First steps towards shared print collaboration in Sweden

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Background

"We don't build collections anymore"

"There is a need for a national strategy for physical collections"

Current problems

- Extensive weeding of print collections in research libraries
  - many short-term weeding decisions
  - loosing breadth and depth in collections
  - → no coordination
- Unsure situation for special libraries, including library closures
- The legal deposit copies are also for use, and might not last

Project: "National framework för weeding and preservation"

Earlier efforts in Sweden to collaborate
– many attempts but none successful

Looked into international collaborations

An interest from libraries to work closer
together on maintaining print collections.
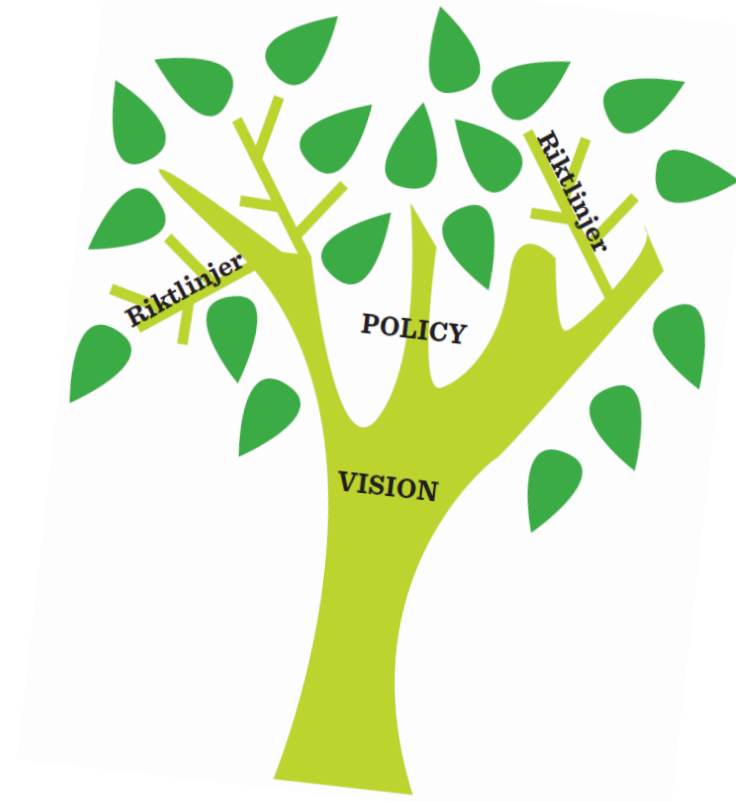
Report: "Everything for everyone, always"

Allt åt alla för alltid

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Vision

"Research libraries collaborate for the long term and take joint responsibility for saving, preserving and making material available for the needs of today and the future, for all their target groups"

Common principles for

- collaboration

- preservation

- access

Start of the collaboration

- Started in April 2021

- Steering committee
  - The National library
  - 5 university libraries
  - 3 special libraries

- Working group

Letter of intent

"With this letter of intent, libraries want to clarify their shared responsibility and the need for national coordination to ensure the long-term supply of information in the form of print material."

"for the benefit of researchers, today and tomorrow, and in support of the democratic society"

"to find forms for joint preservation and for coordinated and transparent weeding"

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- Hagströmer library
- The Nordic Africa Institute
- National archives, the War archive
- The Swedish institute for children's books
- Swedish Film institute

- Stockholm public library

National collection analysis

- National collection analysis using metadata in the national catalogue Libris.

- Analysis similar to a UK analysis from 2016, "Strength in numbers"
  → "scarcity is common"

