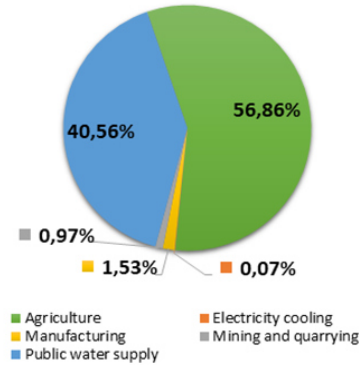
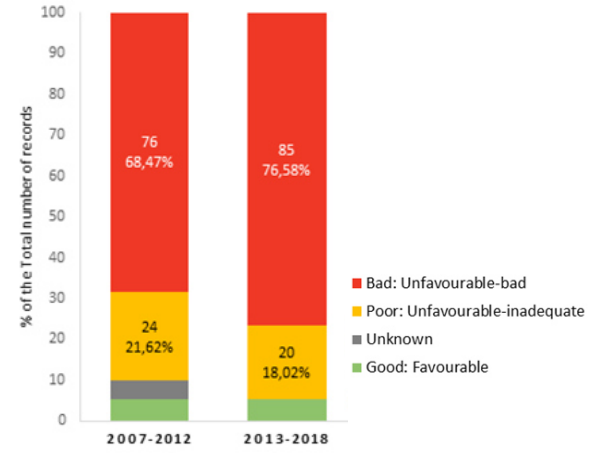




of inhabitants 5.9 million
Surface area 41 987 km²
GDP per capita 136 pps [1]
Significant bodies of water (RBDs) Jutland and Funen; Sealand
Polity unitary state organised on a decentralised basis
Layers of government central government; 5 regions; 2 special-status regions (Faroe Islands and Greenland); 98 municipalities
Legislative powers at the sub-national level No
Decentralisation index 2.4 (3 out of 27) [2]
Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) 1.49% (2017) [3]



Water abstraction per sector in Denmark - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Denmark - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Denmark - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEFE nexus relevant governance

| NEXUS PILLARS | POLICY MAKING | POLICY EXECUTION |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Water | Ministry of Environment | Danish Environmental Protection Agency (Miljøstyrelsen); regional water councils |
| Energy | Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities | Danish Energy Agency |
| Food | Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries | Danish Agricultural Agency |
| Ecosystems | Ministry of Environment | Danish Nature Agency |

WEFE NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES

- Reduce the main pressures from agriculture, especially the emissions of nitrogen
- Ensure that conservation objectives and measures are clearly defined, sufficiently detailed and linked with other relevant legislation and plans
- Stimulate the mapping and assessment of ecosystem services
- Support the development of national business and biodiversity platforms

OPPORTUNITIES

- The Water Valley Denmark initiative stimulates the development and use of innovative water technology that enables water consumption to become more resource efficient, cost effective and quality assured[4]
- Danish water consumption has been significantly reduced by stimulating water utilities to keep their level of non-revenue water below 10% as well as awareness raising of the importance of saving water, systematic leakage detection and implementing modern ICT tools.
- A major effort has been done to identify hindering factors in water management and potential areas for action
- An agreement on a green transition of the agricultural sector in 2021[5] that aims at a reduction of nitrogen emissions

More information on WEFE nexus governance in the EU

[1] EU purchasing power standard
 [2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
 [3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%
 [4] <https://watervalleydenmark.com/>
 [5] <https://en.fvm.dk/focus-on/the-agreement-on-a-green-transition-of-the-agricultural-sector>

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