

Mission Oceans and Waters

Restore Odense Fjord

Restoring the “good ecological status” of a Danish Fjord
through a evidence based multi-actor approach
– a bottom up initiative



Strategy & Goal



Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030: objectives and targets

PROTECT AND RESTORE MARINE AND FRESHWATERS ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY

- Protect at least 30% and strictly protect 10% EU's sea areas
- Restore 25.000 km free flowing rivers
- Marine nature restoration targets (incl. degraded seabeds, coastal ecosystems)

PREVENT AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION OF OUR OCEANS, SEAS AND WATERS

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, chemical pesticides

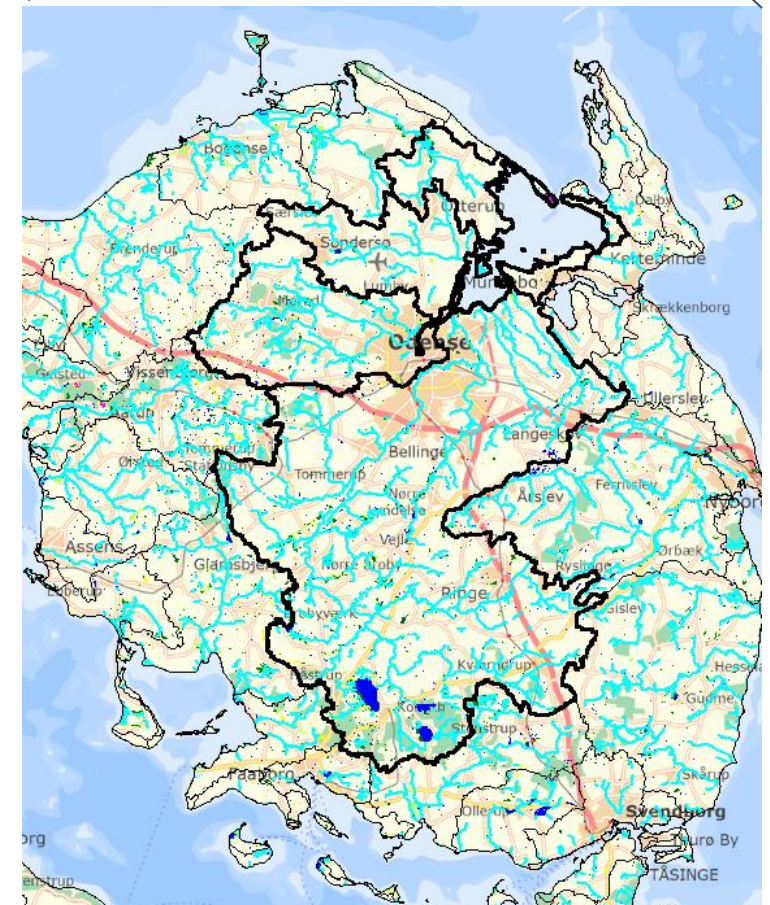
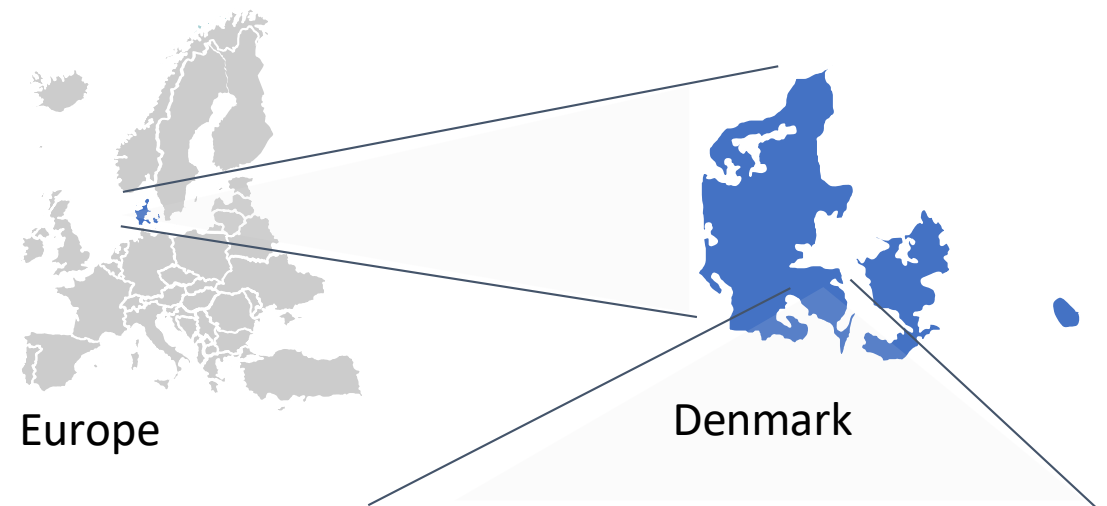
MAKE THE BLUE ECONOMY CARBON- NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR

