



DANISH FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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# Danish Fishermen's association

- \* Danish Fishermen's Association is an organisation for all Danish fishermen. Membership is available for ship owners as well as employed fishermen.
- \* About 50 local fishermen's organisations are members of DFA
- \* The main object of the association is to manage the interests of the fishermen in any place where fishing is on the agenda - no matter if it is on a local, national or international level.

# Kreds Nord

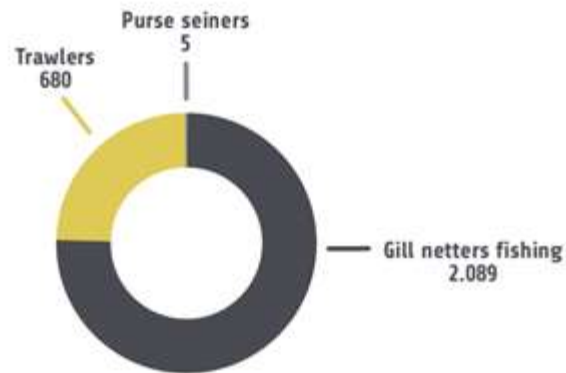


# Overveiw

## Vessels

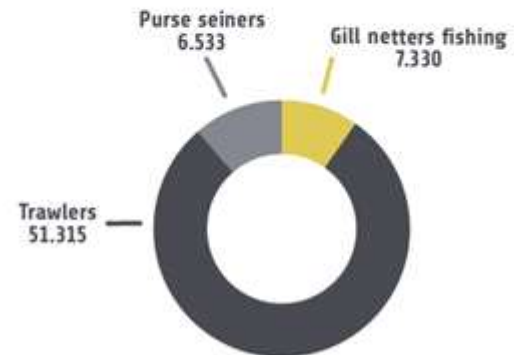
There are 3 main categories of vessels in the Danish fisheries can - gill net, purse seine and trawl vessels.

### Number of vessels 2012



Approximately 3/4 of the Danish vessels are gill netters if you count the numbers. But measured by tonnage, power and insurance value, as the chart below shows the trawlers are the main part of the Danish fisheries sector, counting about 3/4.

### Vessels - tonnage in 2012



# Main Challenges

- \* FKA (Individual vessel Quotas)
- \* Fish disappearing from the coast in Denmark
- \* Seals total protected since 1970'erne
  - \* Harbor seals
  - \* Gray seals
- \* Great Cormorant total protected since 1980
- \* The smaller harbors shut down



The coastal fishery in Denmark is under pressure!

