THE DANISH WADDEN SEA NATIONAL PARK – THE DANISH APPROACH TO NATIONAL PARKS
OECD 1999:
It is recommended to investigate the possibility of establishing a network of national parks, which could include some of the most valuable coastal ecosystems, such as tidal flats, dune areas, cliff coasts and heaths.
From pilot site to National Park

- Pilot project in 2004-05
- National Park’s Act in 2007
- 5 areas nominated in 2008
- WS inaugurated in October 2010
- Area: 146,600 ha (1,466 km²)
- Land area: 30,000 ha (300 km²)
Troels Lund Poulsen
Former Minister of Environment

"Outstanding natural values can and will form the basis for increased settlement, tourism and regional growth. 7 out of 10 tourists come to Denmark to experience nature."
Statutory Order for the Wadden Sea National Park

The objectives of the Wadden Sea National Park are:

• To preserve, strengthen and develop natural values, diversity, coherence and dynamics with a special focus on the internationally important shallow sea areas, mudflats, marshlands and other natural areas along the coast.
• To preserve and strengthen landscape and geological values in the unique Wadden Sea landscape.
• To preserve and strengthen the cultural heritage
• To improve the opportunities for experiencing nature, cultural heritage and outdoor recreation in the Wadden Sea landscape.
• To support research, education, nature interpretation and extension in relation to the Wadden Sea values
• To support the development of local communities including local business while at the same time respecting conservation values and maintaining the possibilities for continued farming and fishing.
• To contribute to a coordinated development of the common Danish-German-Dutch Wadden Sea area
Markedsundersøgelse:

• Kopi af den tyske undersøgelse.
Vision

The Wadden Sea National Park is internationally recognised as a unique landscape with marshes, geest and tidal areas and with values in a class of its own. The National Park will be used, protected and developed in sustainable interaction between nature and man.
More and better nature!
The National Park is expected to lead to coherent and goal-oriented planning and an improved economic base for nature restoration and improved nature management.
BUSINESS AND SETTLEMENT

The National Park is expected to:

• help prevent the expected decline in local population numbers (0.2-0.3 % per annum) in the coming 20 years. It is especially young people in the age between 16 and 35 who migrate away.
• lead to the creation of new jobs – especially within tourism and the service business.
• expected to make the area more attractive as a place to live and work.
Cultural history and landscape

The Wadden Sea landscape and cultural history is also very unique and the National Park will support the many ongoing initiatives to highlight, improve and communicate these values.
Nature interpretation and outdoor recreation

The National Park is expected to contribute and strengthen the present cooperation and network of nature interpreters, museums and rangers as well as finance new information materials.

The National Park is also expected to contribute significantly to improved facilities for outdoor recreation.
The important message now and then:

**The National Park is not an authority!**

The Wadden Sea is regulated by a comprehensive set of Laws and regulations and the national park will not lead to any new regulations.

Instead the national park is expected to improve access to information, influence on management issues and support schemes for the local inhabitants through the National Park’s Board, Advisory Council and Plan.
Ministry of the Environment

The Wadden Sea National Park Foundation
The Board

Chairman and
• 4 municipalities
• The Nature Agency
• Nature Conservation Society
• The Outdoor Council
• Dike Guilds
• Hunting Association
• Ornithological Society
• Angler’s Association
• Farmer’s Association
• NP Advisory Council

30 members representing Local Action Groups, art, businesses, guides and rangers, research, tourism etc. and 12 representatives from local areas
The National Park Plan

• What do we have today?
• What are we allowed to do?
• What do we want?
The tool box:

Buying and selling of land
Property/land distribution
Permanent agreements
Financial support: Projects, compensation and support schemes

*Solely voluntary means to achieve goals*
CASE – The Sneum Dike Lake

FOTO: John Frikk
CASE – Grazing

FOTO: John Frikke
CASE – Historical heritage, buildings worthy of preservation
CASE – Historical harbour sites
CASE – National Park Ship
CASE – National Park Partnership

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CASE – National Park app
The Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation
The Wadden Sea Forum
UNESCO World Heritage

• The Danish part of the Wadden Sea (is expected) to become part of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site in June 2014
CASE – Cross border cooperation

Photo Storys
The Halligs
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Smuggling
Ships and sailors
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Walk on the bottom of the sea

Guides
Kayak, surfing, fishing guides
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Map
The question: The Danish part of the Wadden Sea is covered by a number of designations – can you name one or two?
The Question: If there was to be an election on the continued existence of the National Park next Sunday – how would you vote!

- Definitely vote in favour: 72%
- In favour on certain conditions: 8%
- Definitely vote against it: 4%
- Abstain from voting: 14%
- Don’t know: 2%

De grønne felter total = 80%  
(Tyskerne = 94%)
Thank you!