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Danish preliminary pledge on protected areas

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How did we proceed? What did we report?

Guidance documents and template

The figure from top:

- 1) New strictly MPAs, 2) New MPAs, 3) New bird protection sites and
- 4) Existing protection sites.

Existing protected areas already known by EU:

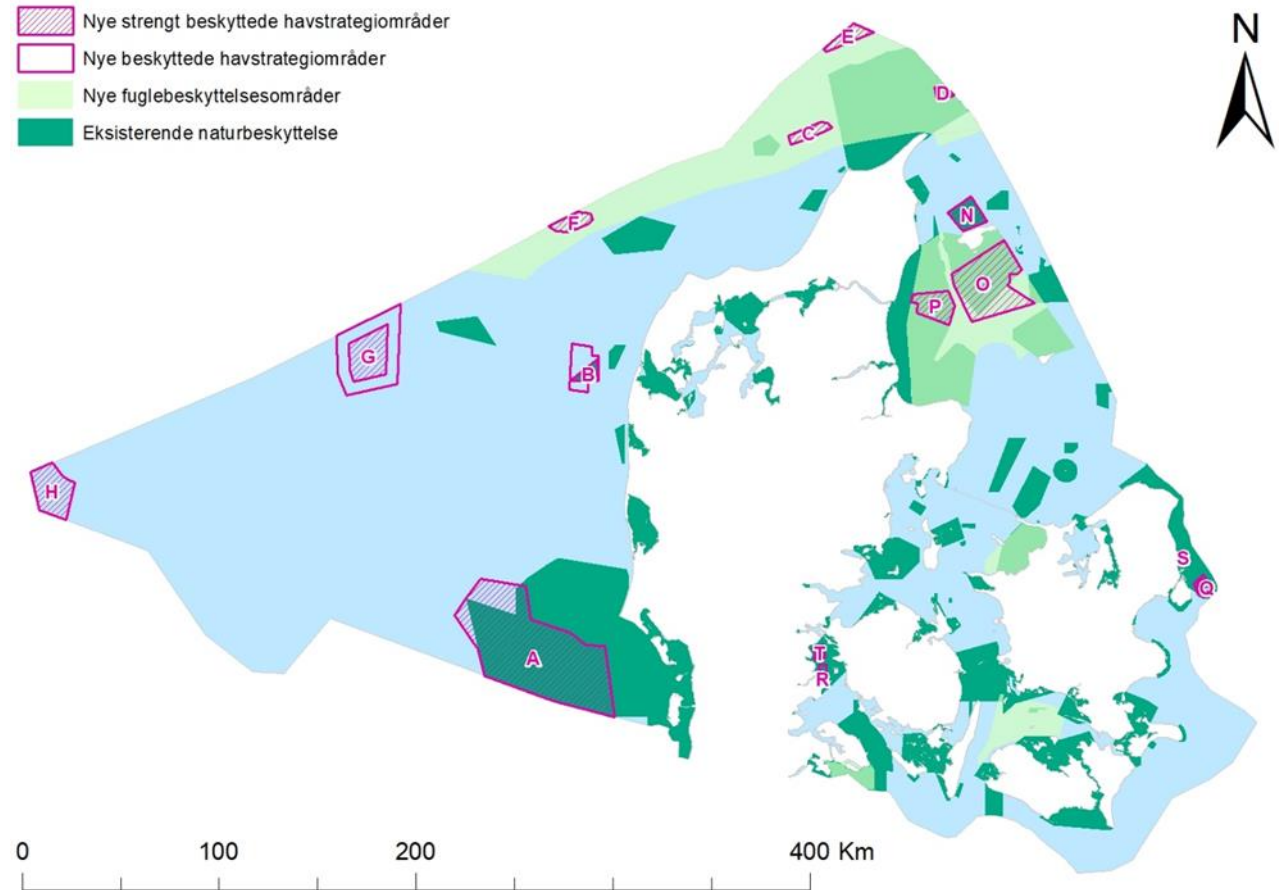
Natura 2000-database (2018)

CDDA from 2021

Pledge:

Six new bird protection sites (Natura 2000)

19 new marine protection sites, 18 with strictly protected areas (Marine Strategic Framework Directive)



CCDA 2021 – national protected areas and 30%/10% target

- Seabed (circalittoral sand, infralittoral sand, infralittoral rock and biogene reef etc.)
- Marine areas designated due to the Marine Strategic Framework Directive



Evaluated against criteria from guidance document:

