

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark

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The Danish Land Consolidation Division in the Ministry

- Team Land Consolidation Planning: 23 employees
- Team Land Consolidation Registration: 18 employees
- Team Land Bank:

8 employees

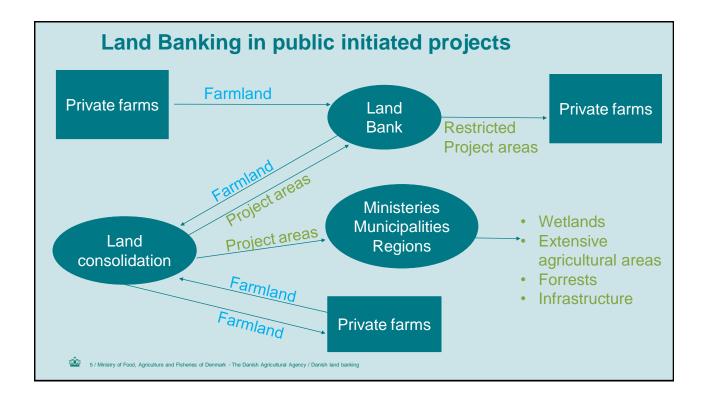
Typical purposes for Danish land consolidation

- Restoring wetlands (reducing emissions of CO2 or N2O)
- Afforestation
- Protection of drinking water in underground reservoirs
- Reducing impact from infrastructure projects
- Support sustainable farming
- Improving farm structure (arrondation)
- Supporting biodiversity and recreational activities

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Purpose of the Danish Land Bank

To provide farmland as compensation to farmers, who participate in a public initiated project, that will change the use of farmland within a certain rural area.



Restoring Drammelstrup Wetlands

Before



After



Tasks for the Land Bank

- · Purchases of farmland from private farmers
- Control of agreements for land purchases made by the land consolidation planner
- · Registration of land purchases and sales
- Budget control
- Leasing agreements
- Selling parcels with buildings
- · Selling project areas with restrictions
- Handling legal disputes

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Typical concerns when you are working with Danish land banking:

- · Is the public initiated project viable ?
- Are you buying the right farmland ?
- Are you buying and selling at the right price ?
- How to handle buildings
- · What illegal conditions are there on the properties that you buy
- Existing leasing agreements

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