

# Catchment officers – a new water management approach in Denmark

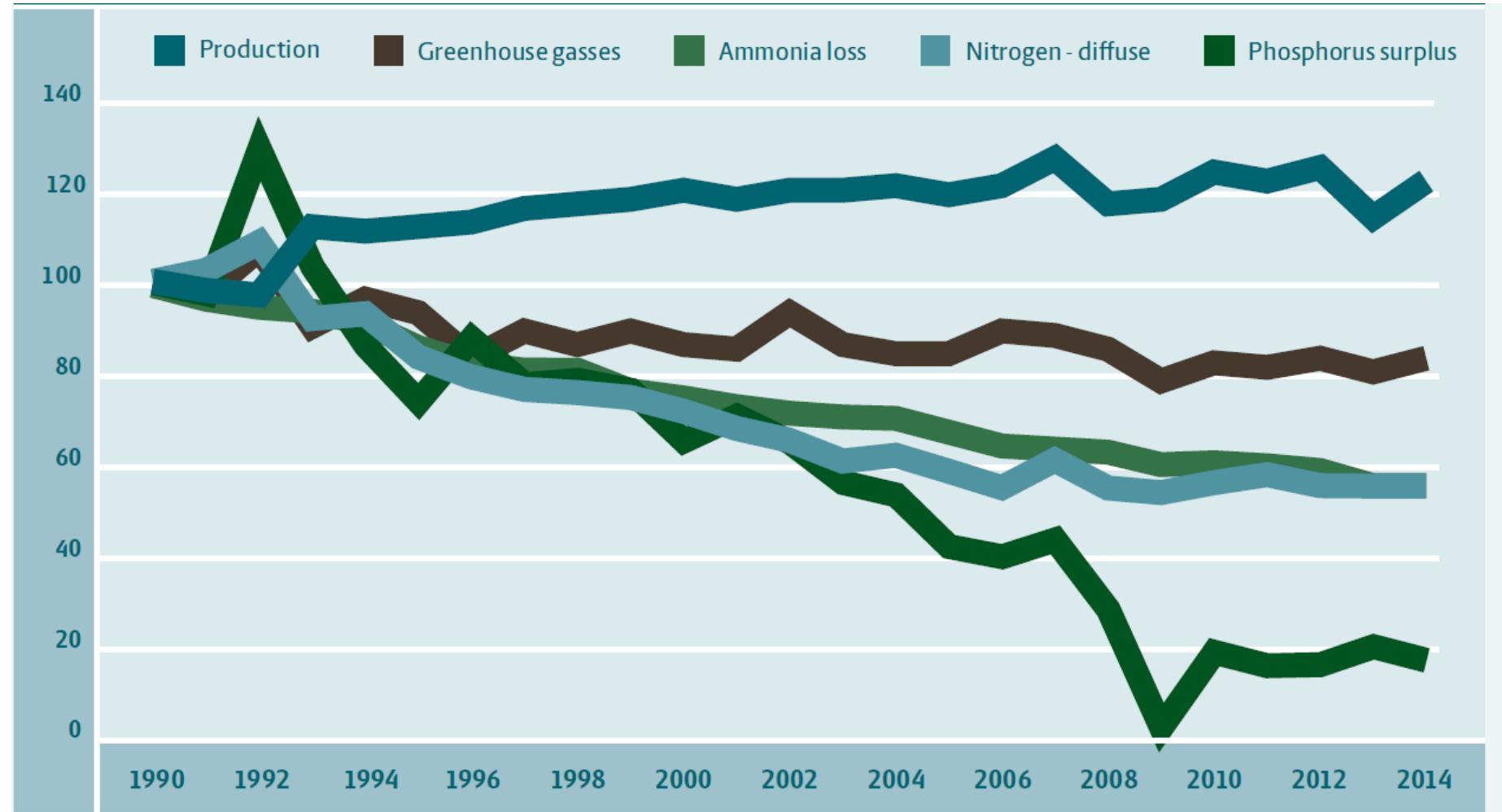
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# Development in production and environmental impact



Source: Statistic Denmark.

