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Natterjack toad (*Bufo calamita*) population on the coastal island of Smögen (Sweden)

REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT

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The decision regarding the plan for the residential housing project has been appealed to the County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland. In effect, the plan has come to a halt pending the outcome of the decision by the County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland.

Due to the fact that the project has been appealed, The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency will await the decision of the County Administrative Board until any possible further statement regarding this issue.

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