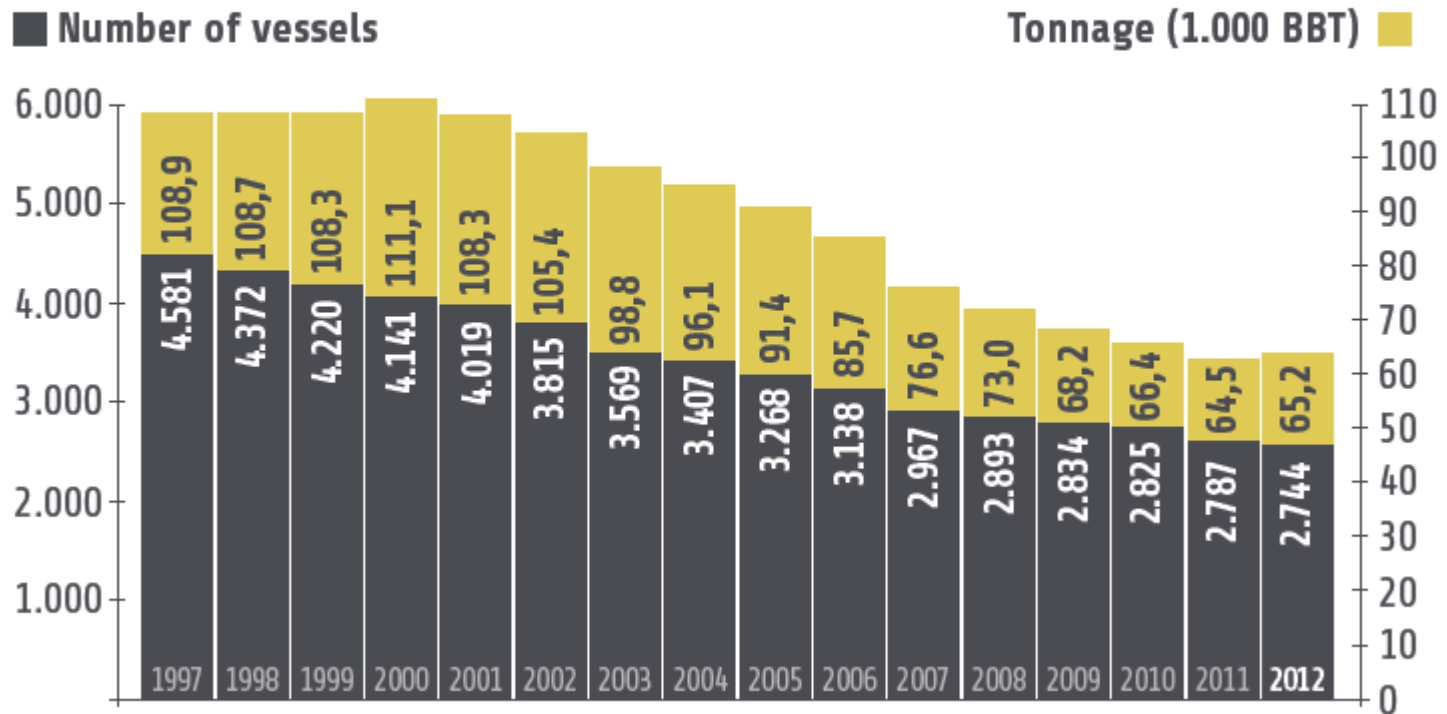
# FKA 2007 (Individual vessel Quotas)

- \* Put in place in 2007
- \* Quotas were distributed to fishermen as ownership
- \* Has resulted in a reconstruction of the Danish fleet favoring bigger vessels.

The smaller vessels have sold their quotas

