

# on the way to designate SACs...

## in Denmark

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Case Natura 2000-planning in Denmark



## Danish context

- Flat country and not very big either
- 2/3 cultivated, 11% forest, 7000 km coastline,
- 250 Natura 2000-areas – 8% land, 18% marine

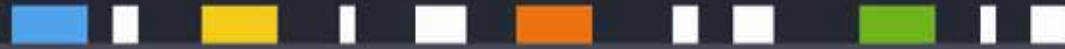
## Platforms for Natura 2000 planning

- N2000 areas integrated in land use planning
- Administration of Natura 2000-areas (HD 6.3 + 6.4)
- Natura 2000 planning proces (HD 6.1 + 6.2 + 4.4)
  - law on environmental objectives



## Threats to the Natura 2000-areas

- Fragmentation
- Drying out
- High load of nutrients
- Invasive species
- Overgrowing
- Disturbance



## Natura 2000 conservation plans

- 250 draft plans

[blst.dk/NATUREN/Natura2000plan/](http://blst.dk/NATUREN/Natura2000plan/)

- coordinated with other sectors, become legally binding

## Conservation objectives

### Conservation goal

- proportion of national level
- nationally threatened (HD art. 17)
- stand in case of opposite Natura interests

### Specific objectives

- for the listed nature



## Natura 2000 guiding principles

- Maintain the existing nature
- Avoid deterioration of fragmented nature
- Initiate an effort for threatened nature

## Principles to proposed priorities to become targets for local action plans

Overall targets - examples:

- 130,000 ha nature management (meadow, heath, fen)
- 16,000 ha enhanced hydrology (raised bog, salt marsh)
- 20,000 ha forest protected
- increased quality of bird habitats (meadow birds)
  
- In total 240 mio. euro for a 6 yrs implementation phase



## Examples of measures

- **removal of scrub, grazing etc.** (match EU funds)
- re-establish natural hydrology (match EU funds)
  
- **reduction of nutrients** (via water plans)
- buffer zones along streams (via water plans)
  
- buffer zones, ponds etc. (state)
  
- **state land management follows N2000 plan**

## Phased planning process

- baseline study – 2005-6
- defining principles - 2007
- brainstorm phase in public - 2007
- guidelines on objectives & priorities etc. 2008
- drafting conservation plans 2009 - 10
- public hearing, 2010 (expected)
- local action plans, 2011 (expected)
- implementation phase, 2011-2015 (expected)



## In conclusion

- legally binding , coordinated with other sectors
- based on key principles, financed , involve the public
- do not save the world but is a step in the right direction



Thank you for your attention