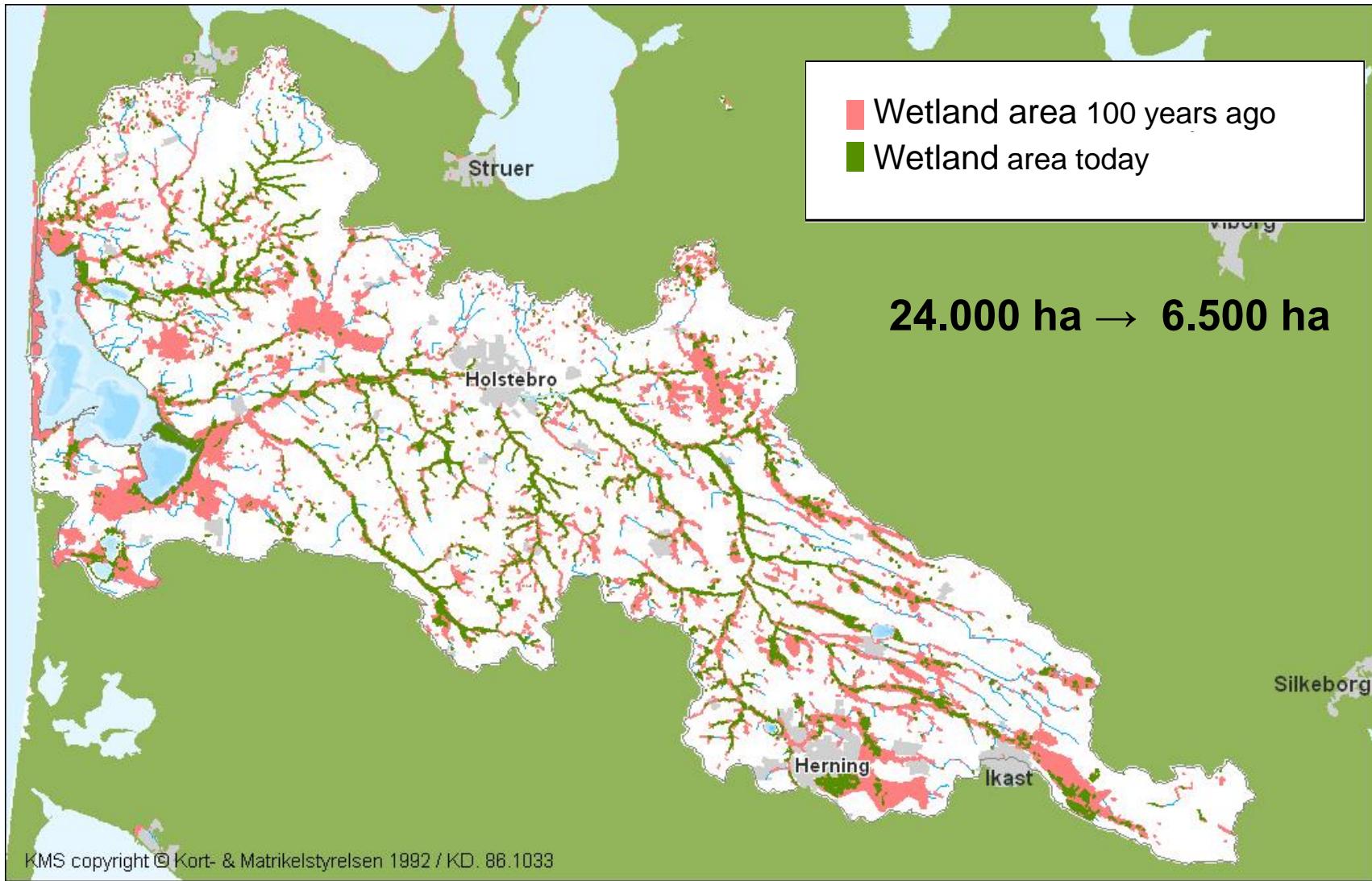
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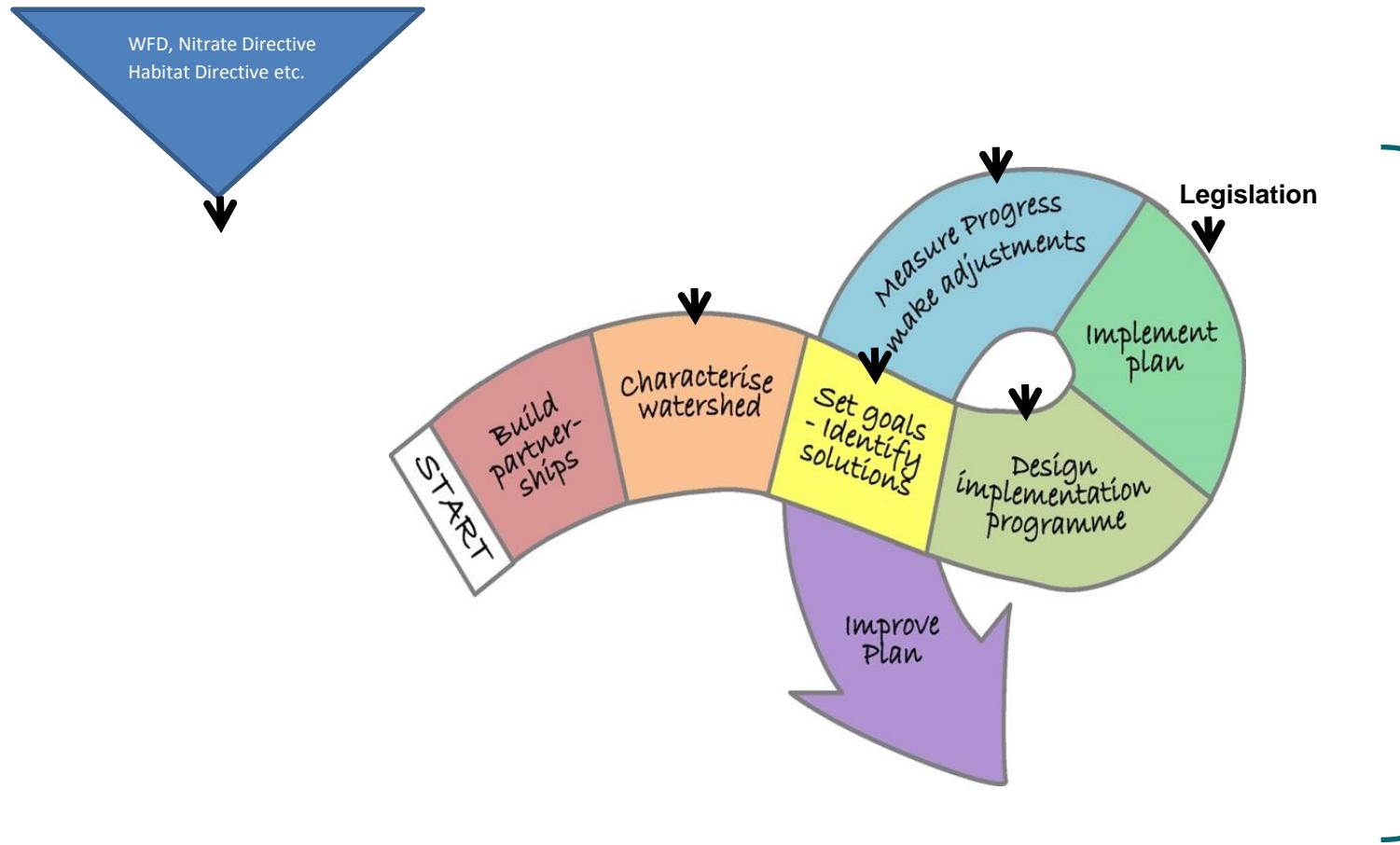
# Government decision 2015

