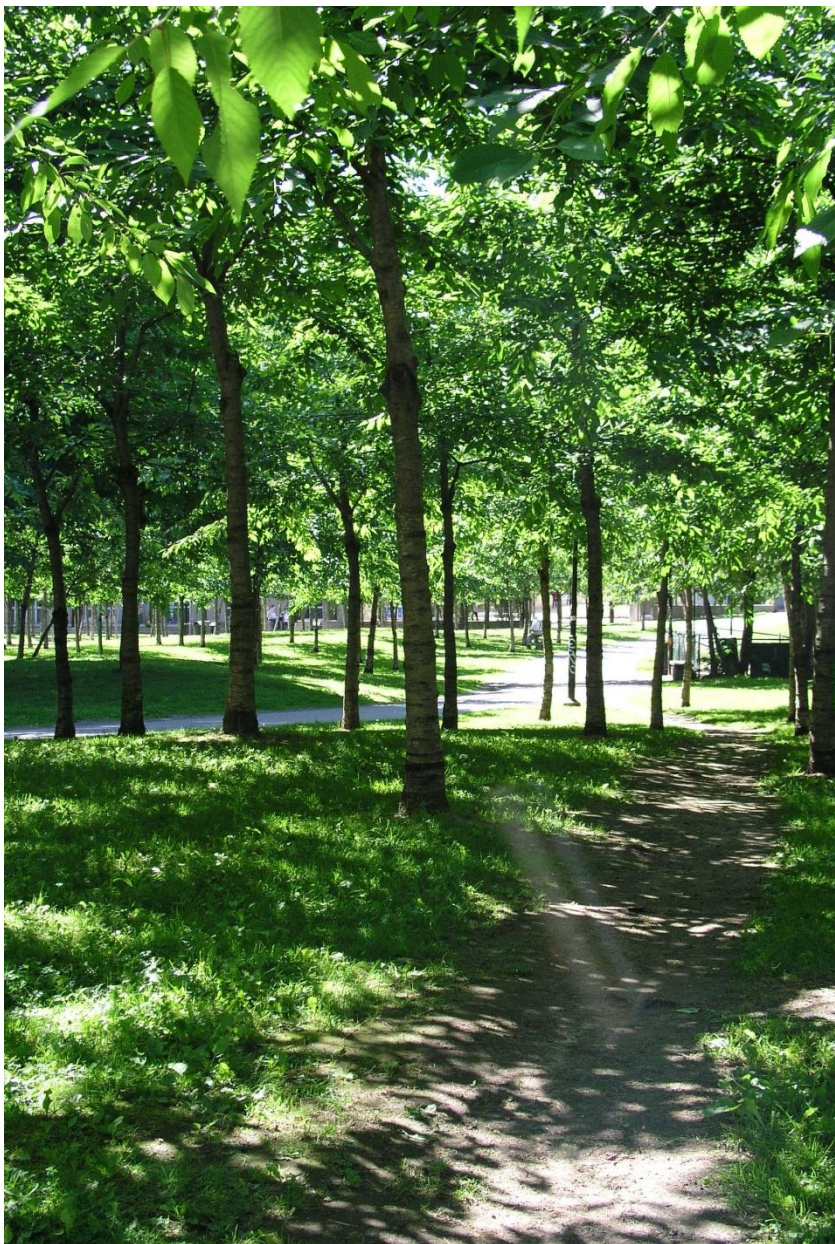




**KEEP SWEDEN TIDY**

To scrap ELB:s  
-a mission impossible in  
Sweden?  
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Keep Sweden Tidy



# The Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation

Non-profit organisation

Founded in 1983 by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the company Returpack.

27 employees

## **Our mission**

Reduce littering

Promote recycling

Promote the individual's  
nature conservation responsibilities





# Our vision is a litter free country

We combat litter.

We offer environmental education to children and youth for the future.

We change attitudes and behaviour towards littering.

Keep Sweden Tidy is a neutral, reliable and competent organisation.

We are a cooperative organisation.



# The Keep Sweden Tidy organisation

Keep Sweden  
Tidy Campaign

Marine  
Environment

Schools-  
and pre-  
schools

Environmental  
Awards

A non-toxic  
environment



# Aims and objectives with the study

- The purposes of this pilot study were to perform an inventory of ELB:s, conduct physical inspections, and scrap a number of leisure boats in Stockholm County.
- The goals of the study are to obtain more knowledge about ELB:s in Sweden and produce a basis for a possible recycling campaign.

# Background to the study

- Boats are abandoned and becomes litter items. We believe that this will be an increasing problem in the future.
- Reasons could be:
  - There are very few places in Sweden where boats can be recycled.
  - Boat owners do not know how to do.
  - Recycling of a boats can be expensive.

