A historical look at (best practice) use of NBS and where it got us

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01: Setting the Scene – Loss and Preserverance

"What is lost on the outside, must be won on the inside" (1)

How do we grow through **CRISIS?**



The year is 1870. 6 years ago, **Denmark lost a** third of the country, half the population and most of the food production.

During the war of 1864, Denmark managed to engage a vastly superior enemy (the Preussians) and lose the most valuable part of the country: Slesvig-Holsten. The loss reverberated throughout the country, not just because of the economic loss, but also because it was the first cold shower after an euphoric phase of nationalism and progress.

The very same nationalism that had been a driving force behind the constitution led to losing the most productive part of the coutry, including most of the food and close to half of the population.

What was left was debt, and a populace that would be facing a dearth of resources.

Sounds familiar?



THE TRANSFORMATION

From moor to more.

Back in 1864, Justland was moor; wetlands unsuitable for agriculture.
With all the fertile land lost the Preussians, Denmark decided to change that.

The biggest Nature Based Solution, the country has ever seen was deployed.

No pine, no gain

To transform from the harsh conditions of the moor, pinetrees were used to transform the soil.

The pinetrees have since been criticized for their somewhat dull appearances and tendecy to strangle other growths, but it takes a grim character to transform rock and moor to something more.

Some of them were imported mountain pines from the Pyrenees, so they were used to being between a rock and a hard place.



Conifer forest, picture from Skovdyrkerne



Happy to tree me?

The next step was hardwood or deciduous trees. The deciduous tree forests are what most Danes today consider the typical Danish forest.

As you can hear, most Danes are wildly ignorant.

The deciduous trees was the last step necessary to cultivate and transform the soil and transform it to agriculture.

Unfortunately, if you take agriculture and mix it with industrial revolution, you get...





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Which is why we are here today.

In our eagerness to harness nature, we went a few steps, and a couple of tractors too far.

150 years ago, we learned how to use NBS to feed ourselves, now it is time to use NBS to feed the planet.



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WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?

"What is lost on the outside, must be won on the inside"

of Greens a Year

Thank you for your time and attention







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