

**Vern i Tysfjord-Hellemo-området**

Conservation in the Tysfjord-Hellemo area in Nordland.

The county governor has recently circulated a consultation document concerning conservation in the Tysfjord-Hellemo area in Nordland. The Norwegian Speleological Society made a submission in connection with the preparation of the document in 1999. The article contains the Society's response to the consultation document. The Society has two main recommendations. The first is that the boundary of the conservation area should be drawn so as to include the entirety of the karst landscape and the rivers that drain into it. The second is that some known caves, especially Råggejavri-Raigi, which are particularly valuable and vulnerable, should be singled out for more stringent conservation measures including restriction of access.