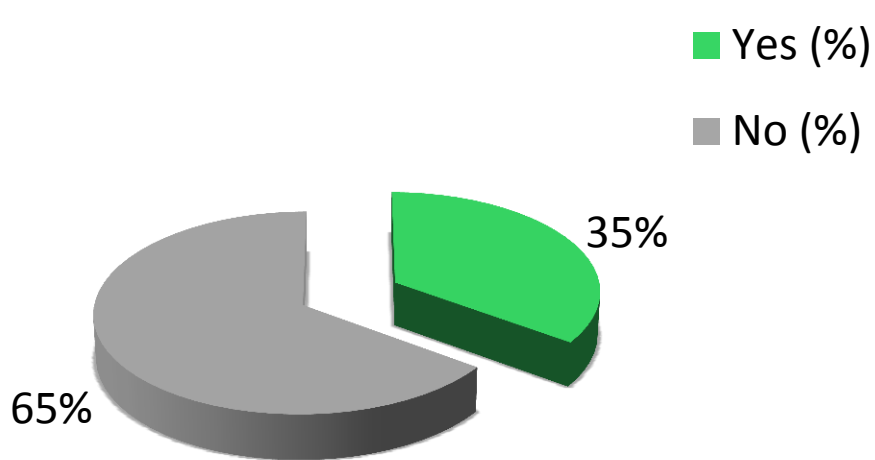


# Facts about boat life in Sweden

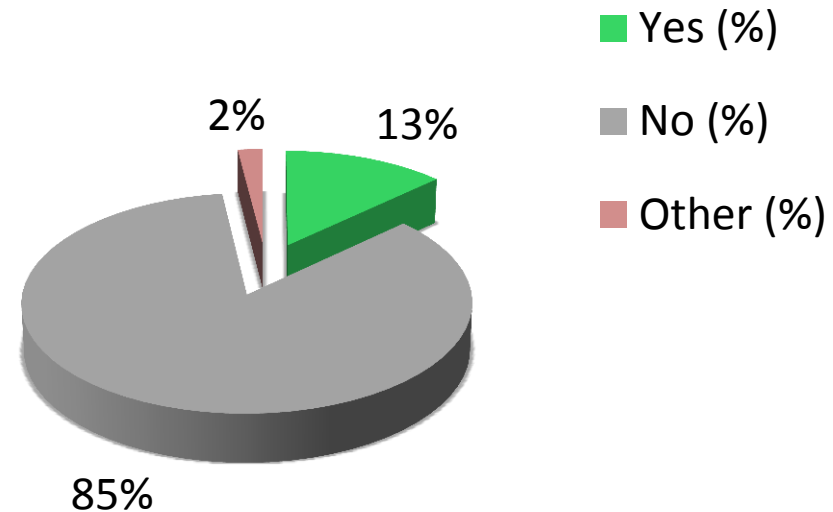
- There are about 900 000 leisure boats in Sweden.
  - About 100 000 of these are older than 40 years.
  - It is estimated that we have around 2000 ELB.
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- Our definition of ELB:s are that the boat has no or little value.
  - In our study we have concentrate on leisure boats were the boats have been abandoned.

# Questionnaire study 2011

## Boat clubs



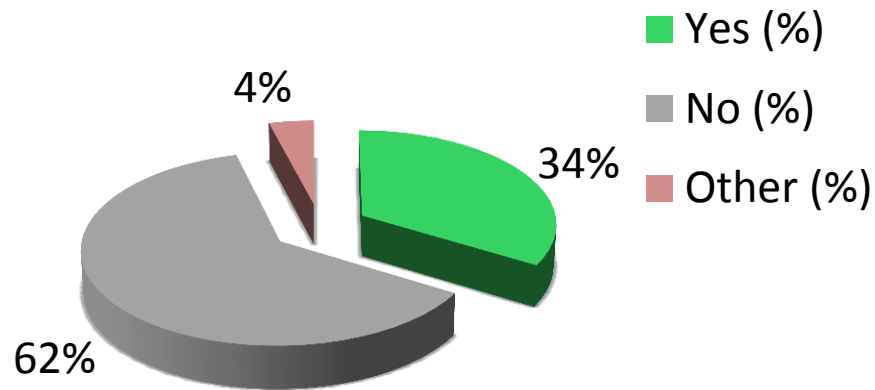
How many boat clubs estimates that they have one or more ELB:s at the club?



How many boat clubs feel that scrap boats in the club is a problem?