- What is "rare" and "common" in a Swedish and international context?
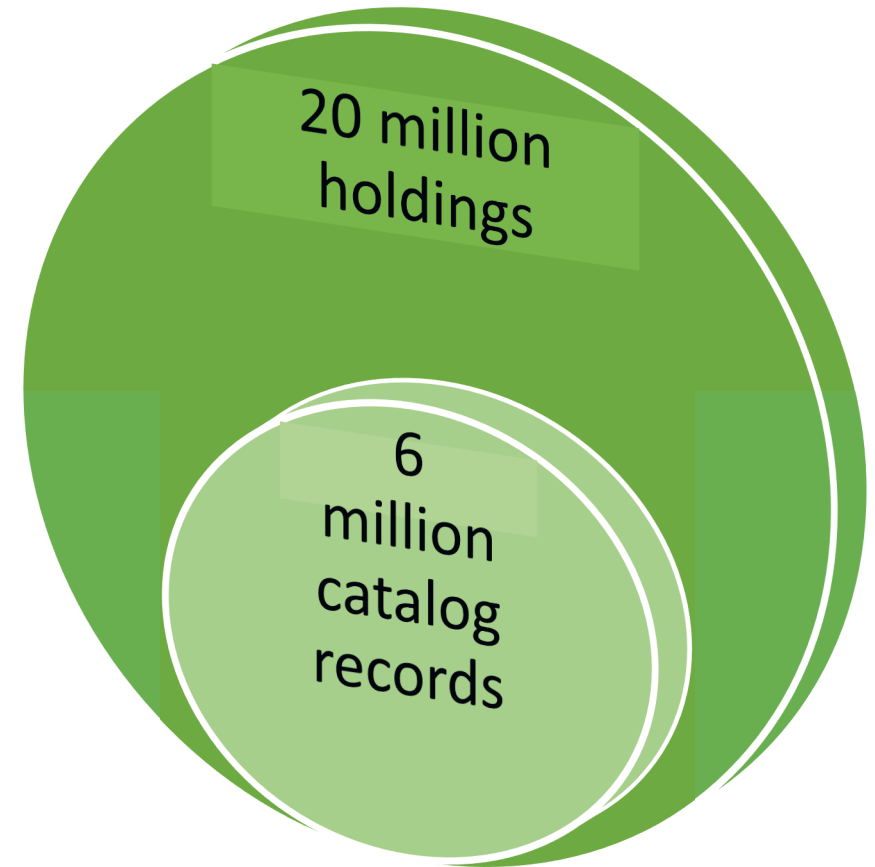
National collection analysis

- How many records have few or only one holding?

- How many records have many holdings?

- How are collections distributed between library types? (national/research/special libraries)

- How is the regional distribution?
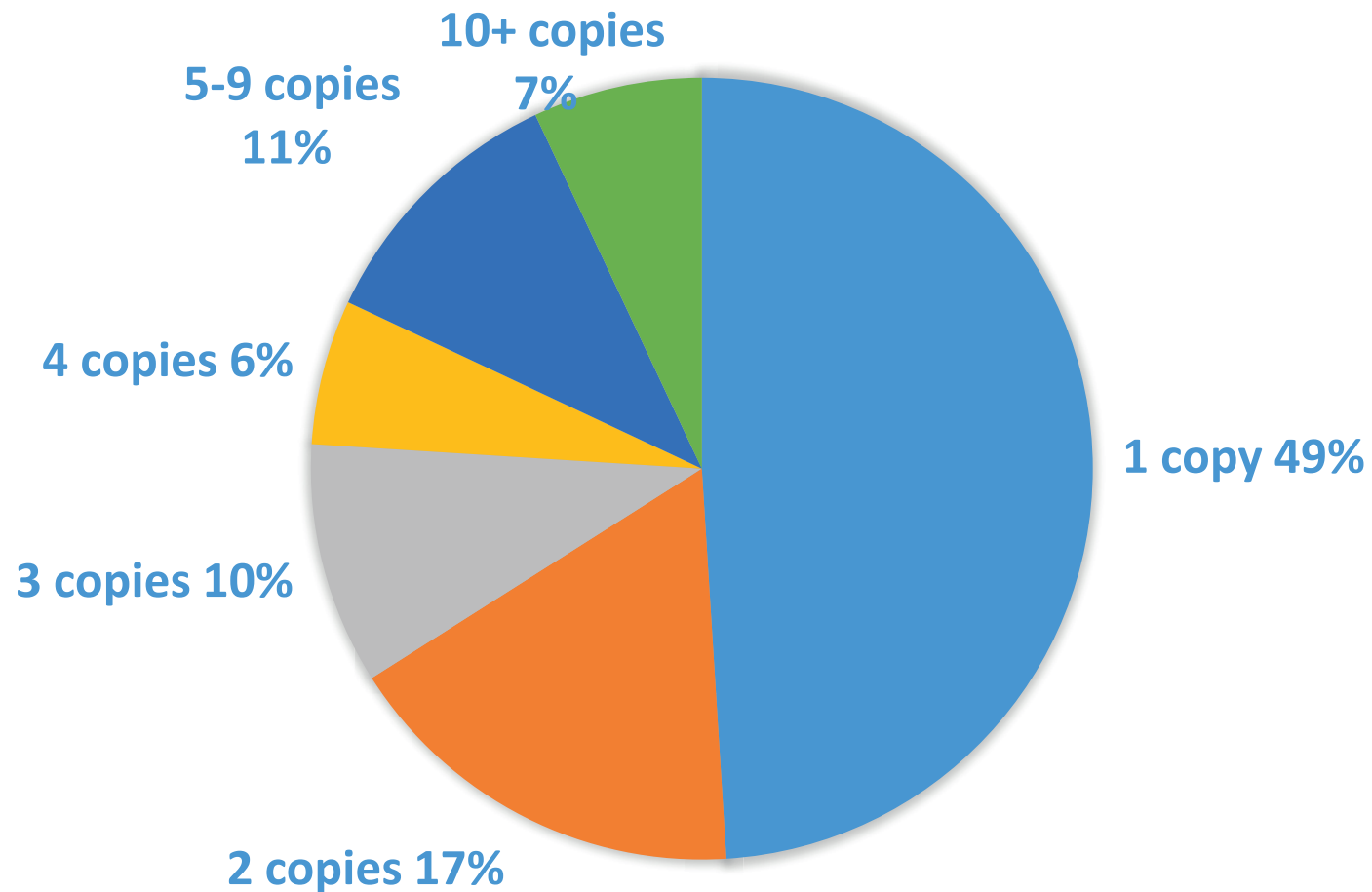
Preliminary results for print monographs

