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## **Landscape and Education in the Netherlands**

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Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality*



## The Netherlands has 20 National Parks

- Volunteers
- Entrepreneurs
- Children and youth





## Organisation in the Netherlands



- Education in landscapes is organised by NGOs in the field of nature and cultural heritage:
  - Associations like Natuurmonumenten and Waddenvereniging
  - IVN (foundation specialising in nature education)
  - State Forestry Service (national public body)
  - Foundation World Heritage, Netherlands
- No role for national government besides subsidies



# State Forestry Service

- National public body
- As land owner and manager of 265,000 ha of forests and national parks across the Netherlands
- Philosophy is that children are the future nature users
- 4 national and different education activities



# Educatie

## Staatsbosbeheer geeft handen en voeten aan educatie

Kinderen zijn de natuurbeschermers van de toekomst. Staatsbosbeheer ziet natuureducatie daarom als een belangrijke taak. We organiseren verschillende educatieve activiteiten. Dit doen we zelf, maar vooral ook samen met andere partijen, zoals het IVN.

Naast de vier grote landelijke jeugdactiviteiten zijn er nog een aantal educatieve activiteiten, zoals Woordvoerders van de Natuur, het Dierenvriendjespad, Expeditie Boswachtercode, het Kabouterpad, de Groene maatschappelijke stage en de Hulpboswachter die makkelijk uitgerold kan worden.

Klik op onderstaande subpagina's voor meer informatie over de betreffende jeugdactiviteiten.

## Subpagina's



Dierenvriendjespad



Expeditie boswachterscode



Kabouterpad



Nationale boomfeestdag



Natuursprong



NatuurWijs



Woordvoerders van de natuur



# NATUURSPRONG



**NATUURSPRONG: PLEASURE IN PLAYING AND EXERCISING OUTDOORS**

## Fun outdoor games and activities

*His pants are covered in grass stains and his face is smudged and dirty. With flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes he runs towards us and shouts with pride, "I found the biggest stick ever! It's like a thousand meters long!" The kids are collecting big sticks for the game that is about to begin.*

### **NATUURSPRONG**

Natuursprong encourages children to play together outside and learn to love exercise. Nature is the ideal environment and not only because of the fresh air. A natural environment like a forest challenges children to hone their motor skills and stimulates mental development. Trial and error plays an important role; sitting still is not an option.

The great outdoors is full of exciting trails, dizzying heights, fantastical outcroppings and mysterious materials. These require courage, self-confidence and creativity, but also the ability to make decisions and set limits.

### **THE PROGRAMME**

Natuursprong is an outdoor play programme for children aged 4-12 and can be applied in forests, parks meadows and fields. Professional game

leaders develop a suitable programme that is fully tailored to the needs and wishes of the target group.

The strength of Natuursprong lies in making simple and effective use of the natural environment and natural materials. This makes the activities refreshing and challenging for both the children and the game leaders.

Huis voor Beweging and Staatsbosbeheer (National Forestry Service) train the Natuursprong trainers who, in turn, train the Natuursprong game leaders. All of these professionals are committed to children, exercise and nature.

Are you interested in participating or would you like more information?

Visit [www.natuursprong.nl](http://www.natuursprong.nl) or send an email to

[info@huisvoorbeweging.nl](mailto:info@huisvoorbeweging.nl)