- Net zero maritime emissions
- Zero carbon aquaculture,
- Low carbon multipurpose use of marine space

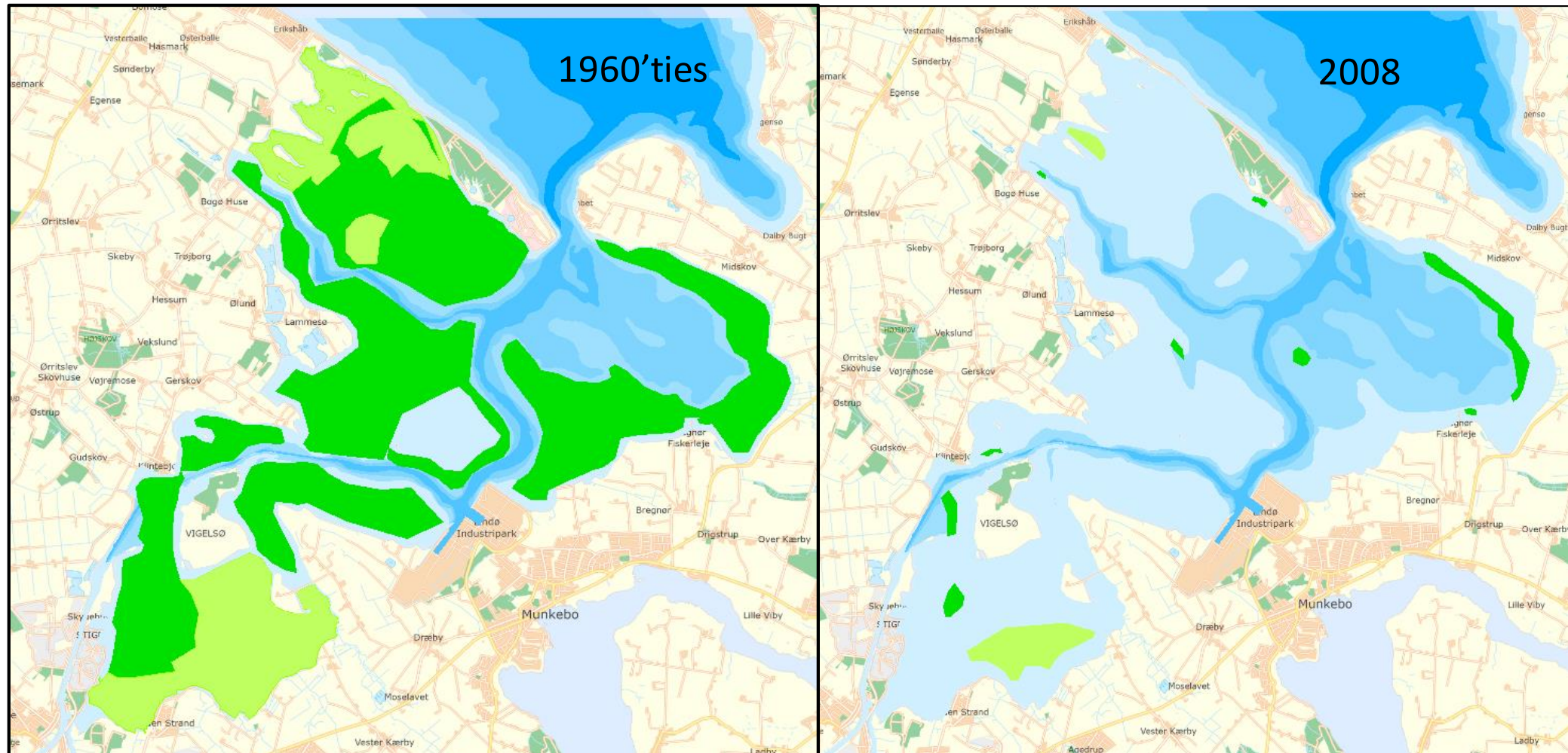
ENABLERS: - DIGITAL OCEAN AND WATERS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM
- PUBLIC MOBILIZATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Odense Fjord and catchment