- Economic optimized N use – compensated with extra catch crops
- Continue restoring larger wetlands (270 mill €)
- Implement 900 ha of constructed wetlands (52 mill €)
- Targeted regulation – even more catch crops

# Potential for reducing nutrients to surface waters

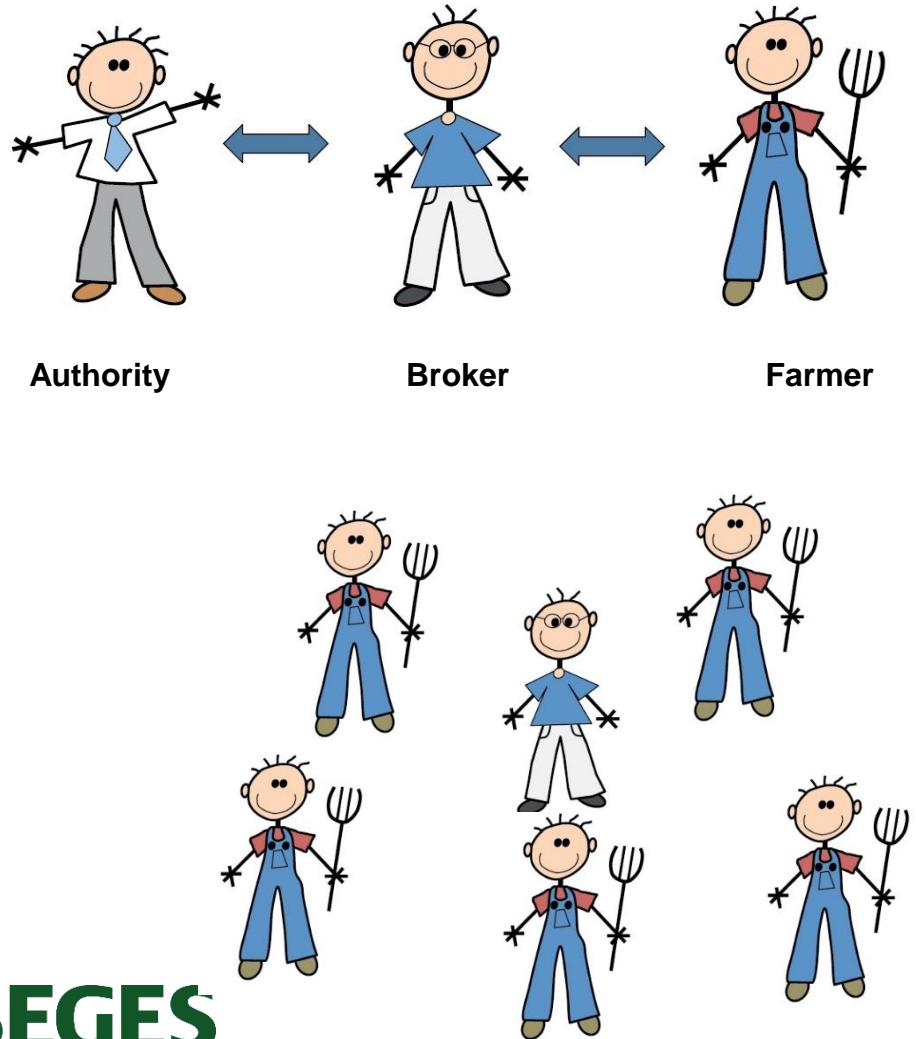


# 30 years of Top down regulation - consequences

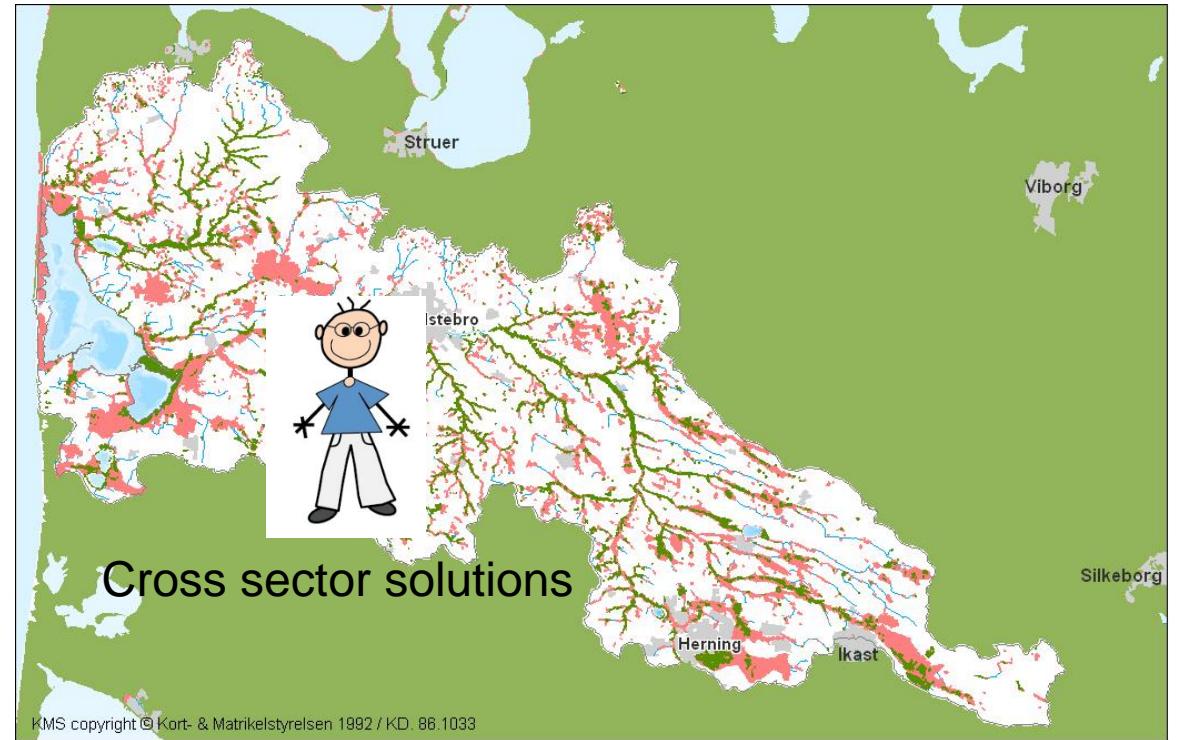


- Lack of trust
- No ownership to solve problems
- Confrontation

# Catchment officer



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Tested in Water CoGovernenace in 2016



# Catchment officer – new concept in Danish water management

- National Program in 2017
- 25 Catchment officers (16 full time)
- Budget: 8 million eur over 4 years
- 50 % payed by farmers (farmer union) and 50 % payed by the government
- No direct payment for the farmer
- Applications for 78 projects (CW) in 2018 (46 approved, 9 started )
- All ready now in 2019: 338 applications for CW

