

“Sheep to the Brink”

“Sheep to the Brink” is a nature – and environment pre-project that runs till April 2011. The intention with the pre-project is to examine/explore the possibilities of using grazing animals in nature preservation along the west coast of the municipality of Lemvig.

The people behind the project have a keen interest in sheep, agriculture, and nature. We want to involve different interest groups:

- Farmers
- Users of nature
- Public authorities
- Artisans
- The tourist trade



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A realistic picture of possibilities and limitations would involve:

- Which areas can be grazed ?
- How is this practically possible ?
- How can we sell the meat, skin, wool, horn, and tourist adventures/experiences ?
- And, not least: can we get a sustainable economy ?

The background

Earlier on, extensive areas, like moors, tidal meadows, were used for hay harvest or grazing cattle and sheep. In that way, over the years the animals have helped to put their marks on the cultural landscape – to the benefit of birdlife.

Grazing extensive areas can be difficult to maintain because they easily become monotonous landscapes with only little biological richness. Invasive plants, like hogweed and dog roses, might also take over.



Therefore it is essential that the areas are grazed – by cattle or sheep or, even better, by both.

- “Sheep to the Brink” wants to spread the tradition of grazing.
- One of the intentions with the project is to test/examine the possibilities of sheep breeding along the coast of the municipality of Lemvig on a financially and biologically sustainable basis .