- Odense Fjord - 60 km²
- Catchment - 1050 km²

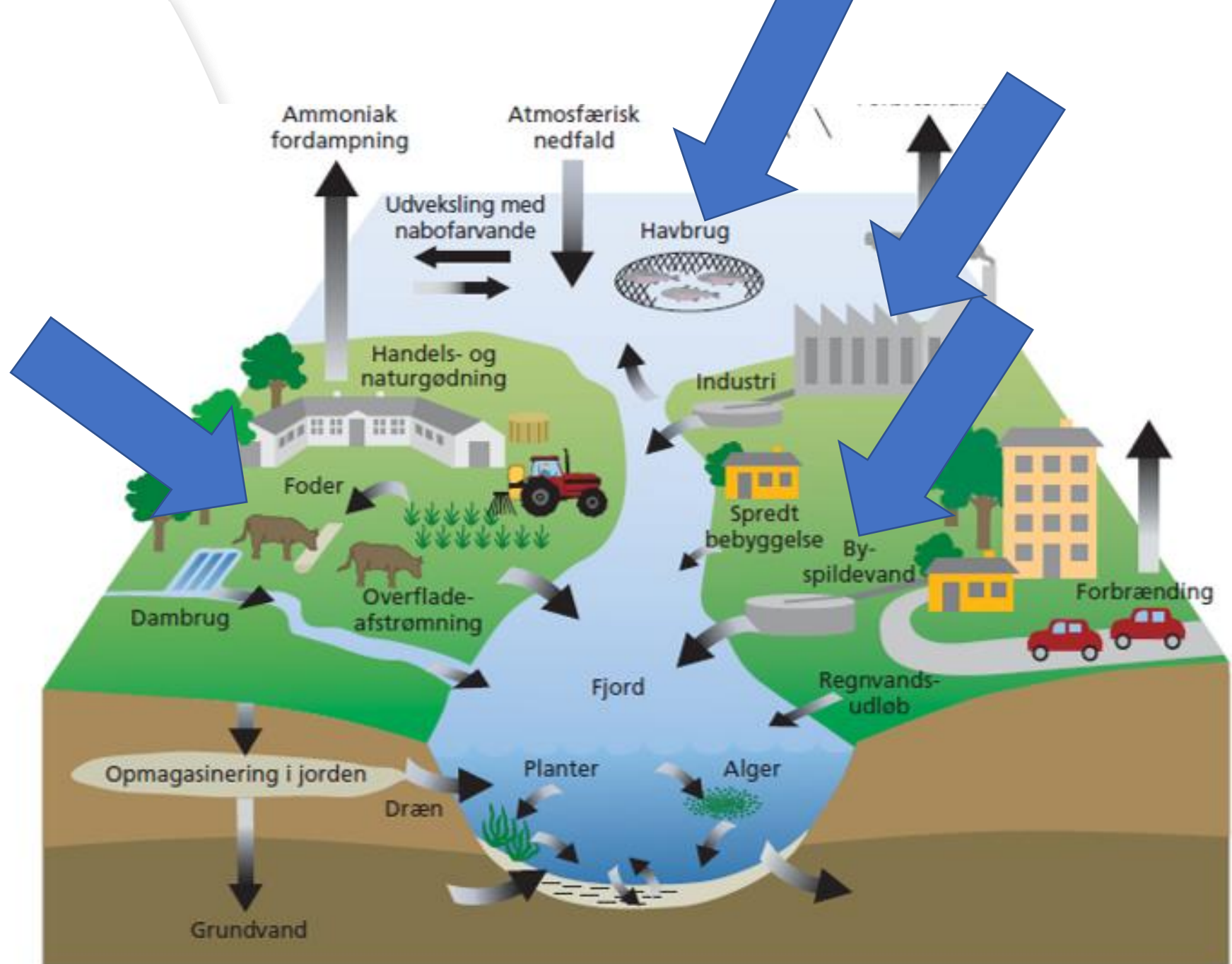


Degraded Ecosystem

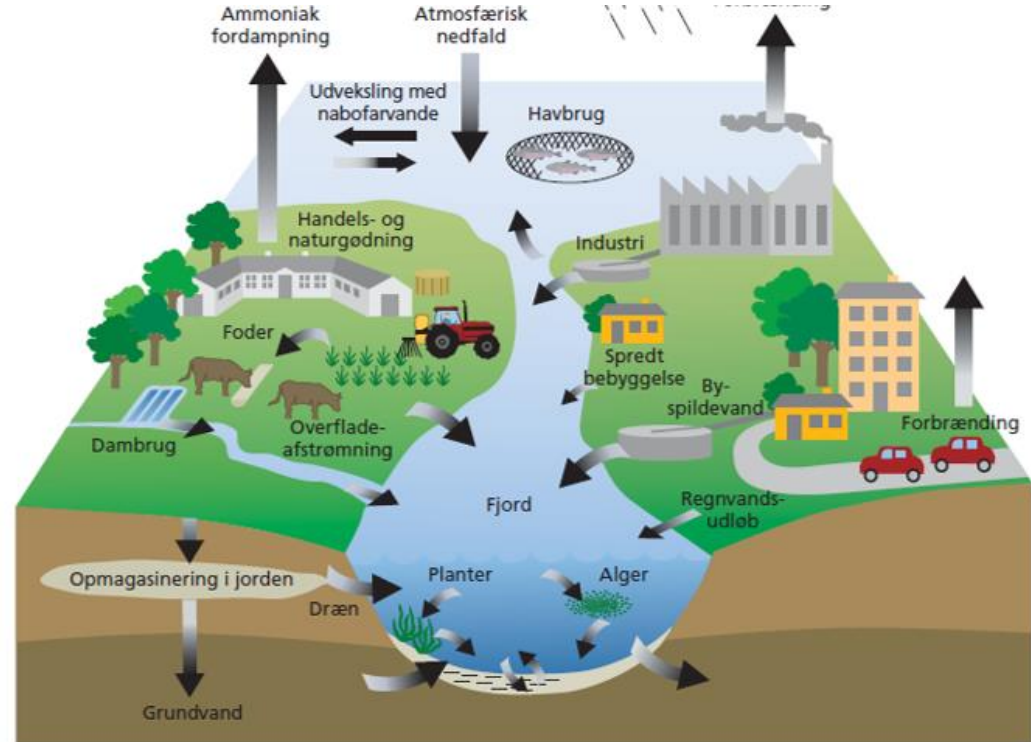


Mud-bottom, no fish, no seagrass but high number of crabs;





Holistic approach:
The art of solving
multiple problems
in one go!





A number of key parties join forces to tackle the Mission Ocean, Seas and waters to **bring Odense Fjord into good ecological condition** in a way that is sustainable for both the environment and business. This is based on the latest available knowledge about the condition of the fjord and its pressure factors.



Partners in Odense Fjord Collaboration

Municipalities



Utility & Service



Academic



Business & Innovation



NGO



Examples of measures and initiatives

Restoration (sand-capping, seagrass, mussel reefs, islands, stone reefs)

Reduced N og P input (cleaning technologies, overflow, bufferzones, afbrudte dræn, vandmættede randzoner)

Increased sea water inflow by beaking dikes

Repurposing and multi-functional land-use
(purchasing of land)



*There are many solutions -
-our approach is to find
the ones that fit Odense
Fjord and has miximised
co-benefits*