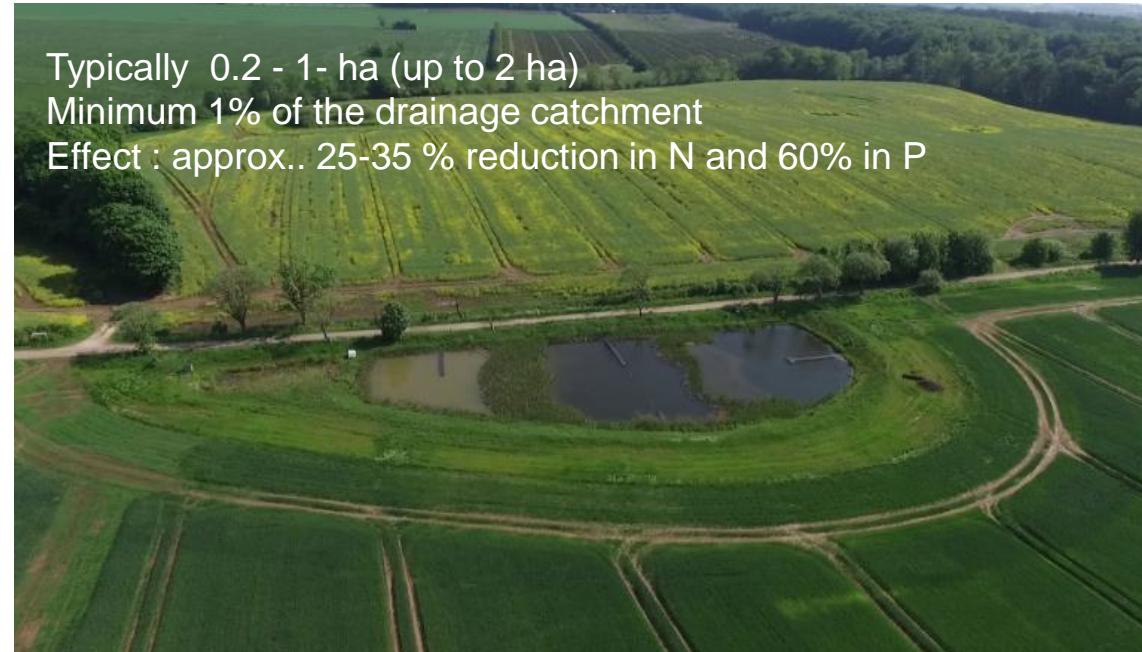


# Wetlands restoration and constructed wetlands

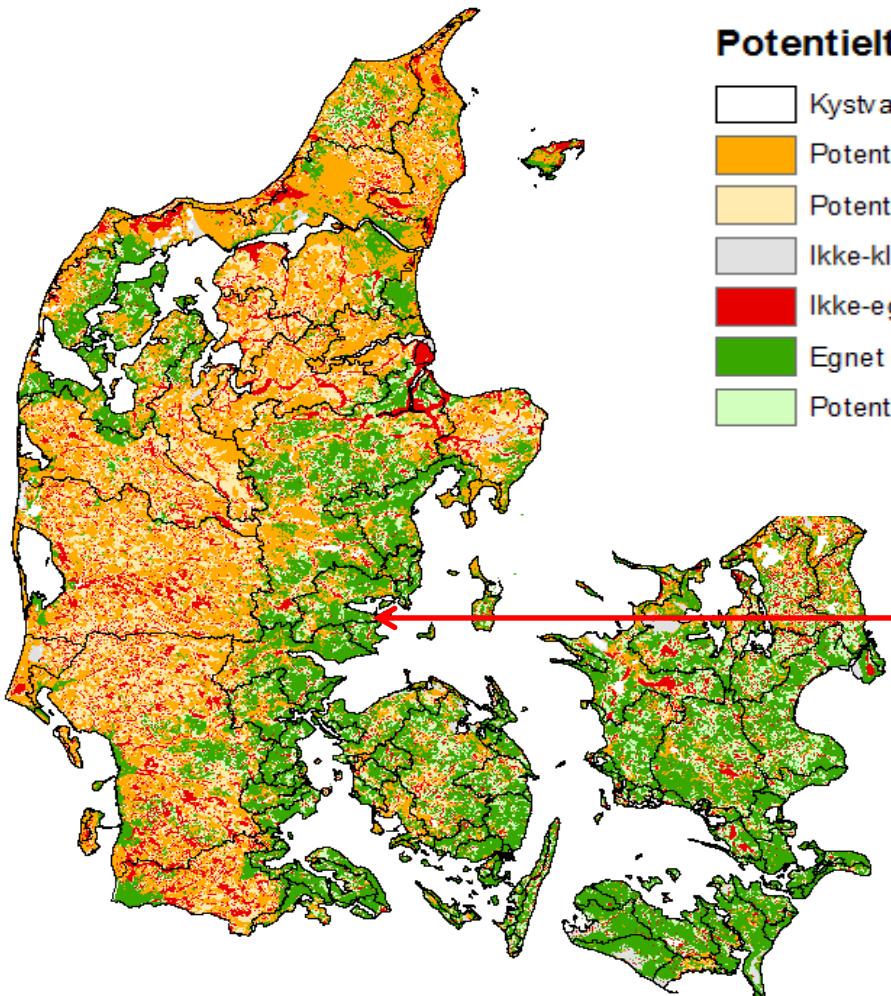
Typically 100-500 ha (up to 2000 ha)  
Minimum effect : 100 kg N/ha



Typically 0.2 - 1- ha (up to 2 ha)  
Minimum 1% of the drainage catchment  
Effect : approx.. 25-35 % reduction in N and 60% in P



