

Briefly stated, the Danish Coastal Authority

- operates along the 7,300 km Danish coast and within the coastal area;
- advises the Ministry of Environment and Food and provides legislation and regulations concerning coasts and territorial waters in Denmark;
- is the licensing authority when public entities or private citizens initiate or modify construction within the coastal protection or sand dune conservation zones;
- is the licensing authority when e.g. power cables are to be placed, or dams or other structures are to be built in Danish territorial waters;
- advises citizens and municipalities on topics related to coasts and territorial waters;
- analyses the coasts throughout Denmark and provides professional knowledge on coastal dynamics and protection;
- designs and carries out coastal protection along central parts of the west coast of Jutland;
- performs measurements of water depths in a number of Denmark's navigation channels, port entrances and harbours; and on the west coast of Jutland;
- provides for sufficient water depth by dredging navigation channels and certain port entrances and harbours in Denmark,
- assists the police with warnings of flood risk and preparedness along the west coast of Jutland in the storm surge season;
- participates in international knowledge networks and collaborates internationally on subjects concerning coastal dynamics, coastal protection and climate.



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- Danish Ministry of Environment and Food
Nature Agency, Randbøl
The Danish Coastal Authority/Lemvig
- Administration of the coastal zone
 - Beach protection zone
 - Sand dune conservation zone
 - Certain facilities and activities on the Danish territorial waters
 - State Coastal protection
 - Bypass and recovery of clean sediment from maintenance dredging
- Responsible for coastal protection
- Joint venture on coastal protection
- Technical dike inspection
- Areas with storm surge warning service
- Areas identified in the Floods Directive
- Maintenance of the water depth in waterways and port entrances
- Maintenance of port works
- × Maintenance of sluices
- Maintenance of the Rømø dike



Danish Coastal Authority

The Danish Coastal Authority is an agency under the Ministry of Environment and Food and is the government body which is concerned with coastal matters in Denmark.

The Danish Coastal Authority employs approximately 90 individuals. This workforce includes a variety of professional groups: engineers, surveyors, legal advisors, geologists, biologists, administrative and service personnel.

The Danish Coastal Authority handles a wide range of challenging tasks and is considered a diverse organization

and an attractive workplace. We aim to work professionally and to focus continuously on innovation and being a leading knowledge partner in our field.

We aim to support a healthy and evolving working environment by providing education and challenging tasks, and through strong leadership in general so as to uphold high standards among our employees.

The Danish Coastal Authority's operational area

The Danish Coastal Authority works within the coastal area in Denmark, including beach and sand dunes as well as a 7,300 km length coastline - one of the longest coastlines in

the world when taking into consideration the population of the country. The Danish Coastal Authority is one of many legal authorities concerned with Denmark's 103,000 km² territorial waters. Our office is located in Lemvig in Western Jutland. The history of the Danish Coastal Authority dates from as far back as 1868. We advise and cooperate with citizens, associations, companies and authorities all over the country. We work nationally and internationally by sharing expertise and by developing joint projects, for example within the EU.

Who benefits from the Danish Coastal Authority

As a citizen you need to apply for a permit if, for example, you want to place a buoy for your boat.

If you live within the protected sand dune or beach zones, there are a number of restrictions; you are not allowed to make any changes on your property unless you have a permit. If you, for example, want to rebuild or install a greenhouse, you need to apply for permit from the Danish Coastal Authority. Associations, companies or other authorities must likewise apply for a permit to build a marina, a swimming platform or other such facilities on Danish territorial waters.

The Danish Coastal Authority is happy to offer advice and to engage in dialogue in order to sort out difficulties and to seek the best solutions for landowners, associations, companies or authorities within the framework of legislation, always bearing mind the need to respect nature and the environment.

The Danish Coastal Authority is a government body which provides citizens, municipalities, etc. with a thorough knowledge of the very dynamic coastline, as well as dealing with various coastal challenges in Denmark. We monitor coastal development and take into account existing and future challenges resulting from climate change.