



**Ministry of Environment
of Denmark**
Environmental
Protection Agency

Danish preliminary pledge on protected areas

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How did we proceed? What did we report?

Guidance documents and template

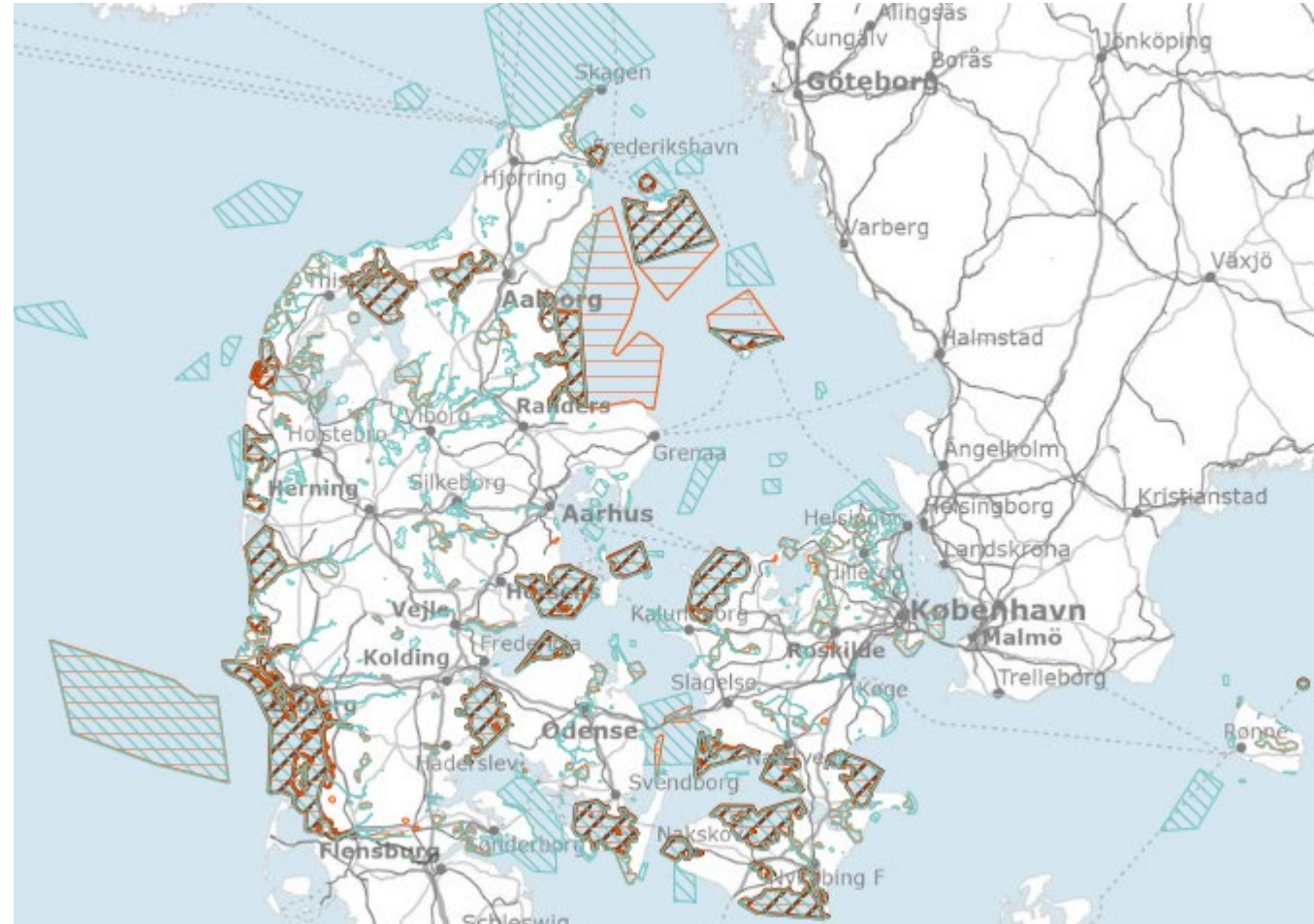
Existing protected areas already known by EU:

- Natura 2000-database (2018)
- CDDA from 2021

Pledge:

Six new bird protection sites (Natura 2000)

