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Introduction to Nature Park Maribosøerne and its history

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Søholt manor
house



Engestofte
estate

farm buildings



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The Cathedral of Maribo

The St. Birgitta Convent



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Ancient monuments





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Characteristic landscape





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Significant flowers





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Significant birds

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Roosting birds





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Preservation 1990



Specific Protection

- Nature reserve 1957
- Natura 2000 area
(habitat + bird directive)
- Ramsar site

General protection:

- Nature Protection Act
- Planning Act



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Challenges and problems 1990

Protection does not work!

Natural and cultural
degradation

Poor water quality

Limited access

Overgrown views

New activities:

Rowing stadium

Golf course

Wish for more windmills





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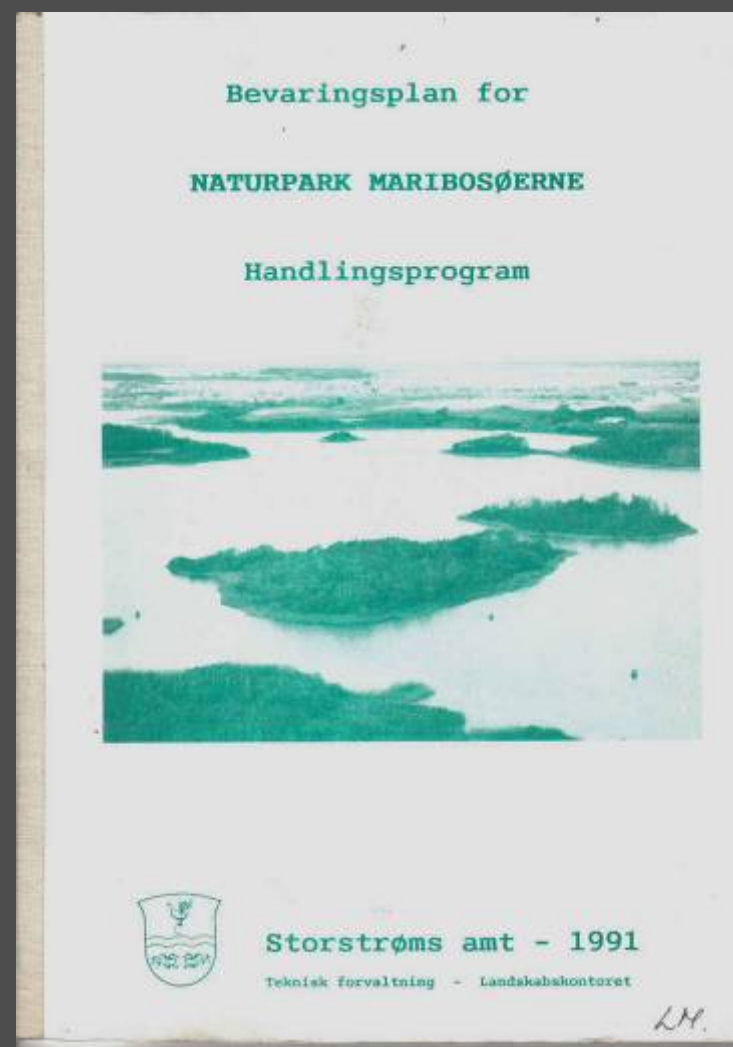
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Need for a plan!

Goals

- Re-establish landscape, natural and cultural values
- Improve water quality
- Enhance access in a sustainable way
- Qualify experience possibilities
- Create a Regional Nature Park





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Realisation



Blivsg Lær Mathias har haft ganske mange overraskende oplysninger undervejs, blandt andet om Teglsted – og om folkene, der vilgt åbne private områder for at gøre naturparken attraktiv. Skarven blev et af temaerne. Blatborg har en klar holdning, men vilgt at skærpe skærmet af ferskyn til de 10 stedsvisende områder. Til gengæld blev skærmbilledet med 1.200 indbyggere præsenteret som ansete grå på et det grafisk. Foto: Claus Hansen

Naturpark Maribo-søerne er overgivet til brugerne

Et af landets
smukkeste områder

Projektets kostnader
deltages til lighed til et

- 1989-91: Registration of local values
- 1991: Publication of a programme for preservation
- 1991-94: Public involvement and implementation
- June 94: Official opening of Nature Park Maribosøerne
- 2000: Hearing + evaluation of the plan
- 2003-06: Nature Park Council
Ranger
New plan for recreation

A Nature Park in Denmark! – What's that?

Implementation in the Regional Plan

Aim

- Safeguard and improve natural, cultural and landscape values
- Education
- Qualify and promote outdoor life – also for reasons of common health
- Development of the region and local areas

Premises

- Voluntarily
- Citizen involvement

The Nature Park concept

- Focuses on landscape, natural and cultural values
- Invites to quiet activities
- Demands knowledge of the area as a basis for a plan of balancing protection and use
- Offers attractive conditions for nature schools and centres, information and guided tours
- Raises local attention and creates new activities
- Is a central goal for citizen involvement
- Concentrates private and public investments



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Implementation of the plan - change of water quality





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Implementation of the plan – nature





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Implementation of the plan – culture





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Implementation of the plan - leisure





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Implementation of the plan - information





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Means of action

Cooperation!