# National map – potential suitable sites

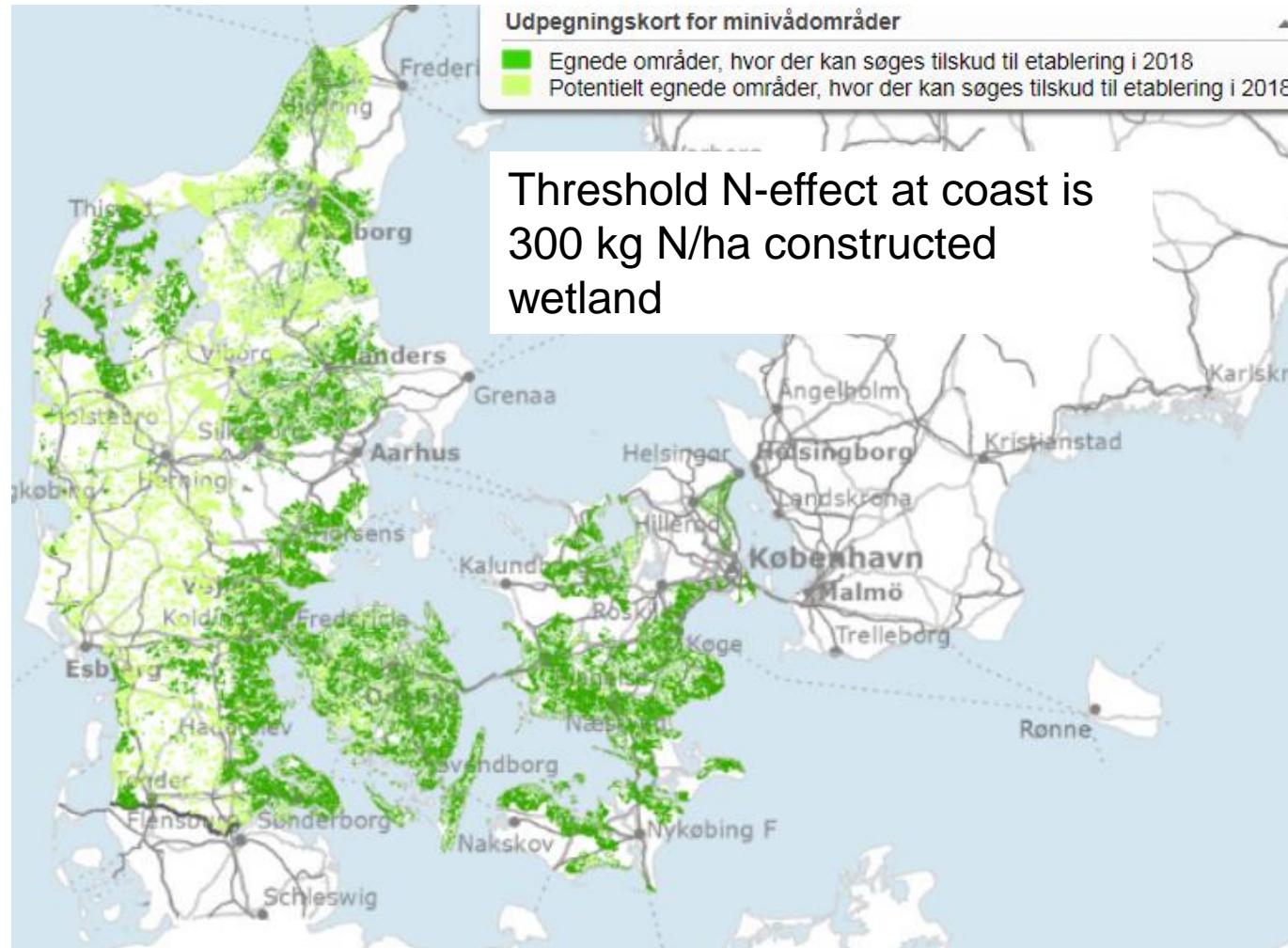


## Potentielt egnet til minivådområde

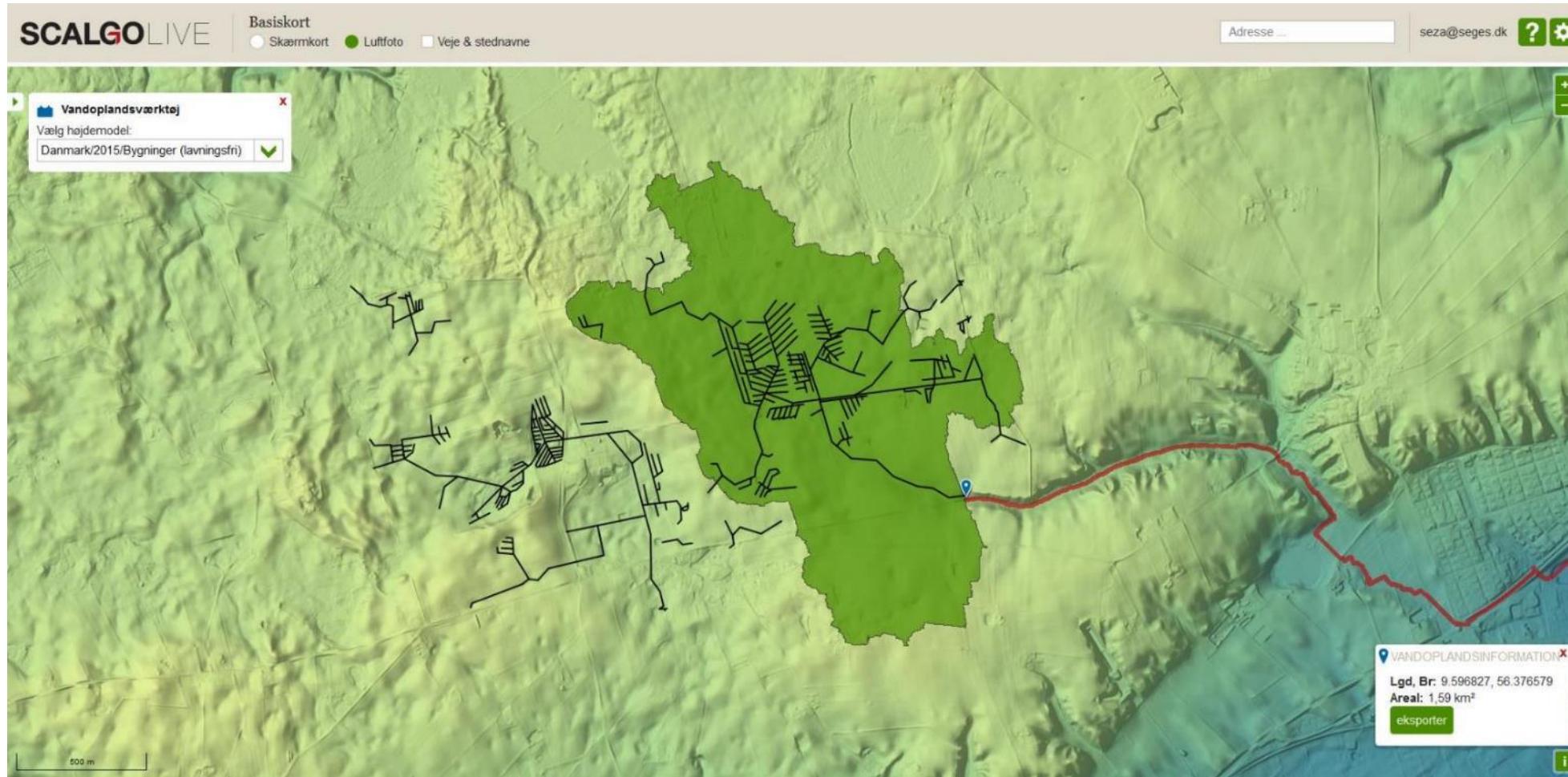
- Kystvandoplande
- Potentielt egnet (Ler <12%)
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- Ikke-klassificeret (tørlagt inddæmmet areal)
- Ikke-egnet (Lavbund i ådal)
- Egnet (Ler >12%)
- Potentielt egnet (Ler>12% og opland til lavbund i ådal)



