

Site 03: Halk Nor

3.1 Change of the site by project activities:

The Halk Nor project site was an overgrown salt meadow with an overgrown coastal lagoon covering approximately 5 ha (*Fuglsø*). The project site has not been managed for many years. In the western part of the area it was more than 15 years ago since grazing was ceased, in the eastern half there has been some grazing recently in the southernmost part while in the remaining eastern salt meadow, grazing was ceased approximately 25 years ago.



Galloway grazing salt meadow on Halk Nor

Grazing was re-introduced on the site early in the project. The site has multiple owners but is being grazed as one grazing unit. A tenant is grazing with Galloway cattle.

At present the area has regained the aimed for status of a well-grazed area with good habitats for both *Bufo calamita* and wading birds. *Rosa rugosa* was present at the site but the cattle have been very effective in trembling and grazing the roses to near extinction.



Removal of Rosa rugosa by grazing.

3.2 Remaining challenges and actions:

Still work is remaining on restoring natural depressions. It was foreseen to higher the water table of the site by partly blocking ditches but land owners upstream have resisted this strongly and therefore it has been given up to touch the ditches.

3.3 Public perception:

The site is owned by 28 landowners who had very different opinions about the management of the site. Still, after several meetings it was possible to agree on a good grazing scheme. It turned out to be most difficult to agree on the fence line, but also this task could be solved successfully after numerous meetings with the owners. At present, the owners are quite positive towards the results of the project.