# Questionnaire study 2011

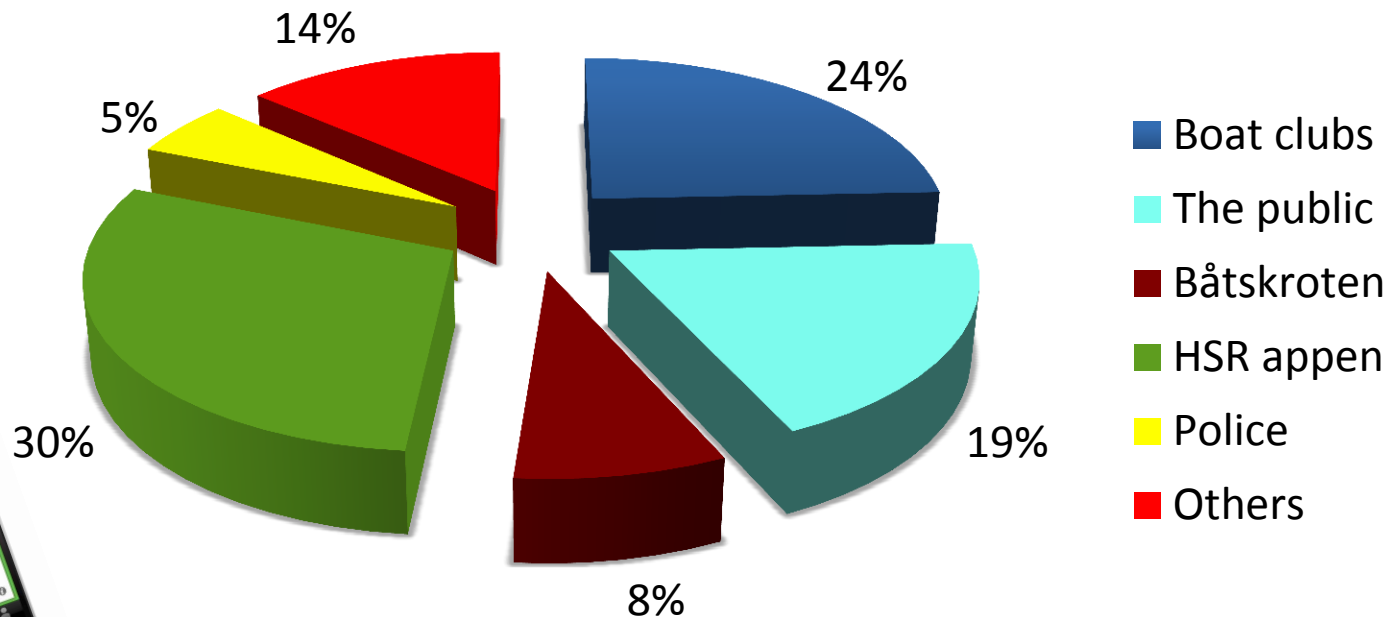
## Boat clubs



How many boat clubs  
say they know how to  
go about dealing with  
ELB:s in the club?

# Notifications of ELB:s in Stockholm County

- Totally around 40 during 2011-2012



# Scrapping of ELB:s

- Of the 40 items that we received we made inventories of 19.
- Based on information of the 19 boats that were surveyed, 10 ELB:s were selected for possible scrapping.
- The criteria were:
  - High possibility to get permission from boat- or landowners,
  - Not too expensive scrapping process,
  - ELB:s that not likely will be taken care of by someone else.

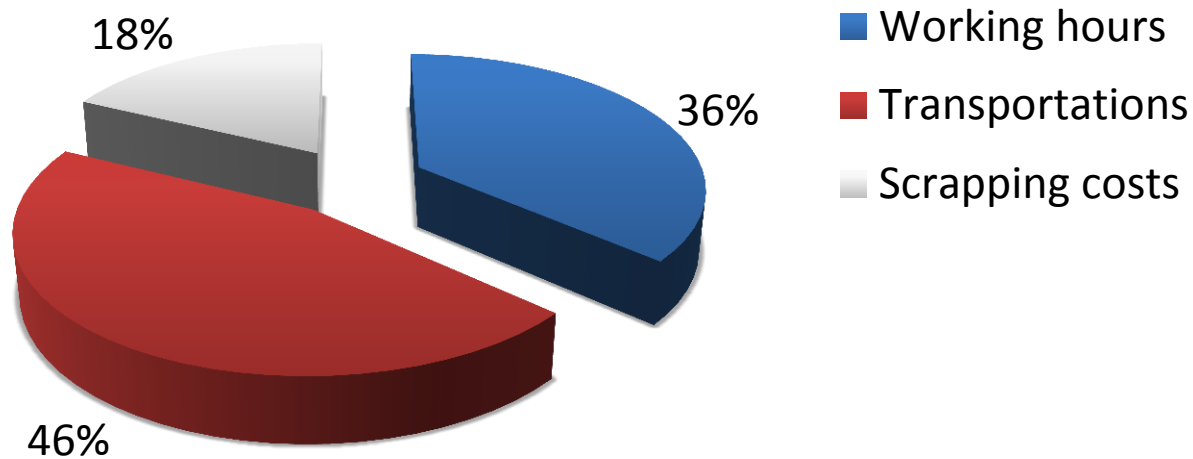
# The process to get permissions

Experiences from the study:

- Individuals are afraid to be liable.
- Municipalities are reluctant to see their responsibility for abandoned and littering ELB:s.
- No authority takes overall responsibility for the issue.
- It takes a lot of work to get permits.

# Scrapping of ELB:s

- We managed to get permission to scrap 5 ELB:s at a total cost of about SEK 140 000.



- In average, only 18 % of the costs were for recycling and destruction.
- Divers and sea transportations were the main reasons for the high costs.

# Solutions?

- A report will be published in the near future.
- Your work today will contribute to our conclusions and recommendations!

