

The Danish Nature Indicator (DNI 2.0) is an ambitious research project aiming at developing a measurement tool for valuing area-based nature interventions.

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We are in a global biodiversity crisis and both the UN and the EU emphasize the importance of designating valuable natural areas where biodiversity is effectively protected and where ecosystems are restored. As part of the EU's biodiversity strategy, authorities and companies are required to take responsibility for protecting and restoring nature and to report on this responsibility. However, the ambitious open-ended goals of e.g. (strictly) protecting large areas in the EU raise questions about what this means in practice, how it can be measured and how companies and landowners can best contribute to increased efforts. The ambition with the Danish Nature Indicator is to provide a standardized and fair measure for area-based biodiversity efforts. We will further develop the Danish Nature Indicator 1.0 (<https://naturindikator.dk/>) from a national mapping to a flexible tool that can be used for future planning, benchmarking, and reporting of biodiversity efforts for landowners, companies, and authorities.