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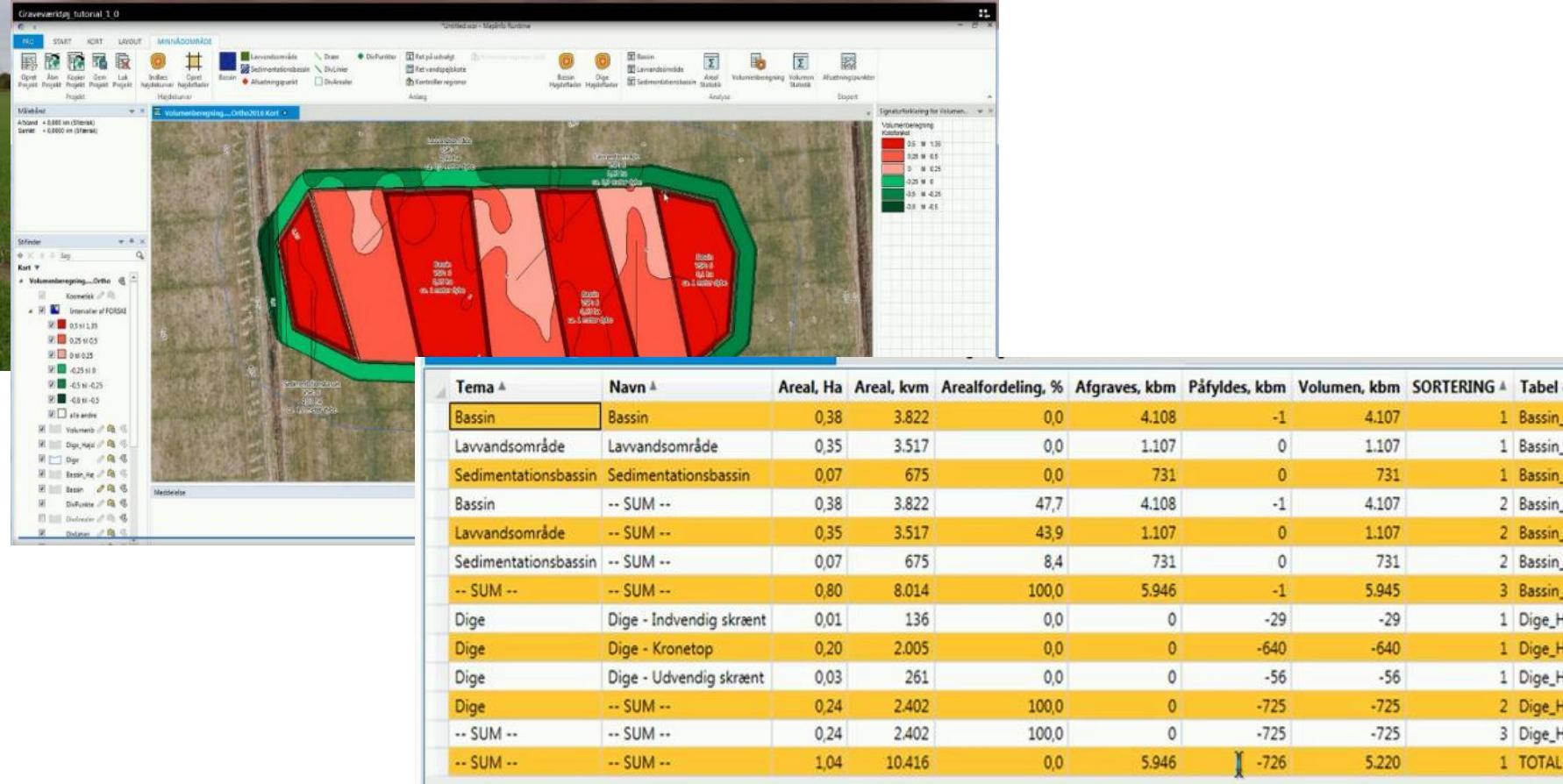
# Scalgo Live – to find drained catchment



