



City	Kotka
Location	Hovinsaari
Population	55 000
Study site	sea area
Site of project	11 ha

TOPIC

Kotka-a marina quarter in the centre. The city of Kotka is developing its passenger harbour and the south shore of Hovinsaari island as part of the city's central area. As the harbour activities of the so called "Polish docks" are moved away within next twenty years, a large area is freed on the south shore of Hovinsaari. The area is possible to connect to the central area next to the site of the new Marine museum with a pedestrian bridge. At present the area is mostly unbuilt land.

The city wants to create a special district with a marina on the shore of Hovinsaari. What kind of public spaces can be created by shore building together with a marina? There is also the intention to locate floating houses on the area. How can floating housing be combined with harbour functions and shore building? How the needed marina services should be organized together with housing?

TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Kotka is founded as a main exporting port for wood industry. It has two centres: Kotkansaari island which is mostly conceived as the city centre and Karhula. The city center was created on islands which are connected by the main road and the railway. The center is surrounded by several harbours. The functions of the harbours are being concentrated and expanded with the growing demands and competition.

Harbour areas which are freed near the center are being changed to become part of the city center.





URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

The center is separated from Hovinsaari to the north by the narrow strait of Kivisalmi. The north side of Hovinsaari is in industrial use, the east shore is harbour area and the south parts are residential area. A park area follows Kivisalmi shoreline which is used by smallboat owners.

Programmatic intentions:

Hovinsaari will be developed as central residential area in the future. A lane for pedestrians and cyclists is planned to pass through the area of the "Polish docks" and over Kivisalmi strait to the city center.

PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

The competition area is limited in the west by a residential block area (the blocks are separated by a park zone), in the north by a harbour functions area and in the south-east by Kivisalmi.

Programmatic intentions:

The aim of the competition is to create a residential area which combines new housing and boating, as well as other services related to marine leisure-time activities. The residential area should also complement the marina services on the shore. It is intended to locate small floating houses on the area. The area should be considered to comprise a total residential gross floor area of 25-30 000 m², a marina with restaurant and leisure services.



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