Voluntary deals

Public grants (Co/Mu)

Private funds

Permissions (Co/Mu/CB)

Management (Co/Mu)

New means of preservation

Public acquisition

Expropriation

Co = County
Mu = Municipality
CB = Conservation Board
(Fredningsnævnet)



2000 - more involvement!

Status

Campaign

Information bus

Questionnaire

Results:

- Need for coordination
- More possibilities for experience
- Much more interpretation



Important milestones since 2000 information and interpretation

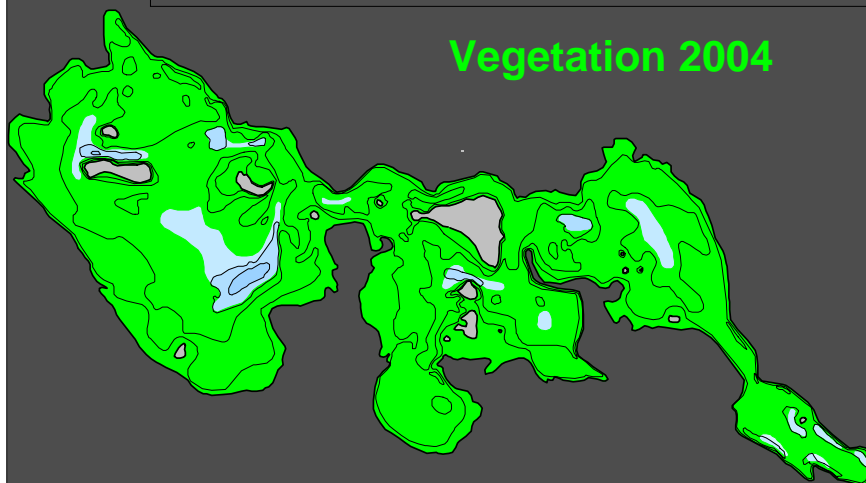
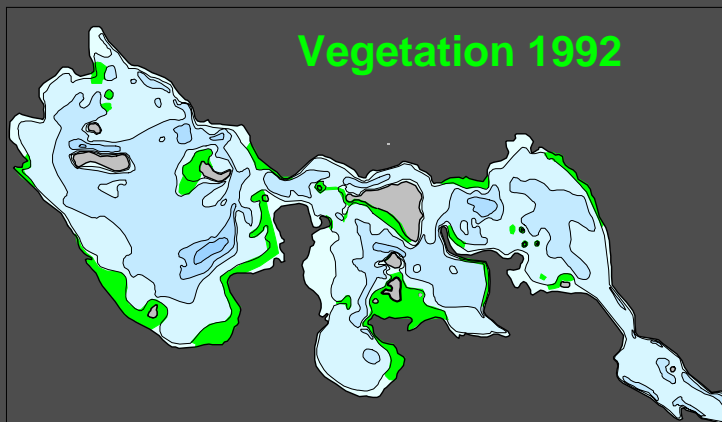
Nature Park Council
New finances
Ranger
Interpretation concept
New plan for recreation

Web site and logo
Folder and guide
Exhibitions
Tours and lectures
Nature school
Bird hides, views etc.





Important milestones since 2000 - Nature



- Clean lakes
- More breeding and roosting birds
- 540 ha forest agreement + mun.
- Game reserve
- Acquisition of Lysebro Mose
- Re-establishing of solitary oak trees
- Nature restoration (F. Bagskov)
- Management plan for municipality owned areas
- Managing meadows

But still problems!

Handing over the Nature Park, November 2006



Perspectives for Nature Park Maribosøerne



- Revised Preservation Plan
- Establish a new Nature Park Council with responsibility for all activities and finances
- Keep the ranger and extend functions
- Imply the Nature Park in the new municipal plans for Lolland and Guldborgsund and consider revision of delimitation
- Establish a national network for Nature Parks and continue cooperation with Europarc
- Make a strategy for economic and social development
- Certification of the Nature Park
- Coordination with the Natura 2000 and Water Directive Plan

Experiences I

Delimitation and Recognition: Visible, concentration of valuable landscapes, nature and culture, buffer zones

- *Mark entrances to the park!*

Signs: Not too many signs! Use guides. Logo, design

- *Create an information policy and uniform layout!*

Planning support: All public levels

- *Incorporate Nature Parks in Regional and Municipality plans (national plan)*

Experiences II

Nature monitoring: Status, development tendencies, needs for management, evaluation of management and priorities

- *Establish a monitoring programme!*

Preservation priority: Designate areas for protection and areas for public use, accepted by all parties

- *Make a sustainable preservation plan!*

Local involvement: Shared responsibility, legacy, accept and constructive actors

- *Insure open administration, create a board, inform, make hearings!*

Local involvement takes time!



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Thank you, and take good care of the area!

