



Experiences from 25 years Mainland Salt marsh Management Plans in Lower Saxony, Germany

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Regulations/Objectives: Dike Foreland/Salt Marshes

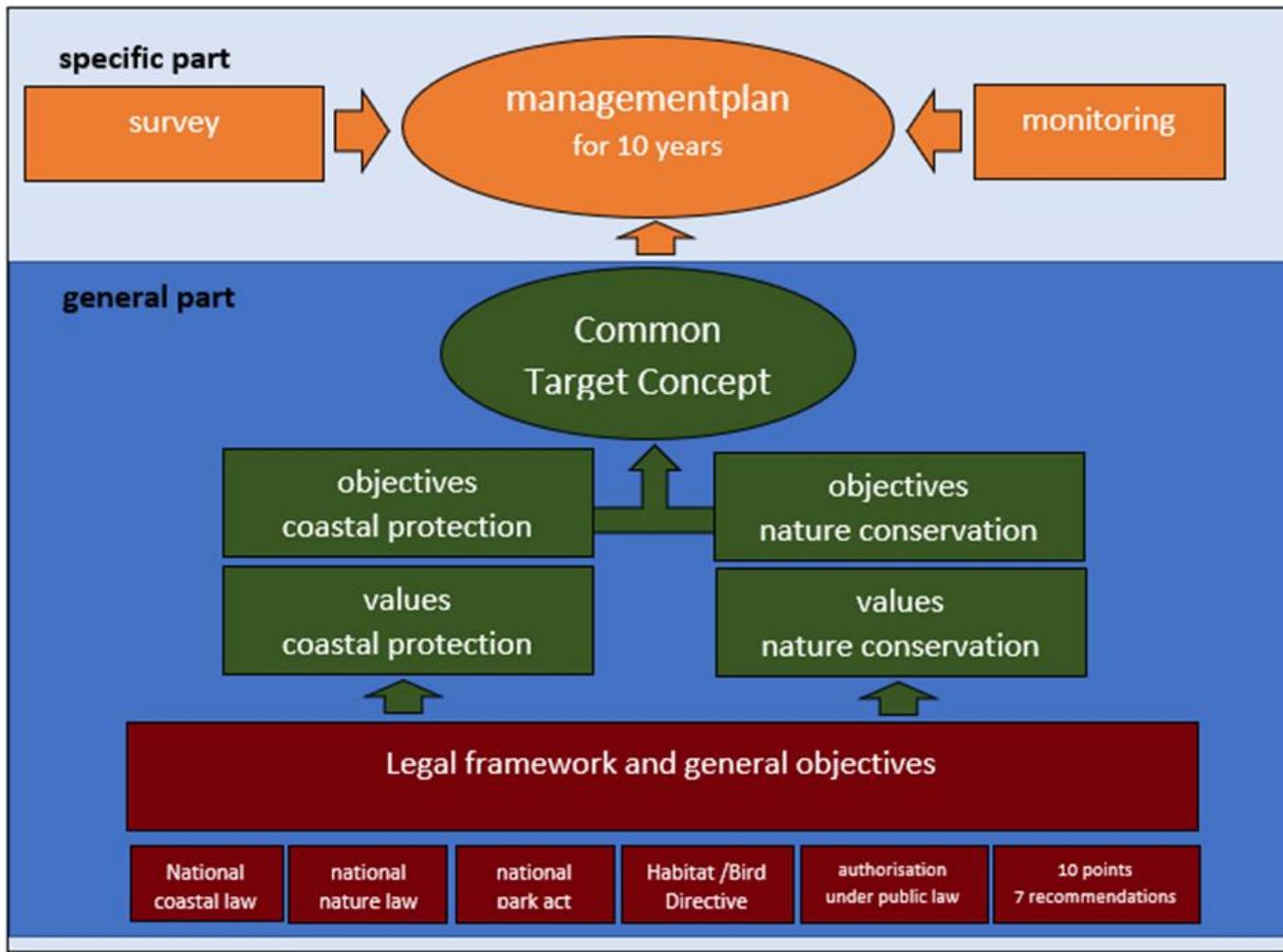
Nature conservation

- Habitat Directive/BNatSchG: Protected habitat types: preservation of the distribution area, natural structures and functions, characteristic species
 - Saline pioneer stages with *Salicornia sp.* (1310)
 - Atlantic salt marshes (1330)
- National Park Act (NWattNPG): Maintaining species diversity, enabling natural processes

Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management (CFERM)

- Lower Saxony Dike Act: Maintenance and preservation of foreland as a protection element for primary sea dike (§21)
- Nature-based element of the coastal protection system
 - wave attenuation
 - reduction of flood impact in case of a dike failure
 - dike foot protection
- Sod removal areas for dike maintenance