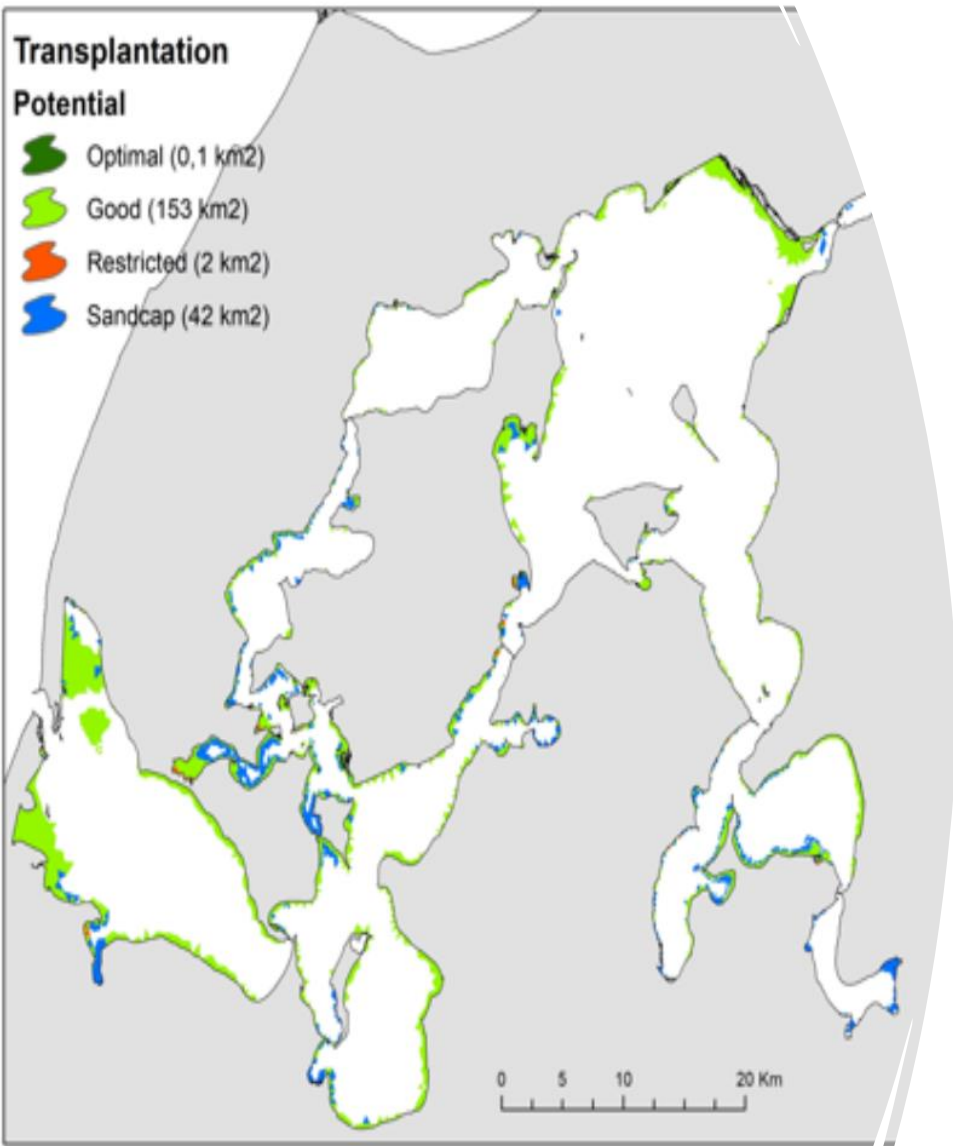
Mission Blue Carbon - maximise C storage in Danish marine ecosystems

Objectives

Enable site and nature-based-solution selection to maximise spatial and temporal carbon capture, i.e., quantification the overall C capture/storage capacity for a selection of NBSs active at the studied catchment area.

Expected results:

1. Combine machine learning techniques on satellite / aerial images with topographical data and monitored data.
2. Quantify the modelled direct and indirect effects of the existing carbon hotspots.
3. Simulate potential upscaling scenarios.
4. Provide a road map on how to apply and/or scale up blue carbon capture.



VandCenter Syd's contribution the Fjords status

- **Water treatment:**
Nitrogen input from wastewater treatment plants to the aquatic environment accounts for approx. 7-9% of the total input
- **Rain-related overflow:**
Nitrogen input from overflows and RBU to the aquatic environment represents less than 1% of the total input





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METHODS AND TOOLS FOR MISSION OCEAN & WATERS

Stakeholder
Engagement
European Scale



BlueMissionBANOS

Seabasin scale
Citizen engagement
Pilotstudy 2024