

## Helsingkrona Nation's environmental policy

## Vision and mission

The vision of Helsingkrona Nation's environmental work is to continuously strive towards diminishing the negative environmental impact of the Nation. The Nation's foremost purpose is to serve the interests of its members, which consequently includes an active environmental policy present in all its activities. As Lund's largest Nation, Helsingkrona takes its social responsibility for the environment seriously.

The Nation strives for its visitors to be able to consume food and beverages with as little environmental impact as possible. Helsingkrona attempts to reduce the food waste, general waste and disposable products by continuously studying the origin and use.

The outlined environmental work is based upon an Environmental management system which aims to highlight and assess the essential environmental aspects of the Nation's work, including food and beverages, disposable products, waste and copying and handling of paper.

## Essential Environmental Concerns and Recommendations

**Food and beverages:** Food and beverages represent a major part of the Nation's activities. Today there is a wide range of organic beverages. Vegetarian alternatives are always to be offered and encouraged, along with the purchase of organic products for the various food-related activities offered by the Nation.

**Disposable products:** The use of disposable products at the Nation is relatively low, but the used products bring unnecessary origin of waste and resources if the same product is available for multiple use. To reduce the number of disposable products, purchases of disposable products are regularly revised and replaced with a more sustainable alternative if possible and economically defensible.

**Waste:** Food waste is a waste of resources and the Nation aims to reduce its food waste through inventory groceries, optimise purchases and recipes. All food waste and general waste are sorted, a process which Helsingkrona works unceasingly to improve.

**Copying and handling of paper:** Today, the Nation handles many documents digitally and computers have default black and white when printing. To further reduce printouts, the Nation's routine for advertising with posters is reviewed and optimised.



## **Organisational Division of Responsibility**

- The Environmental representative, who is chosen by the Nation's board, will oversee the environmental work of the Nation and work towards improving the Environmental management system and its environmental objectives.
- The Environmental representative shall be helpful when implementing the environmental objectives.
- The Nation's board is responsible for keeping themselves informed about the environmental work of the Nation.
- The Kuratel is responsible for implementing and monitoring the environmental work and policy outlined in this document.

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