

**Winner
awarded
250,000 SEK**

Invitation to Nominate
**2010 Swedish
Baltic Sea Water Award**



Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award

Established in 1999, the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award recognises outstanding efforts to improve the marine environment in the Baltic Sea. The regional award is presented annually by Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs in appreciation of the dedicated work by individuals, companies, organisations and public authorities. The award honours innovation, commitment and new methods that protect the Baltic Sea water environment. The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) administers the Swedish Baltic Sea Water Award.

A jury appointed by the Swedish Government reviews the nominations and selects the winner, which can come from any of the Baltic Sea countries: Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia or Sweden. This year the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has increased the prize sum by 100,000 SEK and the winner now receives 250,000 SEK along with a crystal sculpture and an invitation to participate in the 2010 World Water Week in Stockholm.

Nominating Criteria

The work of the nominee to improve marine environment in the Baltic Sea region can relate to, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Education and awareness raising
- Human and international relations
- Basic and applied research
- Water management
- Local activities

Emphasis is placed on efforts that have had tangible and measurable effects on the marine environment in the Baltic Sea region.

Submitting Nominations

To nominate a candidate for the award, visit www.siwi.org and complete the online nomination form and attach additional details (no more than 10 pages in length) to the form. Other supporting documents (such as annual reports) that will assist the jury's decision-making process may be submitted, but are not obligatory. Please note that nominations must be submitted in English. The nomination deadline for this year's award is **May 3, 2010**.



Previous Winners



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2009
HELCOM and its secretariat under Executive Secretary Anne Christine Brusendorff. HELCOM has taken marine environmental protection to a new level and shown exemplary commitment to improving the Baltic Sea through

the adoption of the Baltic Sea Action Plan. The Action Plan takes on the complexity of issues that need to be addressed in an innovative manner, linking it to ongoing initiatives and becoming the backbone of the environmental actions in the coming Baltic Sea Strategy.

2008

Prof. Krzysztof Edward Skóra, Poland. Prof. Skóra is the Director of the Hel Marine Station at the University of Gdansk. He has been leading the station's expansive research and educational activities to increase capacity and spread awareness on protecting the Baltic Sea.

2007

Ecodefense, Kaliningrad, Russia. The non-profit organisation received the prize for its contributions to increasing knowledge about the environment of the Baltic Sea.

2006

Björn Carlson, Sweden. For his great commitment to improve the Baltic Sea marine environment, which he has shown by, among other things, donating 500 million Swedish crowns to the Baltic Sea Foundation.

2005

Vodokanal St. Petersburg and its General Director, Mr. Felix Karmazinov, Russia. As the driving forces behind completion of the Southwest Waste-water Treatment Plant (SWTP). By cleaning 330,000 cubic metres of wastewater daily, the SWTP contributes to an improved water quality in the Baltic Sea.

2004

The Nature Management and Water Environment Division of Funen County Administration, Denmark. The authority's high professional standards, visionary strategies and strong commitment to the environment resulted in cleaner water not just in Denmark, but also along the country's Baltic coast and elsewhere in the region.

2003

Frantschach Swiecie SA, Poland. Through facility improvements utilising best available technologies (BATs) in the pulp and paper industry, Frantschach Swiecie achieved considerable reduction in pollutants discharged to the Vistula River and the Baltic Sea.

2002

The Lithuanian Housing and Urban Development Foundation. For innovative programs and projects that have contributed to a considerable reduction of Lithuania's organic pollution to the Baltic Sea. The overall approach can serve as a model for other regions in the Baltic Sea area.

2001

Mr. Leonid Korovin, St. Petersburg, Russia. For his commendable contribution to the development of a series of activities aiming to safeguard the water environment in the part of the Baltic Sea nearest to the St. Petersburg area, which emits very large amounts of pollutants into the Baltic Sea.

2000

The City of Gdansk, Poland. For being the driving force behind the establishment of the Wschod wastewater treatment works, which receives and cleans wastewater from Gdansk and four other Polish cities and populated areas. The Wschod works has had a very clear, positive effect on the water quality in the Bay of Gdansk, a part of the Baltic Sea.

1999

PURAC, Poland. For building several new, advanced wastewater and water treatment plants along major rivers running into the Baltic Sea. These projects have helped to improve the marine environment in the Baltic Sea.



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