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## Vessels and tonnage 1997 - 2012



# Fisherman's experience in the development of inshore fisheries over the last 20-40 years.

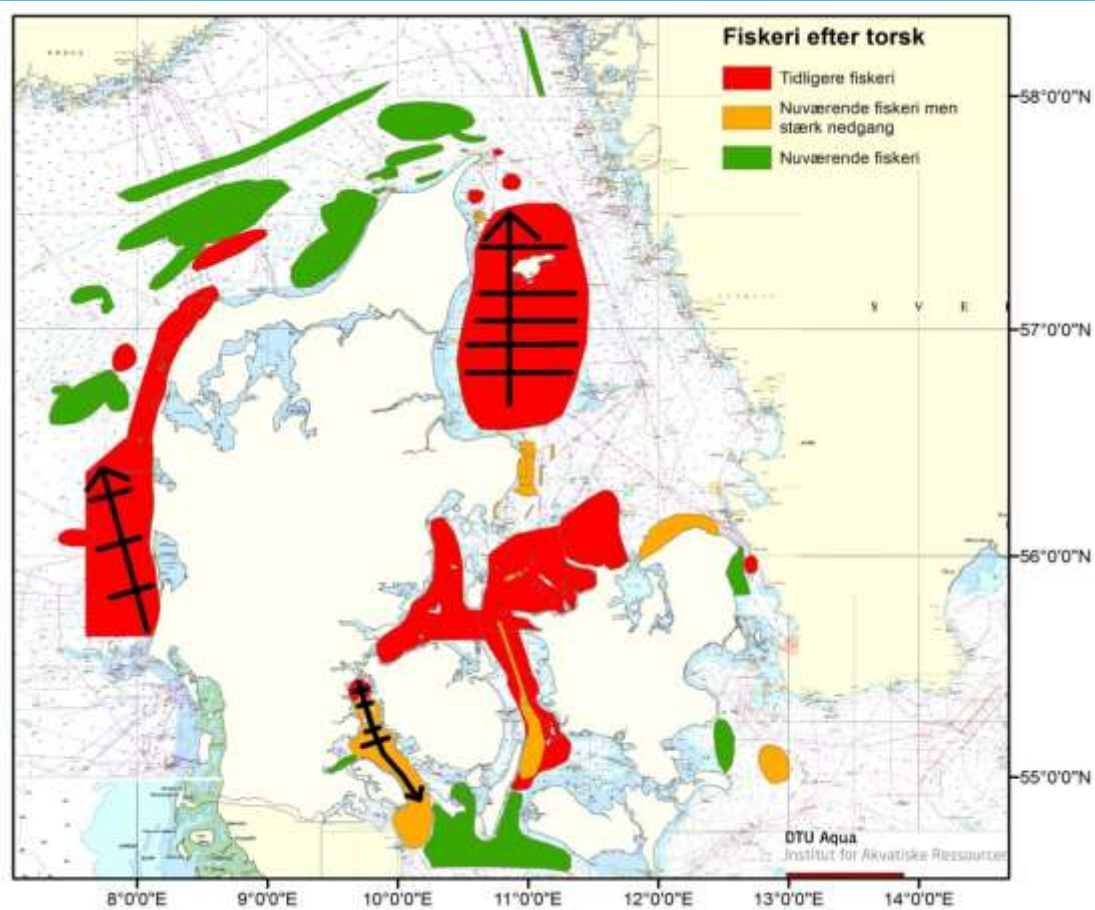
74 fishermen  
Gill Net 49  
Trawl 23  
Danish Seine 2

