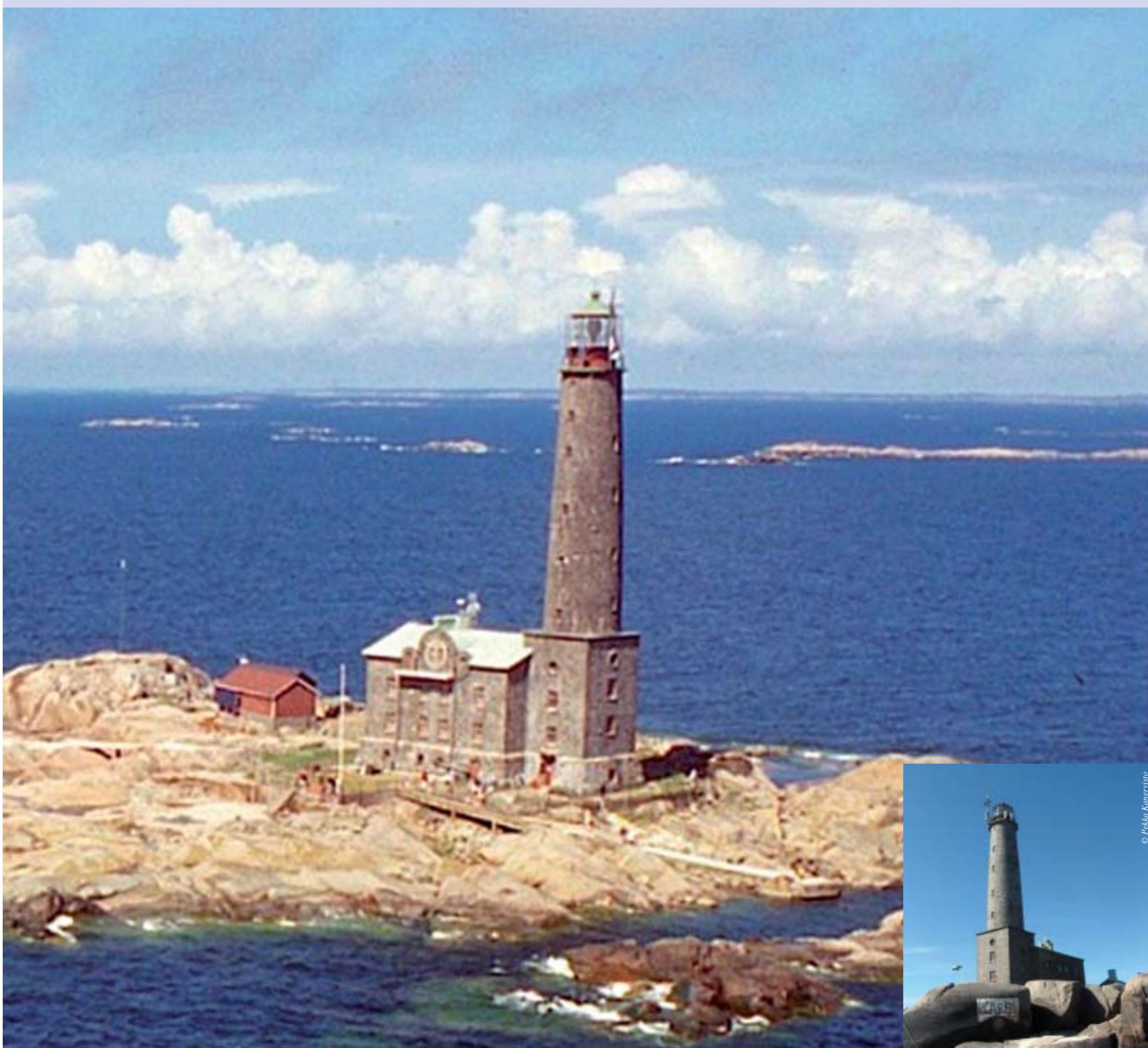


Lighthouse tourism in SW Finland and Estonia

The lighthouses of the southern coast of Finland and Estonia are interesting destinations both nationally and internationally. In Finland there are 60 and in Estonia 61 lighthouses. In 2007 the Finnish and the Estonian lighthouses were visited by 67 000 people and the number