# Expedition rangercode





# Animal friends path



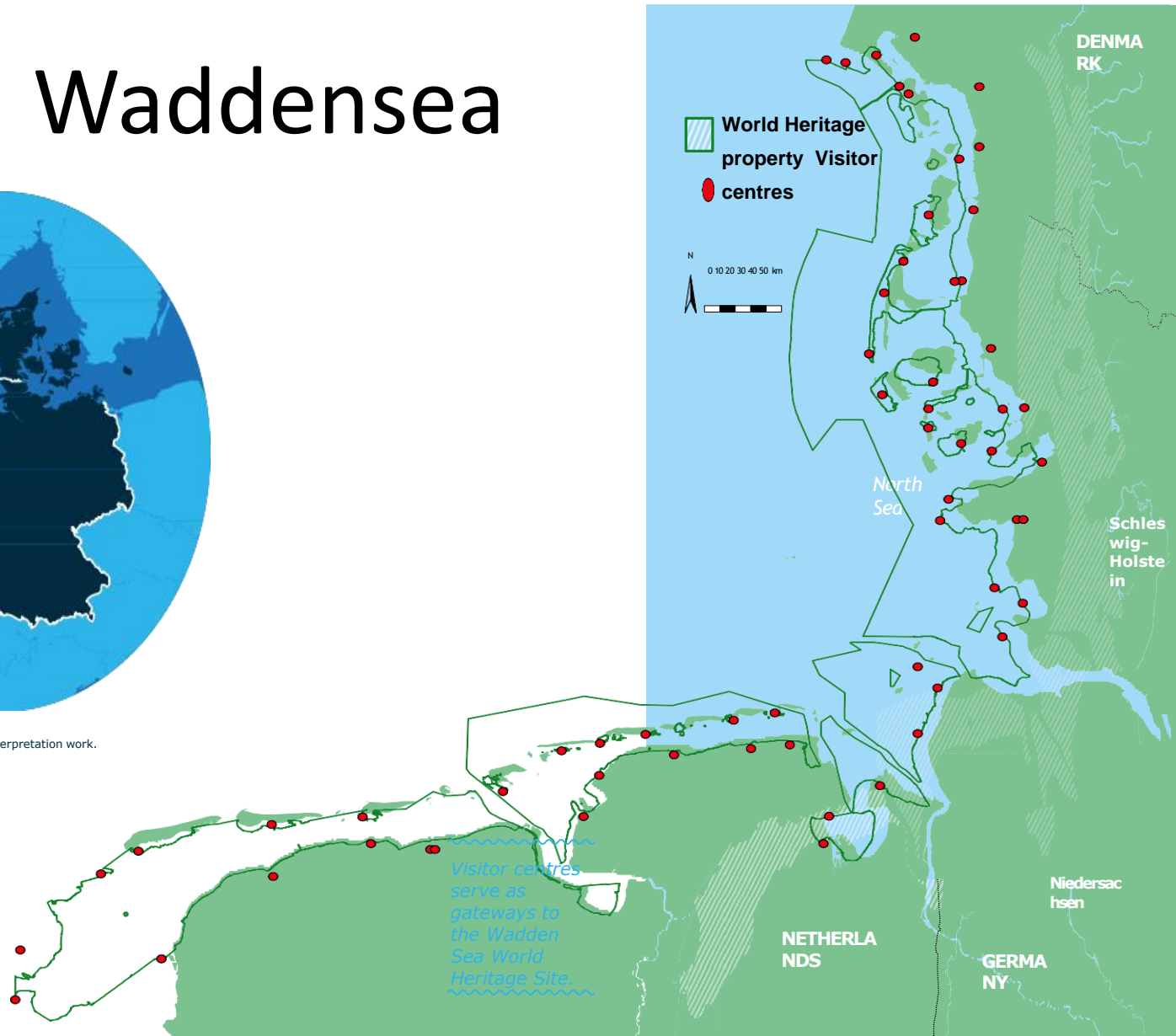




# Waddensea



A Heritage Site education and interpretation work.





# Waddenvereniging (association)

- Is a private, independent and critical association;
- Membership fee;
- Works with education programmes in the Waddensea with volunteers as staff;
- They deliver 80 volunteers for fieldtrips for school students who visit the Wadden.



# Shaping a Sustainable Tomorrow

Wadden Sea Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development and World Heritage Interpretation



WADDEN SEA  
WORLD HERITAGE



# WADDEN SEA EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

**OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE**



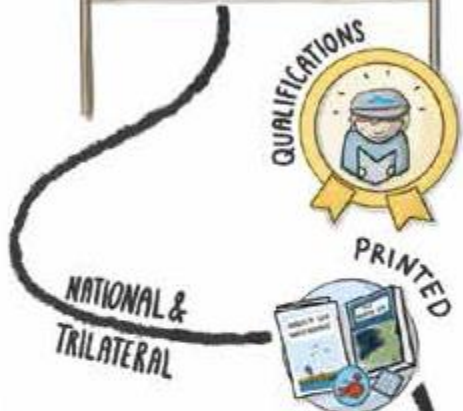
*Global importance*

**ONE WADDEN SEA**

NATIONAL TRILATERAL & INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING



**COMPETENT MULTIPLIERS**



**HIGH QUALITY INFORMATION**



**OUTSTANDING PERSON-TO-PERSON COMMUNICATION**



**SCHOOL CLASSES**



**GENERAL PUBLIC**



**VISITOR CENTRE**





# Trilateral co-operation: our objectives and measures – How the vision becomes reality

- **Competent multipliers:**

All stakeholders of Wadden Sea education have a transnational understanding of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, its OUV and its protection in a trilateral and global context.

- **High-quality information:**

Information and education provide consistent communication of the OUV throughout the Wadden Sea Region and beyond.

- **Outstanding person-to-person communication:**

Guided nature interpretation provide authentic experiences of the diversity, dynamics and beauty of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site for everyone.

# Best Practice Examples for Wadden Sea Education

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## Nationalpark- Schulen & Nationalpark- Kitas

Nationalpark  
Wattenmeer   
SCHULEN & KITAS

Germany  
Hamburg 




## Neuwerk National Park House – Environmental education for visitors and locals

Nationalpark  
Wattenmeer   
HAMBURG



Nationalpark  
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# Best Practice Examples from trilateral co-operation in Wadden Sea Education





A broad pool of multilingual education and edutainment resources are available, such as posters, discovery booklets, sticker books, and various games focussing on the Wadden Sea as an entity.