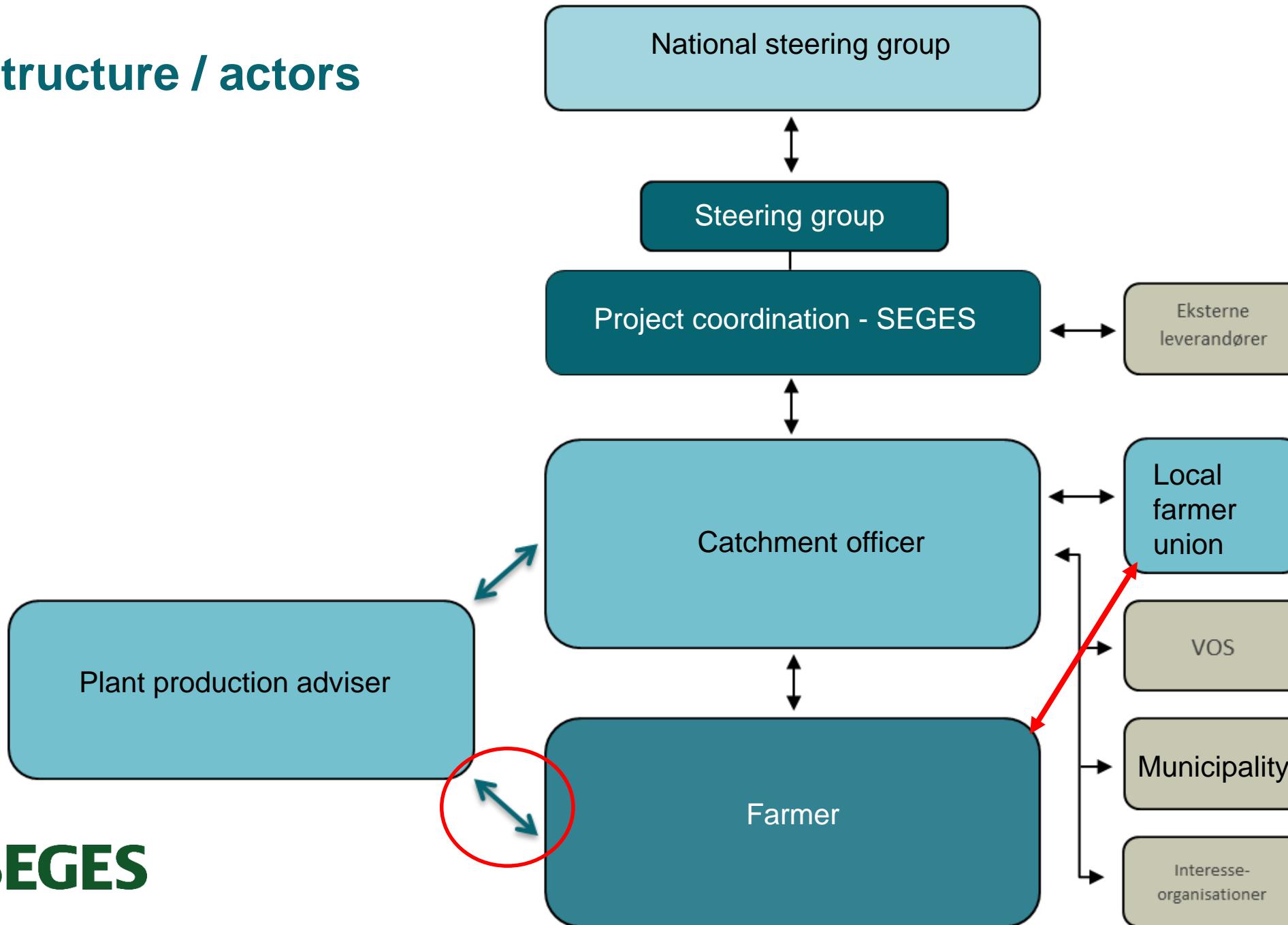
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# Digital “dredging” GIS-tool



# Structure / actors



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## What do we need

- More cross-sector thinking/solutions (Nutrients, water, climate, nature)
- New local structure for corporation – local based planning
- Better bottom-up / top-down interaction in the Danish governance

A wide-angle photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there's a dirt path leading towards a body of water covered in green algae. Beyond the water, there are several fields of different colors (green, yellow, brown) and some buildings, possibly a farm. A dense line of trees separates the fields from rolling hills in the background under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Thank you for your attention