6 million catalog records
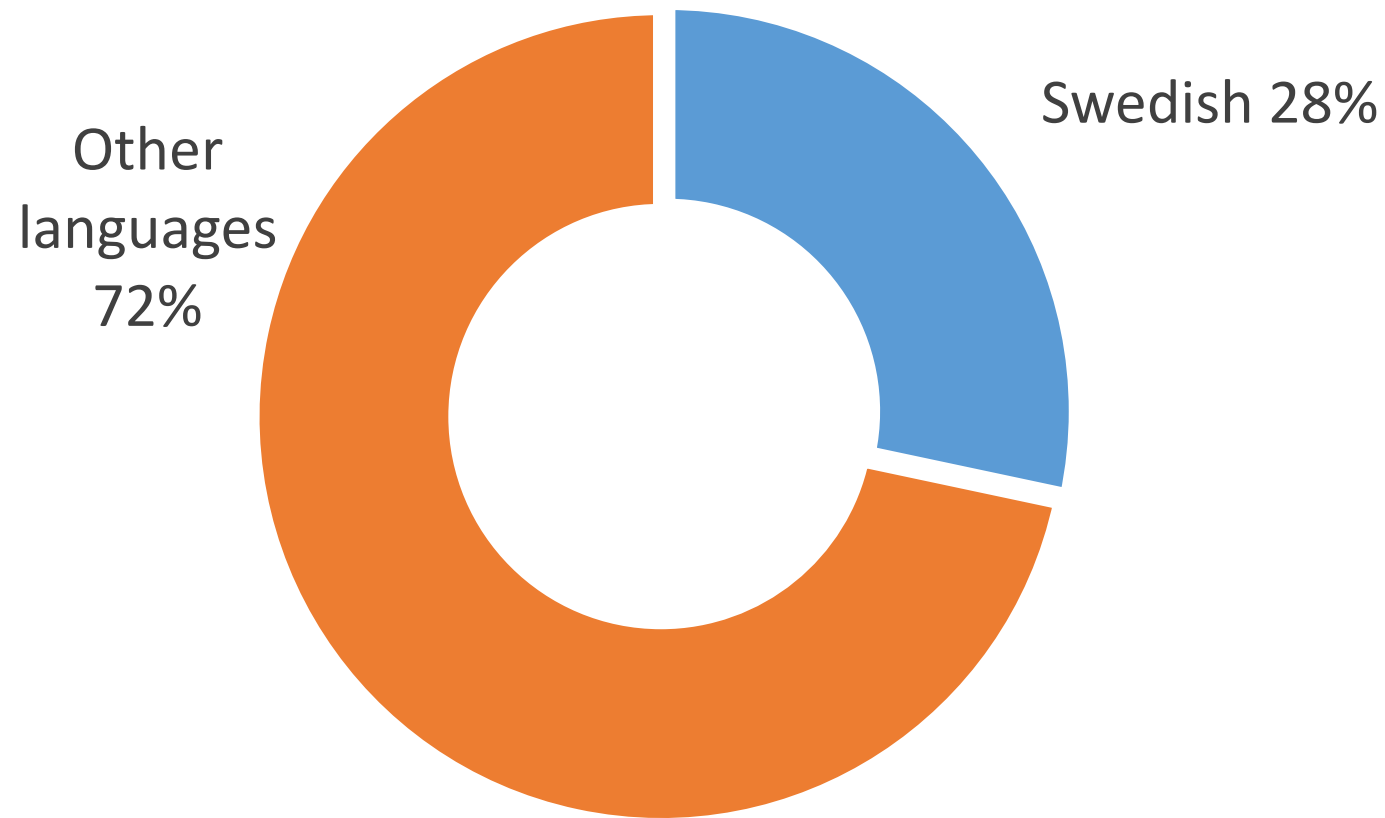
20 million holdings