18 new marine protection sites, 11 with strictly protected areas (Marine Strategic Framework Directive)



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

- Specific habitats (e.g. lakes, bogs, heathlands, meadows) which are automatically protected by Danish law
- Nature heritage areas with IUCN classification
- Marine areas designated due to the Marine Strategic Framework Directive

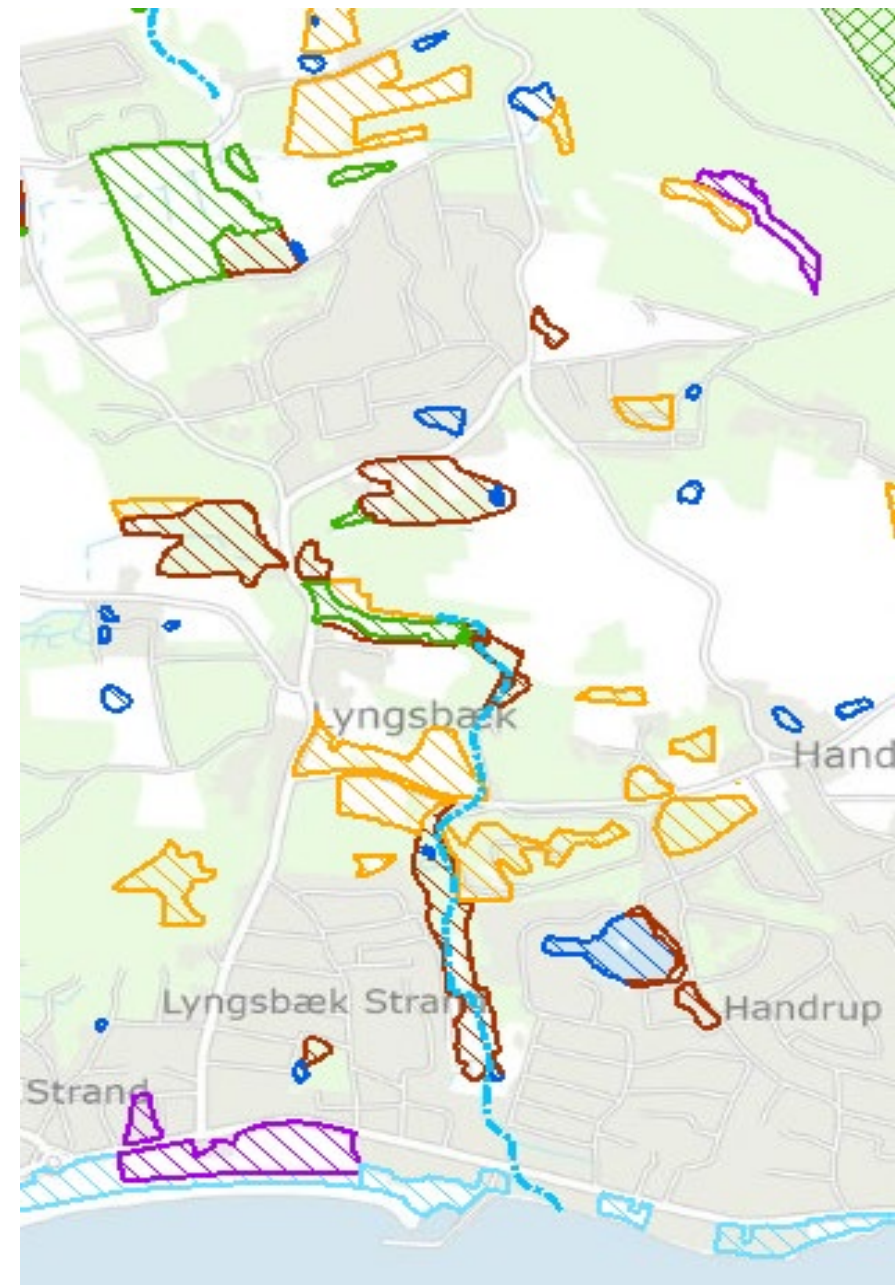
Evaluated against criteria from guidance document:

