

Workshop:

Restoration of Dune Habitats along the Danish West Coast

International workshop September 2003

Workshop programme

Monday, 8. September 2003

Evening Arrival of participants to Vigsø Feriecenter.

Tuesday, 9. September 2003

09:00 – 10:00 Arrival of the last participants to Vigsø Feriecenter

10:00 – 10:15: Welcome address by Chief Forester of Thy Forest District, Ditte Svendsen

10:15 – 11:15 "Danish dune heaths – why are they so outstanding in a national as well as an international perspective?" by professor Ib Johnsen, University of Copenhagen

11:15 – 12:00 Overview of the project "Restoration of Dune Habitats along the Danish West Coast", by former project manager Søren Korsholm and present project manager Hanne Stadsgaard Jensen, Danish Forest and Nature Agency

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Rehabilitation plans for amphibians in Danish dune heath habitats (Lars Briggs, Amphi Consult)

14:00 – 15:00 The use of prescribed fire in restoration and maintenance of protected Atlantic heather vegetation in dune ecosystems of the North Frisian islands and other protected areas on Schleswig-Holstein mainland (Alexander Held and Marco Hille, Fire Ecology Research Group, University of Freiburg, and Georg Hoffmann, Untere Naturschutzbehörde, Nordfriesland)

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Monitoring programmes in the Danish Dune Heath Habitat project

a. Intensive (professor Ib Johnsen, University of Copenhagen)

b. Extensive (researcher Knud Erik Nielsen, Danish Environmental Research Institute)

17:00 – 18:30 Excursion to amphibian habitat at Lild Strand

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner, followed by coffee

Evening Free/project group meeting

Wednesday, 10. September 2003

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 – 09:30 Searching for key factors to restore characteristic flora and fauna communities in coastal dunes. By Hans Esselink, University of Nijmegen.

09:30 – 11:30 Short presentations of other LIFE Nature projects

1. A Conservation Strategy for the sand dunes of the Sefton Coast, Northwest England (Paul Rooney, Liverpool Hope University)

2. Conservation and re-establishment of of Southern Atlantic Wet Heaths with *Erica ciliaris* and *Erica tetralix* and dry coastal heaths with *Erica vagans* and *Ulex maritimus* (Victoria Whitehouse, Cornwall Wildlife Trust)

3. Protection and Management of Coastal Habitats in Latvia (Vija Znotina, University of Latvia)

4. Protection of grey dunes and other habitats at Hulsig Heath, Northern Jutland (Lone Godske, Nordjylland County)

11:30 – 12:00 Group discussions of best practices

a. Public versus private ownership of land – how to handle it

b. Management and rehabilitation practices, including long-term impacts

c. Monitoring and follow-up

d. Public participation and information

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 Group discussions continued

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Plenary, presentation of group discussions and conclusions

17:00 – 17:30 The conservation of sand dunes in the Atlantic Biogeographical Region: the contribution of the LIFE programme. By John Houston, Ecosystems Ltd

17:30 – 18:00 Introduction to fieldtrip

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner, followed by coffee

Evening If the weather permits, trip to Hanstholm Wildlife Reserve

Thursday, 11. September 2003

07:00 – 08:15 Breakfast and vacation of rooms

08:30 – 15:00 Field trip.

1. Store Tyvbak. View over area cleared of trees, and mosaic burnings. Active clearing may be taking place on the day of our visit.
2. Ålvand Klithede. Burnings of different ages. View over a large area of continuous dune heath.
3. Lunch at Cafe Conrad, Klitmøller
4. Bulbjerg. Grazing and clearings. A controlled fire may be ongoing on the day of our visit.

On the way, several other stops may be made to show various aspects of dune heath management, including public information displays, and the Hansthølm reserve.

15:00 Return to Vigsø