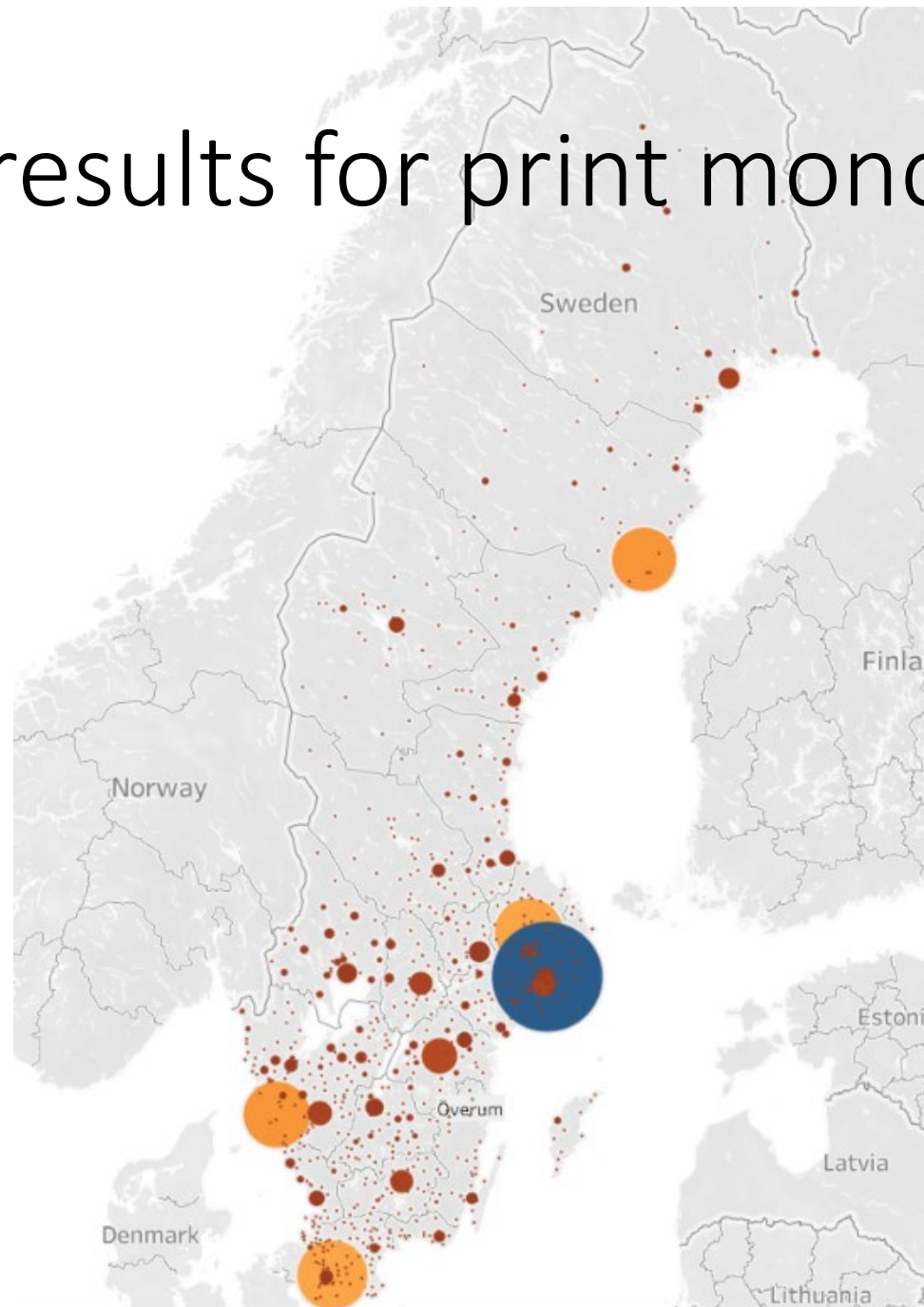Just over 3 holdings per catalogue record

