

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

These are a few examples of some projects you can carry out at home to contribute to the conservation of species:

- **Nest box:** an enclosure which provides animals a space to nest in.
- **Insect hotel:** a structure created to provide shelter for insects, with separate sections for different organisms.
- **Wild corner in your garden**



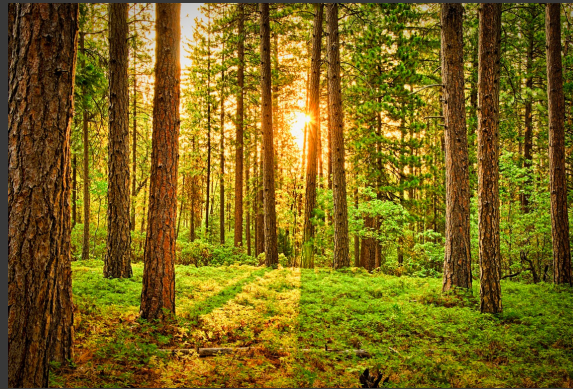
CONNECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE

A guide on how to help biodiversity through conservation in Ikast-Brande Kommune

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

Conservation is the care and protection of Earth's resources so that they can persist for future generations. It includes preserving species and ecosystems for generations to come.

This was our starting point for all the projects we undertook to contribute to Ikast's biodiversity through conservation.



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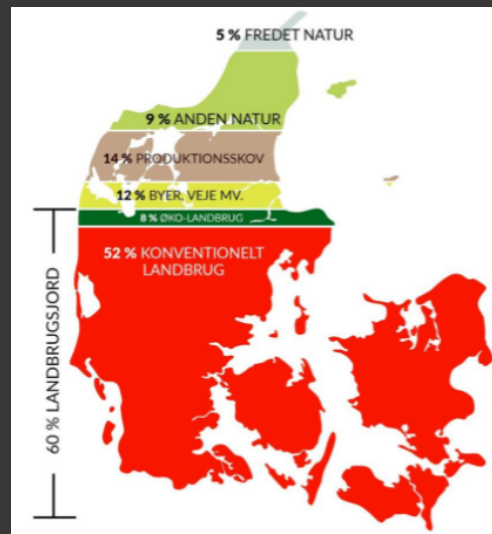
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DID YOU KNOW?

In Denmark:

- There are 937 protected areas (14,84% on land, 15,22 of marine waters). A lot of them aren't big areas (75% smaller than 1km²)
- 6,367 species have been assessed according to IUCN Red List criteria, and 1,514 or 23.7% of these have been red-listed.
- 60 % of the land in Denmark is used for intensive farming



WHY IS CONSERVATION IMPORTANT?

- To maintain a healthy and functional ecosystem.
- Everything from tropical forests to our coastline has a part to play in the fight against climate change.
- It is important for human health. Medicine relies on plants and wild habitats serve as a barrier that prevents emerging infectious diseases from jumping from animals to humans.
- Having a strong wildlife helps us feel emotionally and physically better.

EXAMPLE...

Currently, all species of bees in Denmark are on the red-list



1/3 of the food we consume each day relies on pollination mainly by bees.

Bees are important for the production of food of all the other animals.

They are also vital for the pollination of trees and flowers which provide habitats for wildlife.