start collecting semen from stallions of two endangered horse breeds, Swedish ardenner and nordsvensk brukshäst. This is the first time in Sweden when stallion semen is collected for conservation purposes. The semen will be stored in the frozen gene bank owned by the Swedish Board of Agriculture..

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

Actions undertaken during the past year

The Swedish Board of Agriculture has given a 2 day course in conservation strategies and documentation of rare breeds for different kind of stakeholders e.g. out door museum, breed associations.

The Swedish action plan for sustainable management of AnGR is now accomplished. The Board has made the decision and the plan will be established by the Swedish government during this year.

Actions planned for the next year

Implement some of the activities in the national action plan.