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Swedish 28%

Other languages 72%

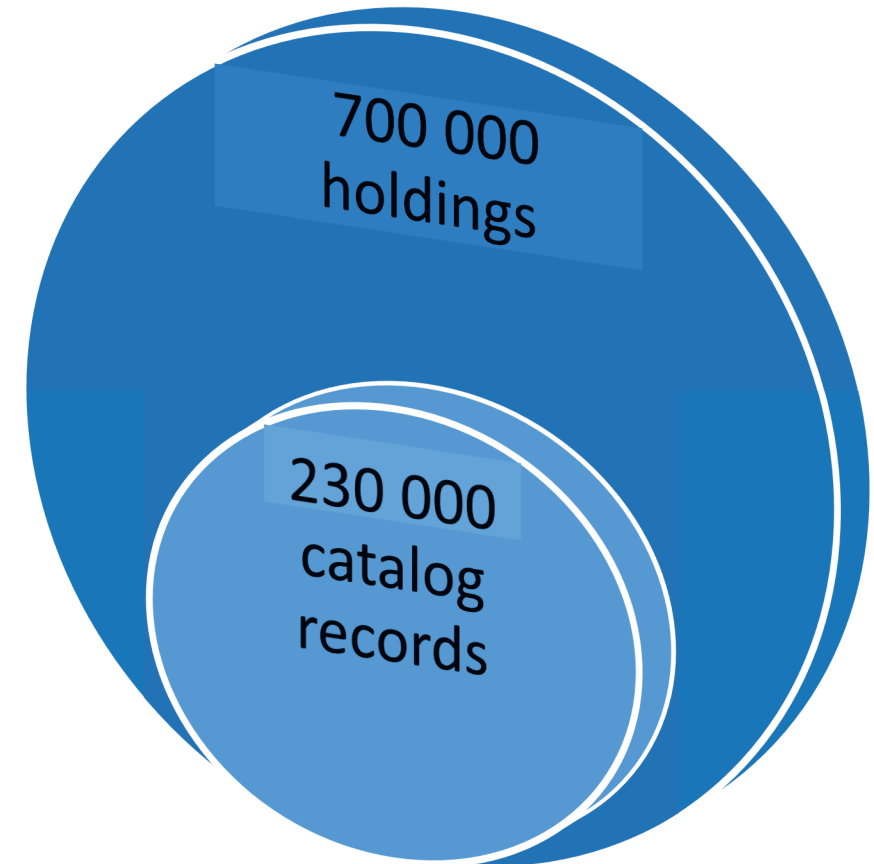# Preliminary results for print monographs
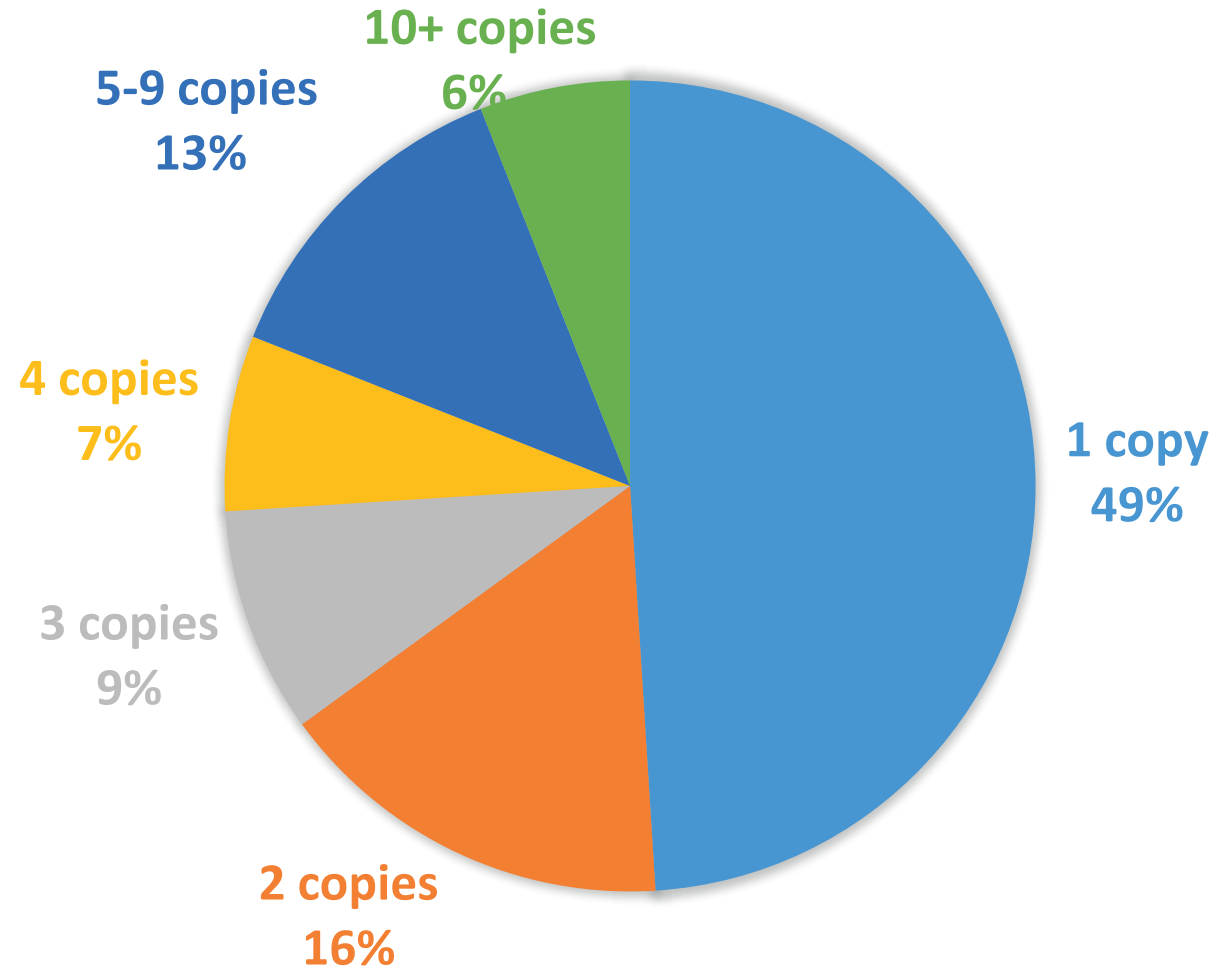
Preliminary results for print journals

230 000 catalog records

700 000 holdings

Just over 3 holdings per catalogue record

Preliminary results for print journals

Data set and metadata difficulties

- Not all material is catalogued
  - special libraries collections
  - Pre 1960:s collections from three large university libraries
- Some special libraries are not part of Libris at all
- Different cataloguing rules and praxis
- Difficult to separate some subcategories (like separate reprints)
- Etc etc

→ Can we use the data?

Next steps

Identify areas for collaboration on preservation
- "Last copy management"

Identify areas for collaboration on weeding
- Weeding of print scientific journals (keep 1-2 copies?)

International collaborations
- Epico
- European collaborations

Next steps for collaboration

- Organisation for steering and forms for collaboration
- Policy and priorities for activities
- Work methodologies
- Systems and support

Thank you!

Questions?