

# Natura 2000

In the Netherlands

# Introduction

- The Netherlands has 160 Natura 2000 areas, covering an area of over 1 million hectares
- The provincial authorities manage the terrestrial areas, while the kingdom is responsible for the coastal waters.
- All N2000 areas are part of the National Ecological Network (NEN), which will eventually be linked with the Pan-European Ecological Network.

# Types of governance & management structures

- A management plan is made for every N2000 area, in collaboration with local stakeholders
- This process is often led by the provincial authorities or the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.
- Management of the areas is often done by Staatsbosbeheer (130 of the 160 areas). Other managing organizations include Natuurmonumenten and the provincial 'Landscapes'

# Management responsibilities

- Management roles and responsibilities for all partners are set out in the management plan
- According to a report from Wageningen University\* in 2007, main constraints are;
  - Lack of funding opportunities for specific types of areas
  - Collaboration agreements between different stakeholders in one area are sometimes not comprehensive enough
  - Execution of management activities is not compulsory for land owners

\*Broekmeyer, Schouwenburg, Sanders & Pouwels (2007) Ecologische Hoofdstructuur en Natura 2000 gebieden