Cod 60  
Plaice 52  
Sole 29  
Turbot 14

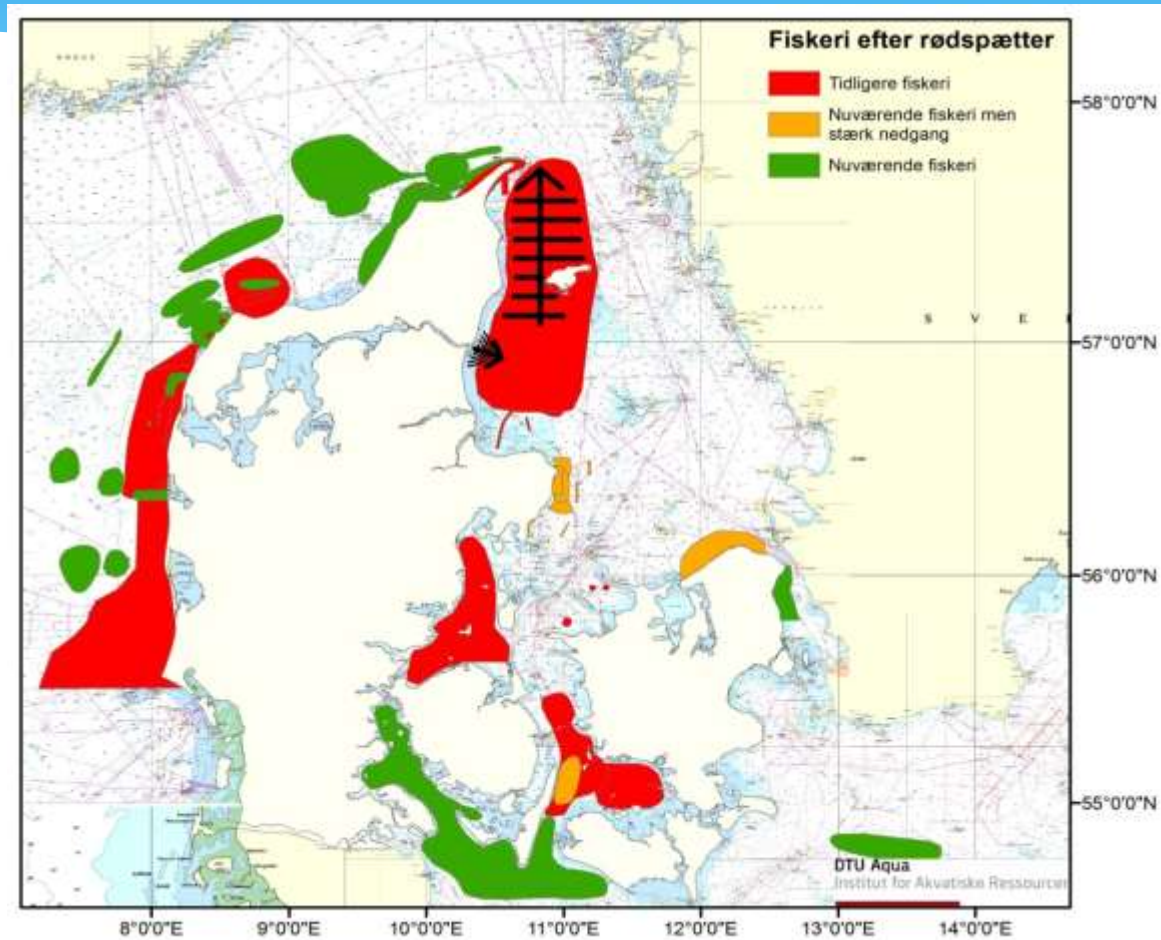




# Coastal fishing COD



# Coastal fishing PLAICE



# Seals

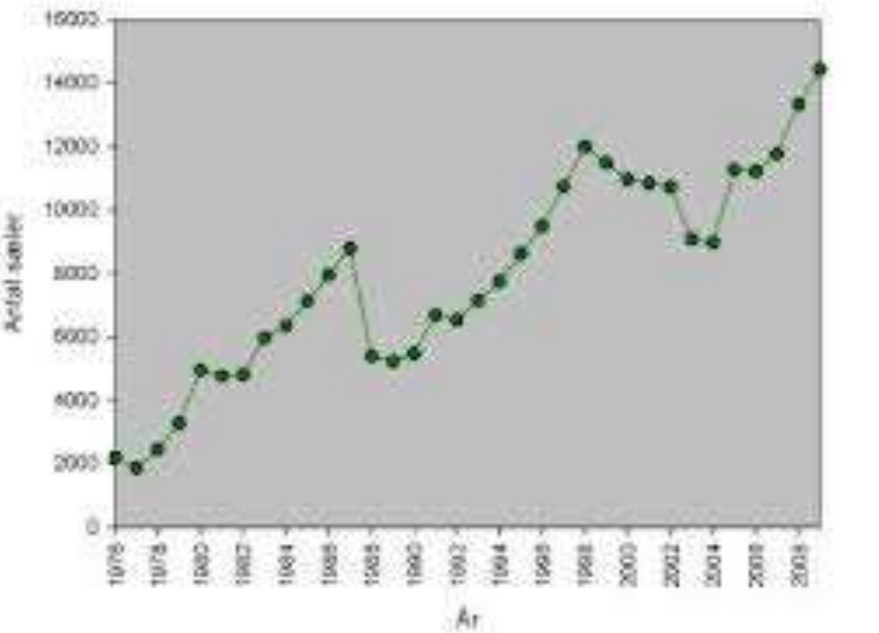
Harbor Seal



Gray Seal



# Seals



- \* very hard to explain about the need for regulation
- \* Not possible to have a healthy coastal fishing and at the same time several large seal population

# Great Cormorant



# Future Prospects

- \* The Danish coastal fishery is under pressure!
  - \* Especially the fishery with Gill nets
- \* Fish disappearing in coastal waters
  - \* Moves up to 20 nm from the coast
- \* Seals and Comorants eats big biomasses of fish
- \* The smaller harbors shut down

Only a few places left in Denmark where it is possible to live from the coastal fishery.

# Future Prospects

- \* inshore trawl fishery
  - \* do not experience problems with seals and cormorant
  - \* often slightly larger vessels (Can better move after the fish)
  - \* Still depend on that the harbors does not close

Main problems is the fuel costs and the price of fish

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Thank you for your attention