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## Profile

Former (executive) secretary of the Trilateral Dutch-German-Danish Wadden Sea Cooperation and head of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat. Retired September 2014.

Extensive experience in international cooperation in the field of nature conservation and management including international agreements and organizations and relevant EU regulations; World Heritage; governance processes and strategic planning; budget planning and acquisition of international funding; setting up networks and working with non-government organizations.

## Career

### ***(International) Consultant 2014 -***

- Member of the Supervisory Board (Non-executive Board member) of the Dutch Wadden Academy 2014-16.
- Member of the Dutch World Heritage Expert Review Group, 2014/15.
- Chairman of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on the implementation follow up of measures for the protection and conservation of species and habitats (ICG POSH) under the OSPAR Commission 2014-16.
- Member of the Advisory Committee for the nomination of the Korean Tidal Flats on the World Heritage List.
- Consultancy assignments Yellow Sea World Heritage site 2016-2020.
- International Advisor of the Israel Marine Plan, project of Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa 2014-15.
- Project “Improving Estuary Governance. Investigation of governance structures and processes in Elbe, Scheldt and Humber Estuaries” by WING, external project partner, 2019-20.
- Chairman Working Group for the development of a governance strategy for the South Adriatic Ionian Straight Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Area (SAIS-EBSA) 2020 -.

## Previous Employment

### ***Executive Secretary Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation 1987-2014***

(Executive) Secretary of the Trilateral Dutch-German-Danish Cooperation on the Protection of the Wadden Sea and head of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS) 1987-2014 <http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/>. Designated as the first secretary and established the secretariat which now has a basic staff of 6 serving the various bodies of the Cooperation and a core budget of € 800,000. Accountable through the chair to the Wadden Sea Board for the overall management and performance of the secretariat which

- Coordinates, promotes and supports activities of the Cooperation;
- Is responsible for the preparation and production of documents for ministerial conferences, meetings of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) and trilateral working groups;

- Collects and evaluates information on monitoring, protection and the ecological condition of the entire Wadden Sea;
- Is the central contact for the UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage;
- Involves the public in the protection of the entire Wadden Sea area through communications, awareness building and environmental education.

#### *Main Achievements*

- Key role in developing the Wadden Sea Conservation approach into one of the World's leading nature conservation programmes and the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation as a *world wide* renowned model for cooperation on a trans-boundary nature area.
- Initiated and coordinated the nomination of the (Dutch-German) Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List in 2009, the extension with the Danish part in 2014 to become one Wadden Sea World Heritage including the development of a joint strategy to consolidate and promote the property.
- Promoted the development of the Wadden Sea Plan (the overall policy plan for the Wadden Sea), the Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP) and various other key documents.
- Developed the organisation and extensive networking of the Cooperation and engagement with stakeholders and international organizations (UNESCO, IUCN, Ramsar, European Commission).
- Increased funding to the Cooperation including co-funding from European Union Programmes (North Sea Programme, LIFE, Interreg), € 10 mill over the years.

#### ***Acting Secretary for the Dutch Coordination Board Wadden Sea Area 1986-1987***

The task of the Coordination Board Wadden Sea Area was to coordinate and oversee the initiatives and activities of the State ministries and authorities and provincial and local governments in the Wadden Sea Area. Served as the acting secretary for 1,5 years, accountable to the Board through its deputy chair, the commissioner of the province of Fryslan.

Previous to the employment as acting secretary, the Coordination Board had been evaluated and the secretariat downsized. The main achievement of the period as acting secretary was to successfully restart the work of the Board and revitalize the coordination between the various levels of governments through the signing of a Declaration of Intent (covenant) between the Minister of the Environment and representatives of the responsible local governments. This resulted in a more targeted and effective coordination.

### **Earlier Career Summary**

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| 1985-1986 | Intern at the Province of Fryslan, tasked with exploring the possibilities for a regional cooperation with relevant German and Danish authorities on Wadden Sea matters. |
| 1982-1985 | Various commercial jobs in trade activities, translation, etc.   |
| 1980-1982 | Teacher at Aarhus Katedralskole (gymnasium/upper secondary school) in history and social sciences.   |
| 1979-1979 | Qualification degree teaching upper secondary school.  |

### **Voluntary activities**

Founder and chairman of the 'Stichting Nationaal Landschap Middag- Humsterland' (Foundation for the National Landscape Middag-Humsterland).

Member of the 'Gebiedsraad Middag-Humsterland' (Council Middag-Humsterland)

## Qualifications

Master's degree in history; Bachelor's degree in political science from University of Aarhus, 1979. One year study at the University of Amsterdam at the renowned International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam on an exchange scholarship for master thesis.

Master's degree in political science from University of Aarhus, 1987.

## Awards

Awarded the 'Goldene Ringelgansfeder' (Golden Brent Geese Feather) in 2006 by the Minister of the Environment of the State of Schleswig-Holstein for the personal efforts to protect and conserve the Wadden Sea.

Awarded the 'Waddenpenning' (Wadden Award) 2014 by the Dutch Wadden Sea Coordination Committee for the extraordinary societal efforts for the entire Wadden Sea Area and for the particular efforts of obtaining the World Heritage status for the Wadden Sea.

## Personal details

Date of birth	15 June 1949
Place of birth	Gram, Denmark
Marital status	Married, two children
Nationality	Danish/Dutch