

## **Nature and Culture in Sustainable Heritage Management.**

### **A Case Study from the Folgefonna Region.**

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- The Folgefonna glacier, the mountain regions and the river valleys.
- The ecosystems in different topography: soft sloping hills westwards, steep hillsides eastwards.
- The resources in the landscape and the human ecology.
- Traditional economy: Agriculture, pine forests, water mills, ship yards and sailing merchants.
- Energy from the glacier: Water falls and power plants.
- Today: Scattered attempts in regenerating landscape values by local craft and tourist industry in landscape parks.
- Protection and restrictions in the national park of Folgefonna. Traditional land use, crafts and traditional architecture - “values of yesterday”.

Today's dilemma is the economic and cultural antagonism between those living in the landscape and those travelling through, by modern polluting roads, or rambling in the mountains, enjoying the recreational values. There is a fundamental need of basic knowledge and insight in the mechanisms of nature, the ecologic and historic values of the landscape and the environmental consequences of modern lifestyle. This is a psychologic problem and an ecologic challenge in the local communities.

