

Site 11: Korevlerne

11.1 Change of the site by project activities:

The site consists of sand deposited from the sea since the last glacier period. The project site has been ungrazed during the last 50 years. The native flora and fauna is threatened by overgrowing with *Pinus sylvestris* and *Rosa rugosa* a.o. spreading from the many neighbouring summer houses. *Bufo calamita* and *Bufo viridis* has become extinct due to the lack of grazing. Only a few wader birds are breeding at the site.

It is foreseen to initiate robust grazing and to clear trees and *Rosa rugosa*. Neighbouring summer house owners have through many years used the site for recreational purposes. All necessary permission has been given for the actions but due to complaints from summer house owners and a long process of evaluation of the complaints initiation of grazing was delayed. A fence was set up in the northern half of the site in 2010. Severe vandalism of the fence occurred and grazing could not be initiated. Compromises were made with the summer house owners and i.e. more gates were put in the fence line to allow public passage. A year after the vandalism the fence was restored and cattle released on the site. At that time the public opinion had changed in favour of the project and only minor vandalism occurred. The southern half of the project site was afterwards also fenced and grazing initiated.



The public in general and neighbouring summer house owners have been informed in details of the foreseen actions of the LIFE project on Korevlerne.

11.2 Remaining challenges and actions:

Still a big and long lasting effort on communication towards the local summer house owners is needed to facilitate the transition of the site from primarily recreational to primarily nature values.

The need of clearing of trees and *Rosa rugosa* will be evaluated according to the impact of the robust cattle.

11.3 Public perception:

Some of the neighbouring summer house owners have reacted very negative to the foreseen grazing of the site. Not necessarily all summer house owners have been in opposition to the project but the negative ones have been very loud and dominating. Severe vandalism of the fence happened in 2010. It is believed to have been done by a hard core of the summer house owners.

A very large effort has been done to inform, discuss and negotiate with the public about the grazing of Korevlerne. In 2011 the public opinion had changed and only a minority was still opposing the fence and grazing strongly.