

THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF SWEDEN IN PROGRESS

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The National Atlas of Sweden by now has published fourteen thematic volumes. The remaining three volumes of the originally planned seventeen will be published before May 1996. Version 2.0 of the PC-Atlas has just been produced and marketed on diskettes as well as on CD-ROM. The PC-Atlas will also be fully complete in 1996.

It is now time to summarize the experience of this quite comprehensive Swedish cartographic project, which started in 1987. The organization, the budget, the editorial work, the used computer cartography and the results of the marketing of the book version as well as the PC-Atlas are evaluated.

A summary is also given of a proposal to the Swedish Government about the continuation of the National Atlas project after 1996. A continuous updating of the database and an annual distribution of the Atlas data on CD-ROM are proposed. The plans also include revised editions of the books and three new thematic volumes per year until the year 2000. One of these per year will be a regional atlas with more detailed thematic maps covering the most progressive parts of Sweden.