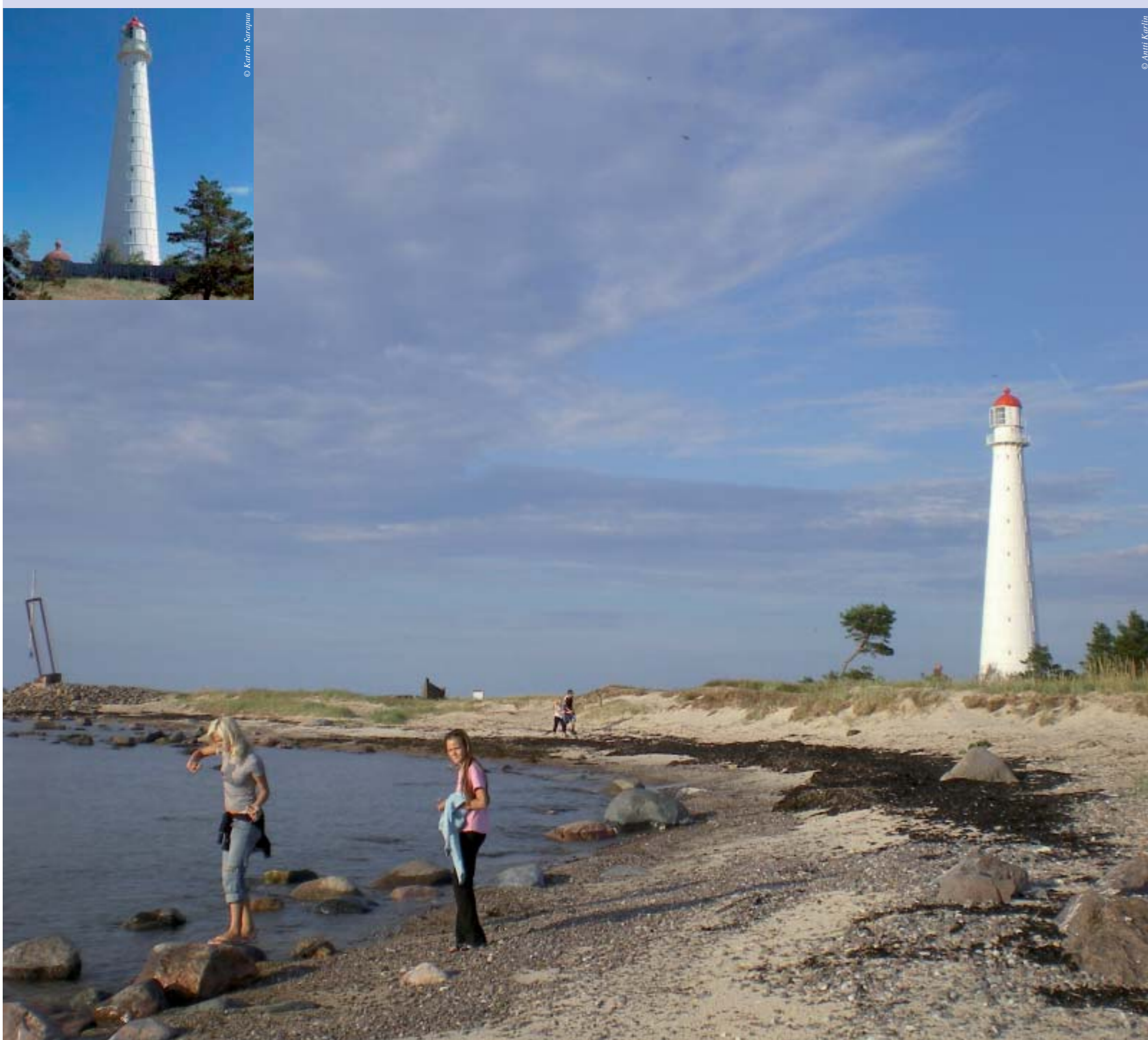
is rising. In Estonia only three lighthouses are open to the public: Kõpu, Ristna and Tahkuna – all located in Hiiumaa. In Finland Bengtskär, Isokari, Kylmäpihlaja, Söderskär, Tankar and Utö are all open for visitors.



The owner of Bengtskär lighthouse is Turku University Foundation.



Kõpu lighthouse in Hiiumaa is the 3rd oldest in the world and also drawn on Estonian stamps.



Tahkuna lighthouse is located on the northern tip of Hiiumaa, Estonia.



Utö lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in Finland and located in the archipelago village Utö.

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Many lighthouses are illustrated on stamps. The Söderskär stamp was released in 2003.

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