

## **Implementation report of a work done:**

### **Innvilget tilskudd til skjøtsel av dragehodelokaliteter – Bleikøya, Oslo kommune**

The works were carried out in cooperation with the residents of Bleikøya to a similar extent as in previous years.

At all Dragehode sites (except the Nature Reserve – no “1” and “2”) manual removal of invasive and undesirable plants was carried out. The following species were removed: *Vincetoxicum rossicum* Rusesvalerot, *Phedimus spurius* Gravbergknapp, *Symphoricarpus albus* Snøbær, and suckers of *Syringa vulgaris* Syrin.

This year it was not necessary to cut down trees and larger bushes on the Dragehode plots. I performed the most intensive mowing on plots no. 7 and 10. At the end of August, all vegetation was mowed there, along with shoots of bushes, bushes and hanging tree branches at the edge of the plot. On plot no. 7 the number of bushes was reduced on the entire surface, while on the plot no. 10 I focused on clearing bushes and branches at the edges of the surface. On the area no. 4 I have cut out shoots of shrubs and trees removed in the previous 2 years. Area 4 is now more open and illuminated - it creates better conditions for the development of herbaceous vegetation, but as we assumed, the area should still remain partially shaded.

As every year, the remaining locations were cleaned of new growths. The cut vegetation was removed from the surface in September.

I would also like to emphasize (again) the very good cooperation with the residents of Bleikøy and their leader Gunnar Alberg. 😊



Map 1. Location of the Dragehode sites on Bleikøya.



Photo 1. Location 7 before cutting. 2.09.2022.



Photo 2. Location 7 after cutting. 2.09.2022.





Photo 3. Rock ledge near site "7" – after cutting. 2.09.2022.



Photo 4. Location 10 before cutting. 2.09.2022.





Photo 5. Location 10 after cutting. 2.09.2022.



Photo 6. Location 6 after cleaning of new growths. 2.09.2022.





Photo 7. Location 4 (N part) after cutting. 26.08.2022.



Photo 8. Location 4 (middle part) after cutting. 26.08.2022.





Photo 9. Location 4 (S part) after cutting. 26.08.2022.



Photo 10. Location 8b - this location was enlarged by bush cutting and cleared of *Phedimus spurius* Gravbergknap, but it is still important to consistently remove *Symphoricarpus albus* Snøbær because this shrub is very expansive.





Photo 11. *Symphoricarpos albus* Snøbær on location 8b. 26.08.2022.