

# Contaminated land and soil health

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# Government intentions for remediation 2023–2025

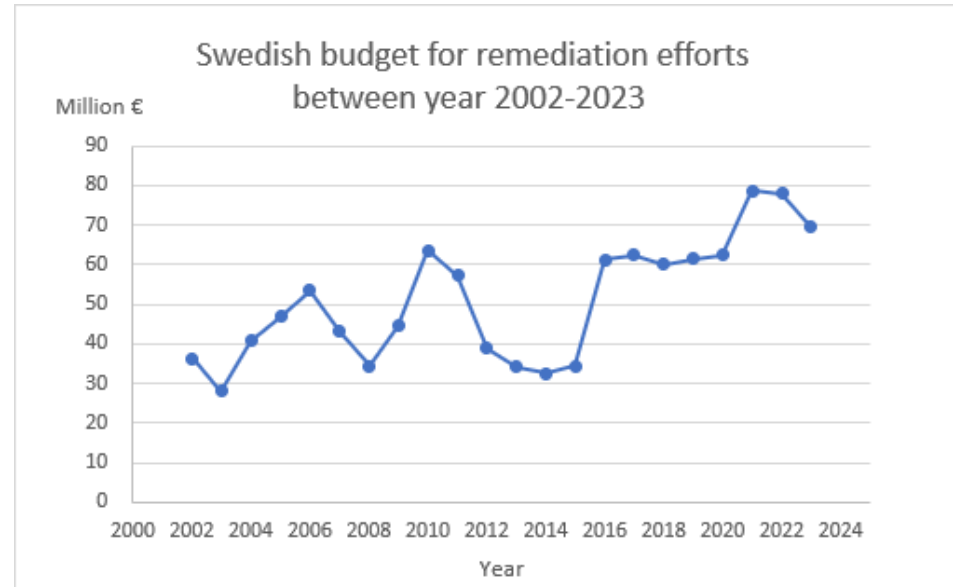
- *The government wants more contaminated areas both on land and at sea to be remediated*
  - *Sediment*
  - *PFAS*
- *Sustainable remediation is needed to reach the environmental quality objectives and for what we anticipate to be requirements in the new Soil Health Law*

# Projects as government assignments

- PFAS
  - strengthen national coordination and guidance on the problems with PFAS contaminated sites
- Sediments
  - Work with contaminated sediments, especially in terms of coordination and cooperation with other authorities
- Excavated soils
  - Management and regulation of excavated soils and other materials of natural origin
- Public funding
  - Efficient system

# Public funding

- About 70 million euro for remediation projects with public funding
- For projects where the polluter cannot be identified or held responsible
- About 60 projects are funded in 2023



# Work at the Swedish EPA

- About 25 co-workers
- Responsible for national coordination of risk assessment
  - contaminated land,
  - sediment and
  - excavated soils and other naturally occurring materials.
- Distributing public funding
- Take part in the work within the EU (EU Soil Strategy), and other international projects.

# Collaboration with other Swedish authorities

- SEPA
- Swedish Geotechnical Institute
- Geological Survey of Sweden
- The Swedish Agency for Marine och Water management
- The County Administrative Board



# Challenges for Sweden

- Many large and old industries
  - Sawmills and papermills
  - mines
  - steel industry
  - shipyards etc.
- Many fire drill sites that are contaminated with PFAS
- Long coastline with many industries

# Visits in Stockholm

- **Vasa museum:** guided tour of the Swedish warship from the 17 th century
- **Site visit:** Vinterviken. Former factory of Nobel, contaminated with arsenic and lead.





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