[www.iwss.org](http://www.iwss.org)



**BeachExplorer**  
The web portal



**Collected videos**

## IVN (National Institute for nature education & sustainability)

- 11 offices
- Number of volunteers: 22,000
- Number of professionals: 100 (more or less..)
  
- 4 (5) themes:
 

Child and nature	Nature and recreation
Nature and health	Nature nearby
Youth	







## School programmes

- Green kindergarten ( 0-4 years)
- Primary school ( 4-12 years) p.e.

### Spokesman for nature

- Highschools ( 12-18 year) p.e. concept

### Youth consultancy agency

- Higher education ( MBO-HBO-  
University)



# After-school programmes



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## scharrelkids<sup>ivn</sup>.

**Scharrelkids (“Free range kids”) (grand)parents with young children**

**Youth nature clubs (age 7-12)**

**Junior Rangers ( age 12/13 – 18/22)**

**‘Rough and Tough’ ( Woesteland, age 12-30)**





## ‘History’

- Het EUROPARC Junior Ranger Programme has started as a pilot project in 2002 in 4 areas in Germany
- In the Netherlands in 2007 the first group started in National Park de Weerribben-Wieden.
- The network has been growing very well and now there are 80 groups in 19 countries.



## A Junior Ranger is....

- a school boy or girl (from secondary school);
- who knows what to do as a 'ranger'
- proud to be an ambassador of a National Park;
- who is, together with other Junior Rangers, supporting a national park by managing, protecting and developing it;
- is supported by the department of IVN Nature education and stakeholders in a National Park.



## Aim:

- To involve young people in the nature in their own region
- Support for national parks
- (international) network of youngsters
- Ambassadors for National Parks



## Candidate Junior Ranger

- Youngster starts as a candidate;
- Often as follow up of a Youth Nature Club or by recruitment in the region;
- He/she follows a monthly programme;
- Final result: a certificate.



## What does a Junior Ranger programme look like?

- Monthly programme;
- Finishes after a year with a camp;
- Fits the desires and subjects in which the youngsters are interested;
- The activities are often outdoor;
- Parents are involved.





## Examples of activities



## Monitoring and education



## Exchange of groups



*National*

*International*

## Youth Camps



*Closing season*



*International*



## Promotion



*At a regional level -  
The Junior Ranger is  
coming to you...*



*National level –  
National Park Festival*



*International –  
Conferences of Europarc*

## From Junior Ranger to Youth+

Being Junior Rangers  
for 5 years, at  
18 years old: what's next ?



## Youth+ programme

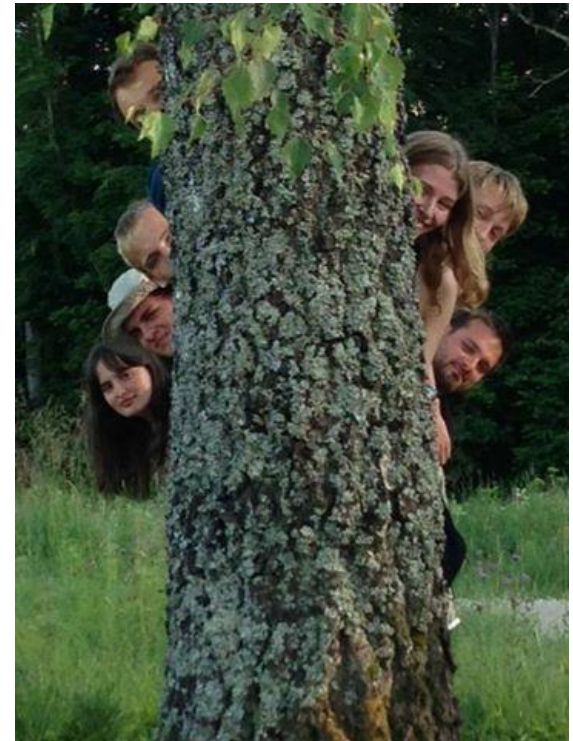


- **18 - 26 years;**
- **IVN volunteer;**
- **Training and education opportunities;**
- **Active contribution to the yearly programme of activities.**



**For example;**  
**Course youth support;**  
**sailing licence;**  
**chain saw certificate**

The EUROPARC Federation Junior Ranger Programme is aimed at young people aged 12-18 who are living within or close to the protected area. In 2016, the programme involved around 80 Protected Areas across 19 different European Union countries, working with ~5000 youths every year.







**Role of entrepreneurs**

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Mijn wens is dat ik  
geen bangd krijg!



ik wens een vriend



ik wil een vriendelijke



ik wens dat ik een leuk  
leven heb



ik wil graag dat mijn vriend  
ook een vriend is







# Conclusions

- NGOs in the Netherlands are organising educational programmes in the landscape;
- they also work at an international level;
- they adhere to the goal to make the quality of education programmes better.