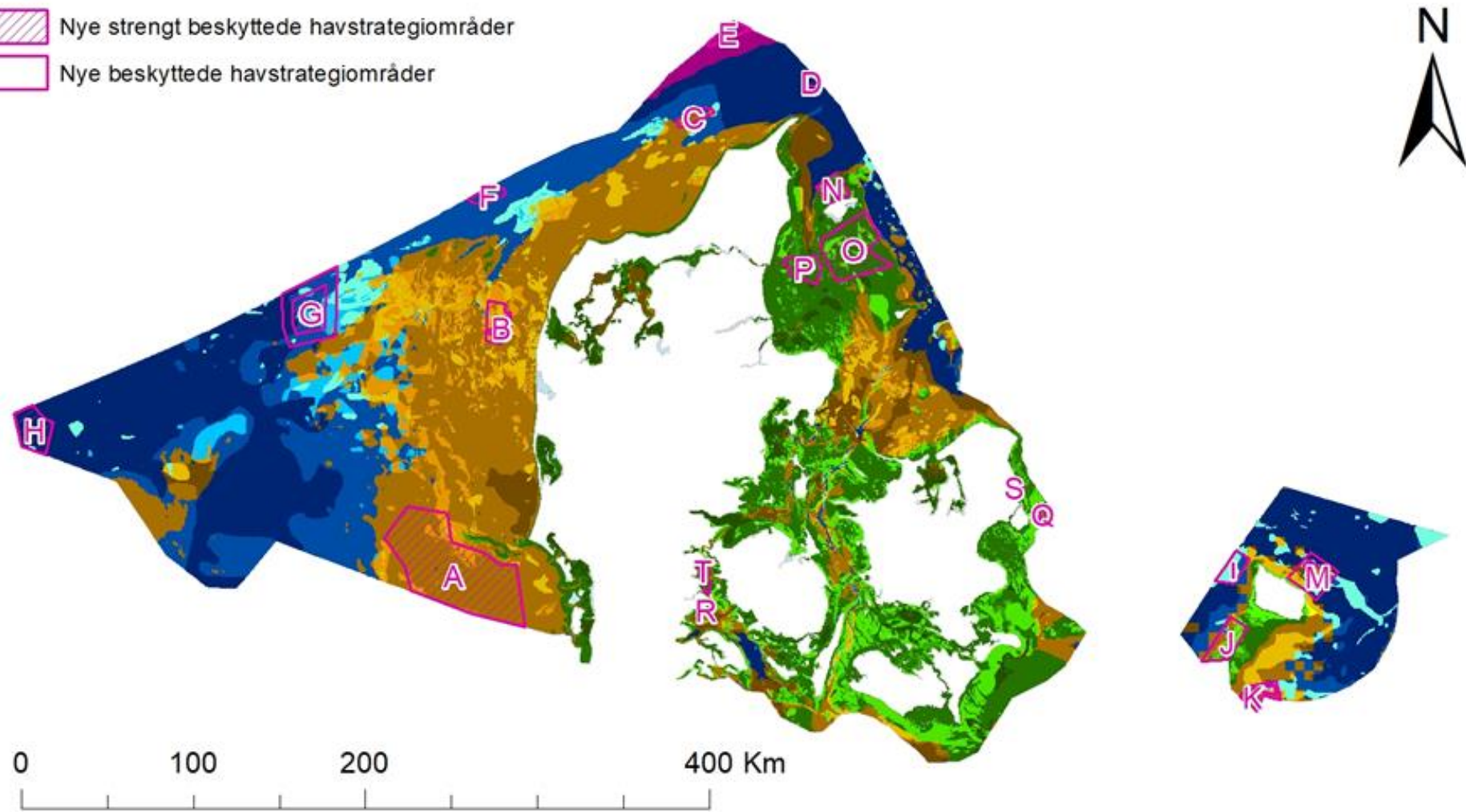
Longterm conservation is ensured by legal, administrative or contractual arrangements

The natural values and relevant conservation objectives are clear

Managing bodies are clear and management is effective

Monitoring/registration is however still missing

-  Nye strengt beskyttede havstrategiområder
-  Nye beskyttede havstrategiområder



Broad Scale Habitats

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|  Circalittoral mud |  Circalittoral rock and biogenic reef |  Infralittoral mixed sediment |  Offshore circalittoral coarse sediment |
|  Circalittoral sand |  Infralittoral mud |  Infralittoral rock and biogenic reef |  Offshore circalittoral mixed sediment |
|  Circalittoral coarse sediment |  Infralittoral sand |  Offshore circalittoral mud |  Offshore circalittoral rock and biogenic reef |
|  Circalittoral mixed sediment |  Infralittoral coarse sediment |  Offshore circalittoral sand |  Upper bathyal sediment |

