



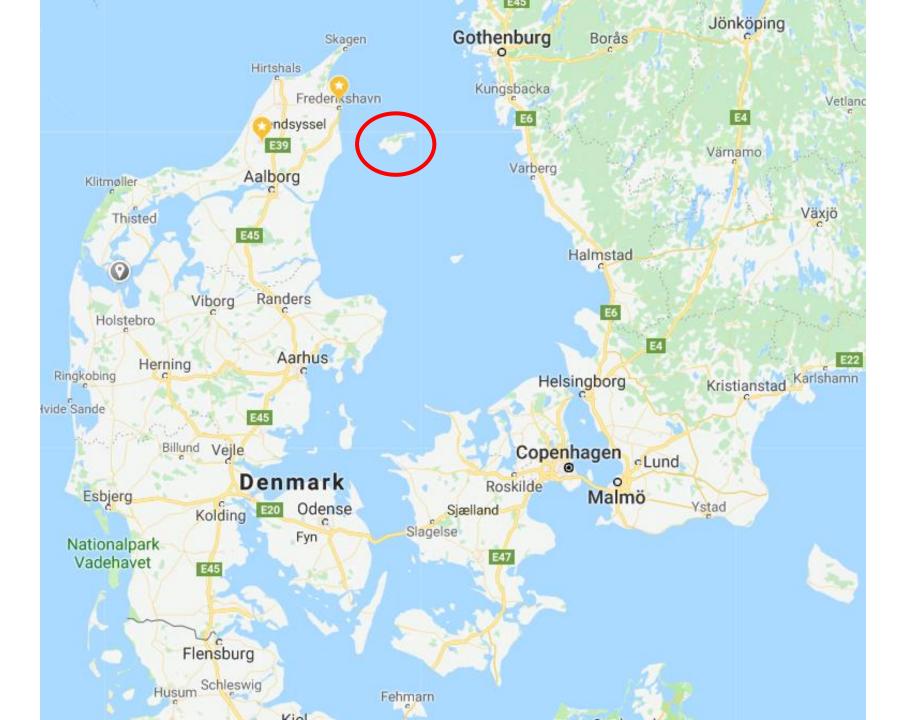


LÆSØ N-2000 Landowner Association (LN2NA)

Established 2014

Søren Møller Pedersen Danish Nature Agency

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Background

N-2000 / actionplan, protected area and Nature Protection Act

The primary action (A1) in LIFE Læsø (LIFE LAESOE NAT/DK/00893)

Fragmented owner structure

• 530 cardasters / 190 owners

History

Declining livestock numbers

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Vision/goals

- Continued management after LIFE, preserve and strengthen the islands natural habitats
 - Large scale management within the whole N-2000 area abandon fragmented management
- Cooperation within the community where:
 - Nature conservation has top priority
 - Landowner economy is ensured
 - The local economy is benefitted
- Attracting financial support to nature conservation management
 - By Rural Development Programme (RDP) (and agricultural subsidies)
 - Cooperation between Læsø Municipality and Danish Nature Agency (Vendsyssel)
- Local work opportunities
 - Winterfeed production, stock work, sherpherding, winter stables, fencing, management and tourism
 - Vet stationed on the island
- Meat production
 - Slaugther, butchering/processing and product development on the island

Process

- Public meeting
- Establishment of working group and thematic sub-groups
- Dialogue with key people
 - Statutes and contract paradigma legal aid
- Economical framework accounting aid
- First General Assembly 27/2-2014 as an "FMBA"

- Contact and negotiations with landowners up until the end of the project (and beyond....)
 - Recruiting a day-to-day manager
 - LN2LA is now perceived as a part of the island

Establishment and support – several LIFE Læsø actions

- Establishment fase
- Management conducted by DNA the first 3 years.
- Handing over livestock, fences and other inventory

What does LN2LA offer?

- Only N2000 landowners
- Large scale management with a healthy economy
- Risk coverage
- Management by land lease contracts

Collective sale and marketing

Management by management contracts

Sherpheding and nature interpretation

Contracts with livestock owners (payment for grazing)
 Own cattle and sheep herd – areas with low productivi
 Grazing plan – Læsø Municipality

Good dialogue with Danish Agricultural Agency

Headwind and local concern

- Fences and access
- Economy
- Hunting

Reluctant attitude towards broad cooperation

- "Dangerous" livestock
- Skepticism/ distrust towards authorities DNA and Læsø Municipality
- Finding and keeping a suitable manager

Tailwind!

- Has been disgussed earlier
- Acceptance of protected areas
- Other LIFE actions snowball effect
- Risk of penalties (subsidies) on the main farm
- Long tradition with common fences
- Island is characterized by open landscapes
- Initiate management / RDP on new areas
- Acknowledgement that cooperation is the way forward
- Payment of livestock owners
- LIFE economy
- Management by LIFE project (DNA)
- Enhanced RDP subsidies
- Lack of knowledge regarding RDP

Administrative challenges



- Member database and economy
- Agreements and contracts
- Many different subsidy schemes
- Agricultural subsidy and island subsidy

Grazing regimes
Internal control regarding technical demands in subsidy schemes
HNV values
Dialogue with the control authority (DAA)
Subsidy application and online map

- 115 members 451 cardasters Grazing on approx. 2.500 ha.
 - Management contracts covering approx. 300 ha.
 - Land lease contracts covering approx. 1.700 ha. (LN2LA subsidy scheme)
 - Remaining 500 ha. is divided into 250 ha. belonging to "free-riders" and 250 ha. with no subsidies
 - 58 fences with 335 fields in the subsidy application
- LN2LA has its own herd of about 400 head of Galloway cattle
 - Contracts with 14 livestock owners
 - Total grazing herd
 - 1.280 cattle (Galloway, Hereford, Highland, Limousine, Charolais, Holstein)
 - 236 horses
 - 290 sheep (Gute / Spelsau)

•Economy

•2014 (-40.680 EU), 2015 (-3.763 EU), 2016 (-14.516 EU) 2017 (29.032 EU) •Numbers 2017

Adm. + financial 42 EU/ha
Grazing, fences etc. 155 EU/ha
Land lease; 53 EU/ha (average)
Consolidation; 17 EU/ha (average)
Subsidy2017; 268 EU/ha (average)

Leasons learned - Læsø

- Project owner must recognize that volounteers will not establish nor take responsility for initial management
 - Project owner MUST drive the establishment proces and take initial responsibility for management
 - If the project owner does not have proper ressources use consultants instead (legal, accounting, subsidy application)
- Public agencies and managers etc. cannot expect that their economical responsibility and role as an authority can be taken over by an associations run by volunteers. Continued cooperation regarding management is very important.
- Financial stability (bank credit) with security in the subsidies
- The board must be composed by people with motivation and willpower
- Acceptance that nature conservation management is at the focal point, but a sound economy for both landowners and livestock owners must also be ensured.
 - Get everybody in on the project to avoid holistic challenges and non-coherent management
 - As few fences as possible
 - Try to ensure economical robustness from the beginning, to be able to handle subsidy penalties.
- Maintain a high level of internal and external information about the association.
- Consider a stakeholder group (local NGOs etc.). BUT the dialogue must be facilitated by the association
- Concerning livestock / grazing
 - Livestock owners must understand and accept different breeds can be more or less suitable for nature conservation management – the tools must be versatile!
 - The grazing plan must be in place before the winter in order to avoid winterfeeding of excess livestock
 - The grazing plan must be followed!

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