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 in place

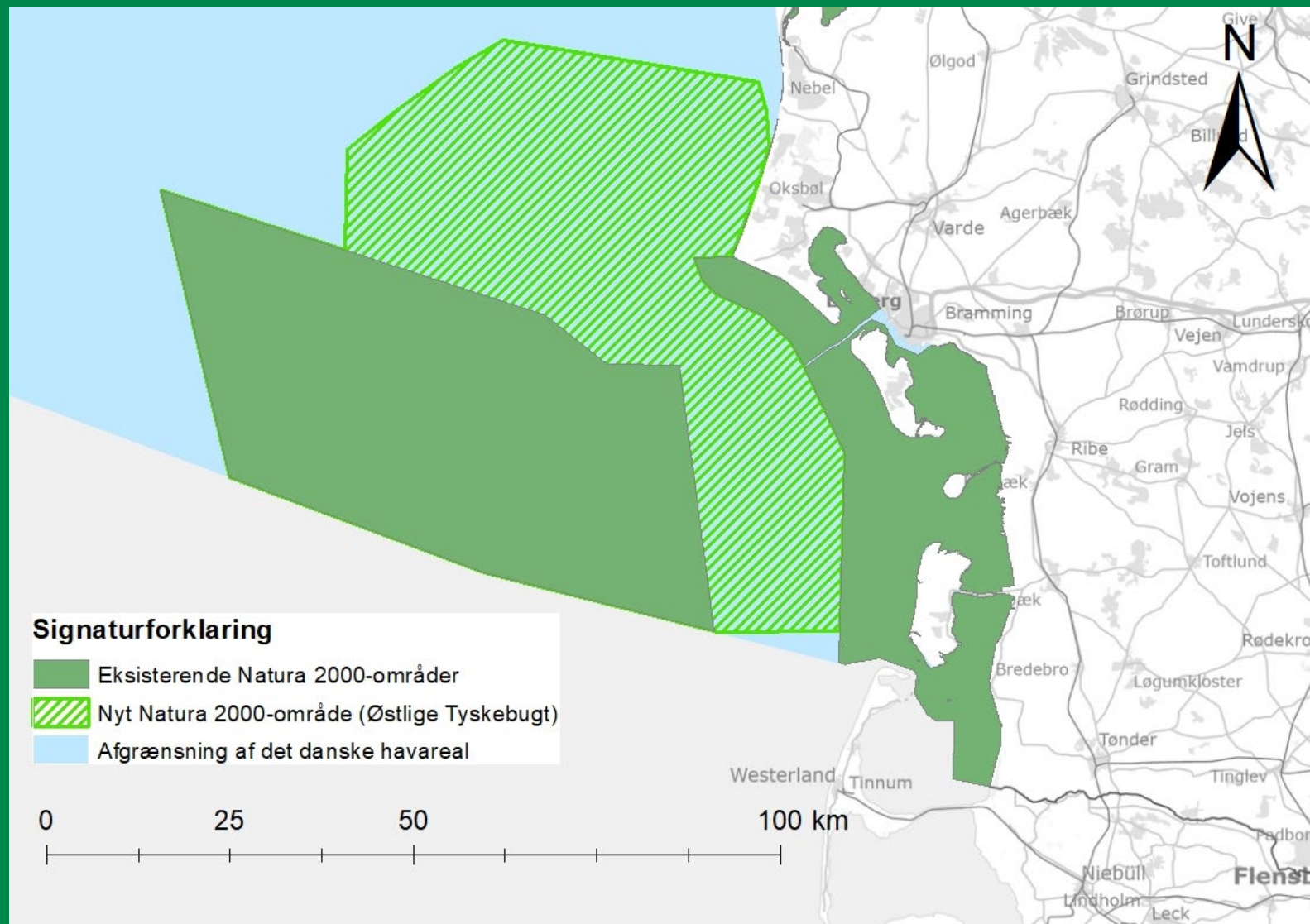


ADDITIONAL PLEDGE

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

On land:

	Protected now	Pledge protected	Pledge strict protected
Atlantic	17,5 %	-	-
Continental	13,6 %	-	-
In total	14,8 %	-	-

Marine:

	Protected now	Including pledge	Pledge strict protected
Atlantic marine	18,7 %	29,7 %	4,8 %
Baltic marine	18,2 %	26,8 %	2,3 %
In total	18,6 %	28,9 %	4,2 %



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?**