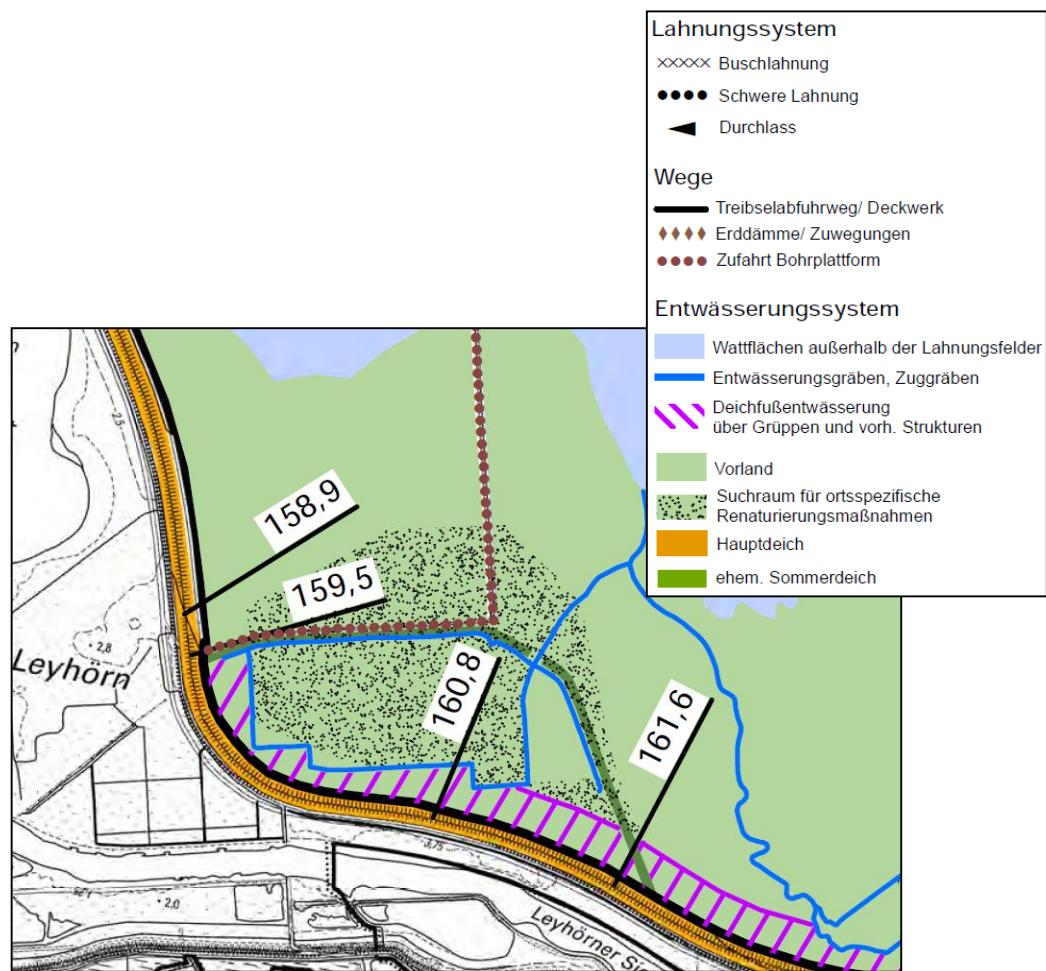
Foreland Management Plan: Structure



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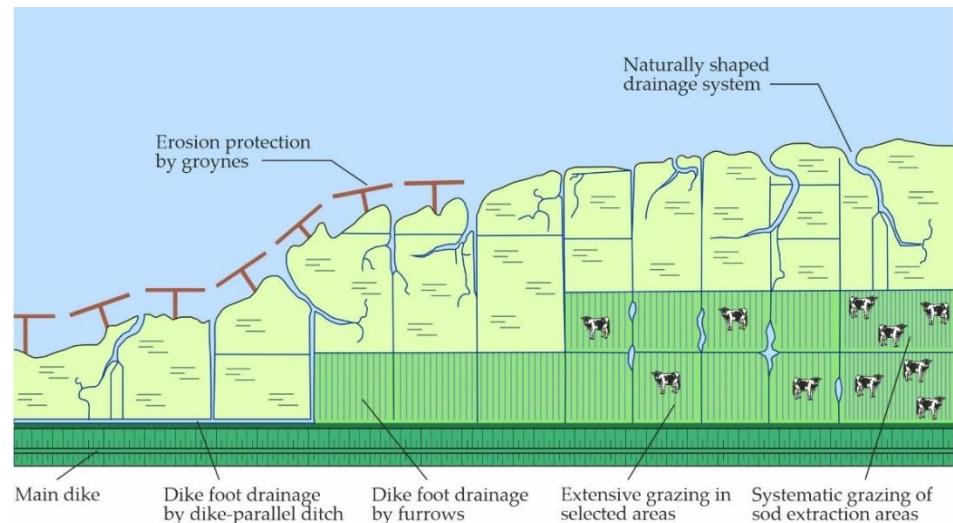
Thorenz & Carstens 2004

Foreland Management Plan: Example Deichacht Krummhörn



Lessons learned

- Common management objectives and guidelines for the dike foreland
- Site-specific, long-term basis for Integrated Foreland/Salt marsh Management
 - Accelerated decision making
 - Efficient use of resources
- Participatory approach enables increased transparency
- Basis for collaborative project implementation
 - Win-win-situations
- Outlook: Cooperation and Plans provide optimal basis for climate change adaption



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Thank you for the attention!

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