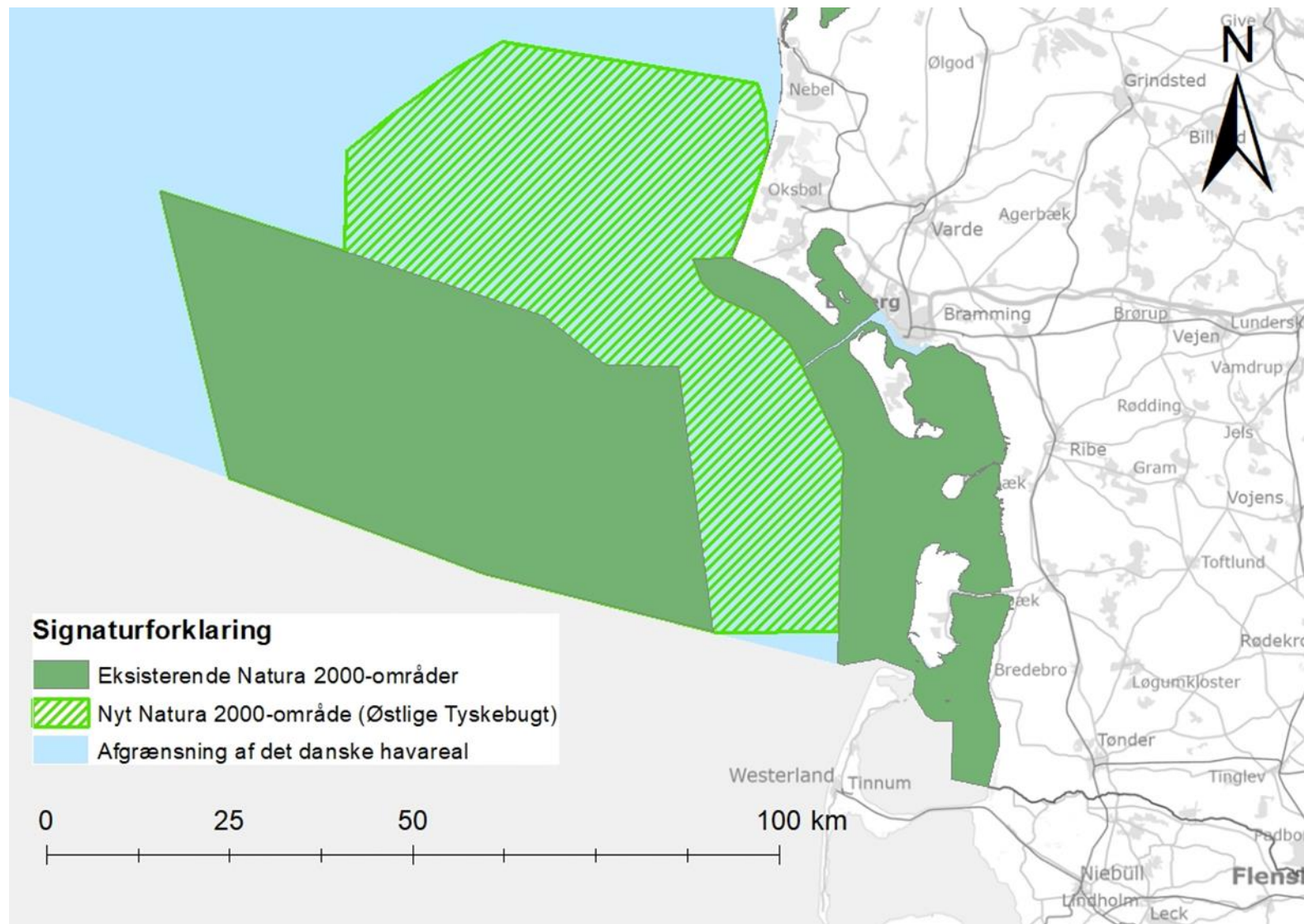


ADDITIONAL PLEDGE

One new bird protection site (Natura 2000) designated in September 2023

Political decision in June 2023: At the latest in 2030 more than 30 % marine area will be protected and hereof 10 % strictly protected

More political decisions to come



The preliminary contribution from Denmark

Marine

	Protected now	Including pledge	Pledge strict protected
Atlantic marine	18,70%	29,70%	4,80%
Baltic marine	18,20%	26,80%	2,30%
In total	18,60%	28,90%	4,20%

- 6 % strictly protected marine areas are in public hearing
- by 2028 additional 2 % will be strictly protected
 - A political agreement has been reached on additional areas (8 %)
- by 2030 additional 2 % will be strictly protected
 - There is no political agreement yet according location (10 %)

Questions we hope will be answered during this seminar

- **How strictly should we interpret the requirements for designating strict protection in relation to access, recreational activities and military areas?**
- **Do other countries have experiences with the definition of OECM's?**
- **How long will the database be kept open – for Denmark it would for example be relevant to update the pledge continuously because we expect more political decisions to come?**

