



## Danish Nature Parks

How a private NGO can improve quality of PAs through introduction of an ECO Label



Friluftsrådet - mere natur - mere friluftsliv



## Naturparkprojektet

**2009-2012**

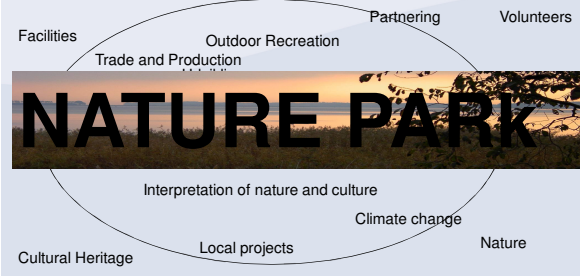
- Etablering af mærkningsordning
- Støtte oprettelsen af naturparker
- 12 pilotkommuner
- Referencegruppe
- 7 naturparkprojekter
- Udarbejdelse af kriterier og rammer for mærkningsordningen




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## What is a Danish Nature Park?



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## Tasks of Nature Parks

... four equal pillars ( § 27 Nature conservation act)



Nature protection and landscape conservation    Recreation and sustainable tourism    Environment and education    Sustainable regional development




## Other DOC campaigns and their impact:

- **Blue Flag since 1987:**
- **Eco Schools in Denmark since 1994**
- **Eco Schools in 4 African countries starting in Kenya 2002**
- **Green Sprouts since 2000**

• **All are Eco labels with different angles to environment.**

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Blå Flag er ikke myndighed på området

EU direktiv og badevandsbekendtgørelse

Særskilte kriterier for havne, strande og centre

- 27 kriterier for strande
- 22 kriterier for havne
- Ingen beskrevne kriterier for Centre (*endnu*)

Det handler om meget andet end Badevand

Blå Flag Centre er et udviklingsområde

Formidling er et af Friluftsrådets kerneområder

- miljøundervisning og uddannelse for børn og unge





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- Blå Flag arbejder for, at vi sammen passer på vores natur og miljøet, ved alle danske kystområder.
- Blå Flag er en frivillig ordning, hvor der ansøges for et år ad gangen.
- Særskilte kriterier for Havne og Strande.

<b>Strande:</b>	<b>Havne:</b>	<b>Centre:</b>
Badevand	Miljøet	Formidling
Sikkerhed	Sikkerhed	Oplevelser og aktiviteter
Miljø	Oplevelser	
Oplevelser	Faciliteter	
Faciliteter		

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**We have been successful:**

**Beaches 2012**

- 235 Blå Flag strande i 2012
- Ligger nogenlunde konstant
- 2012 var dog det år med flest Blå Flag i Danmark – i alt 293

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## Danish Nature Parks

**Framework**

- 10 criteria
- Nature park plan

**To be evaluated by**

- National nature park committee

**Development of nature and recreation through**

- Projects

**Danske Naturparker is a project scheduled for 5 years.**

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## Criteria for labelling a Danish Nature Park

1. At least 50 % of the area is protected by the Nature Conservation Act
2. The park has a precise border line
3. The park has a management for the specific purpose.
4. A Nature Park Council is responsible for the running of the park
5. The necessary economy for the realization of the Nature Park Plan is available
6. The Nature Park and its boundaries is integrated in the municipal plan
7. The park creates local ownership through public participation
8. The park needs a coordinated offer of interpretation for Danish and foreign visitors
9. At least one nature guide / guide is available in the park
10. The Nature Park Plan has to be politically endorsed and approved by Danske Naturparker.

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## What is a Danish Nature Park?

### Definition

*"Danske naturparker" are bigger coherent natural and cultural landscapes with natural boundaries of regional importance. They need special attention because of natural beauty, cultural heritage and recreational possibilities.*

### Objective

*"Danske naturparker" must contribute to better quality in nature through development of ecological coherence and strengthening of biodiversity. They must improve possibilities of outdoor recreation and experiences in nature in order to create pride, identity and awareness of nature and landscape.*

*Nature Parks should contribute to strengthening of sustainable development in society in and around the park. Involvement of citizens is an important element in establishing and running of nature parks. The holistic management and integrated planning will act as a role model of management of Danish landscapes.*

