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Abstract: The trees in a part of Østerild Plantage have been cut down to give room for a

national test center. Before the afforestation DCE has performed a baseline monitoring in the summer of 2011. DCE has in late summer 2013 re-monitored the recovery of the vegetation cover in the northernmost part of the afforested area that was covered by plantation of *Pinus mugo*. The results from the re-monitoring are

presented in the report.

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Summary

The overall objective of the monitoring programme in Østerild is to document the outcome of the restoration project targeting open dune habitats following clear-cutting of parts of the dune plantations in the National Test Center facility. The first phase of the monitoring programme performed in July 2011 has included a recording of plant species composition and soil conditions prior to the clearing of the dune plantations (the baseline monitoring).

Sample areas and plots for the baseline monitoring were laid out in 2011 in a stratified random way in order to cover the variation in starting points of the vegetation development and the restoration measures. Stratification was applied according to baseline condition (forest type), planned post-cutting treatments of litter layer and hydrology, the expected management regimes, the distance to appropriate seed sources, and topography.

During the first 10 years after the clear-cutting a systematic recording of the vegetation development in the succession towards open dune habitats (post-construction monitoring) has been planned. The results of the monitoring programme will as far as possible contribute to the recommendations for future restoration projects, which aim to convert plantations into open habitats.

Thus, in 2013 the second monitoring phase was initiated. The report presents the results of the second phase which was performed by re-monitoring the vegetation cover in the dune area formerly dominated by *Pinus mugo*. The 2011 monitoring methodology was repeated (Nygaard et al. 2011). The method is based on the variables in the Danish NOVANA programme for terrestrial habitats (Fredshavn et al. 2011). The plant species composition and vegetation structure were recorded in a pin point frame (0.5 * 0.5 m). Additional species were recorded in a documentation circle with a radius of 5 m for each of the twenty sample areas.

In the twenty sample areas monitored in 2013 61 taxa of vascular plant species, bryophytes and lichens were recorded ranging between six and 24 taxa. The most frequent species was *Deschampsia flexuosa* recorded in all twenty sample areas. Other abundant species recorded were *Carex arenaria*, *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Hypnum jutlandicum* and *Empetrum nigrum*. One species, *Rumex acetosella*, only recorded as an additional species in one sample area in 2011, was recorded in nine sample areas in 2013. The rest of the 61 taxa were recorded once or twice either in the pin point frame or as additional species in the documentary circle, only.

The disturbance of the soil layer caused by cutting of trees and removing the trunks and stumps may lead to release of nutrient that can favour problematic vascular plant species that prefer a higher nutrient level in the soil than originally present in the *P. mugo* plantation or to a flourishing of invasive species. In 2013 no problematic species were recorded in the sample areas except for a few scattered plants of *Epilobium angustifolium*.

Resumé

Det overordnede formål med overvågningsprogrammet i Østerild Klitplantage er at dokumentere successionen mod åbne klitnaturtyper efter rydningen af nåletræsbevoksninger i det nationale testcenter for vindmøller, der er blevet opført i en del af plantagen. Overvågningsprogrammets første fase i 2011 omfattede en registrering af jordbundsforhold, vegetationens struktur og artssammensætning før træerne blev fældet (basis overvågning).

Overvågningsstationer og prøvefelter blev i 2011 udlagt stratificeret tilfældigt med henblik på at dække variationen i udgangspunkter for vegetationsudviklingen og de behandlinger, der er skitseret i implementeringsplanen. Stratificeringen omfatter udgangspunkter (skovtyper), de planlagte behandlinger af førne og hydrologi, forventet pleje og drift af den lysåbne klitnatur, afstand til egnede spredningskilder og topografi.

I de første 10 år efter fældning er der planlagt en systematisk registrering af ændringerne af vegetationsdækket for at følge successionen mod lysåbne klitnaturtyper ("post-construction overvågning"). Resultaterne af overvågningsprogrammet vil så vidt muligt indgå i anbefalinger til fremtidige genopretningsprojekter, hvor formålet er at konvertere plantage til lysåbne naturtyper.

Anden fase af overvågningsprogrammet blev derfor iværksat i 2013. Denne rapport præsenterer resultaterne af genovervågningen af vegetationsdækket på klitarealer, der førhen var dækket af bjerg-fyr (*Pinus mugo*) plantage. Ved genovervågningen, hvor tyve prøvefelter blev genundersøgt, blev metodikken, som blev anvendt ved basis moniteringen i 2011, genanvendt (Nygaard m.fl. 2011).

I de tyve prøvefelter blev der i 2013 registreret 61 taxa af karplanter, mosser og laver. Antallet af registrerede taxa varierede med seks som det laveste og 24 som det højeste i de undersøgte prøvefelter. Den hyppigste art, som blev registreret i alle prøvefelter, var bølget bunket (*Deschampsia flexuosa*). De andre mere hyppige arter var sand-star (*Carex arenaria*), trind fyrremos (*Pleurozium schreberi*), hede-cypresmos (*Hypnum jutlandicum*) og revling (*Empetrum nigurm*). Rødknæ (*Rumex acetosella*), der kun blev registreret som supplerende art i ét prøvefelt i 2011, blev registreret i ni prøvefelter i 2013. Resten af de 61 taxa blev kun registreret én eller to gange i pin point rammerne eller som supplerende arter i dokumentationscirklen.

Forstyrrelserne som følge af fældningen af nåletræerne og fjernelsen af stammer og stubbe kan medføre en frigivelse af næringsstoffer i jordbunden. Dette kan favorisere problematiske plantearter, der foretrækker et højere indhold af tilgængelige næringsstoffer i jordbunden end det, der oprindeligt var givet i bjerg-fyr plantagen, eller fremme en opblomstring af invasive arter. Bortset fra nogle spredte skud af gederams (*Epilobium angustifolium*) blev der ikke registreret problemarter i 2013.

1 Objectives

DCE – Danish Centre of Environment and Energy at Aarhus University has performed the first monitoring of the recovery of the vegetation cover in the Østerild plantation complex in the county of Thy in Northern Jutland. The southern part of the plantation complex was afforested in late 1800 with *Picea abies, Picea sitchensis* and *Pinus sylvestris* as dominant conifer tree species. The northern part of the complex, the plantation of Hjardemål, was established on a drifting sand area dominated by dunes that have been reforested mostly with the sand drift and draught resistant *Pinus mugo*. In summer 2011 a part of the conifer trees in the Østerild plantation complex were cut to give room for the National Test Center facility. The cutting was formed as an ellipsoidal opening reaching from Hjardemål in the north to the southern part of Østerild.

2 Methodology

In spring 2011 DCE selected 12 monitoring sites where a reference net with grid cells on 10×10 m was established. The monitoring sites were established in plantations with *Picea sitchensis, Pinus sylvestris* and *Pinus mugo*. On each monitoring site 5 sample plots were randomly placed among grid cells. On the two sites in Hjardemål additional 5 sample plots was placed in order to cover the topographical variation of the plantation that should be affected by the establishment of the test centre. At two other monitoring sites where a litter treatment experiment was planned, 20 sample plots were placed randomly. All the sample plots were marked as way points in a GPS prior to the baseline monitoring.

The baseline monitoring was performed by DCE in 2011 before the clear-cutting of the conifer trees. The baseline monitoring of each sample area was performed by using pin point analysis and a documentation circle of 5 m radius to record the species composition and frequency. Besides, a number of vegetative and ecological parameters were recorded including measurement of the depth of the accumulated organic matter in the forest floor (the litter layer) and the penetration of light, vegetation structure and the inclination and direction of the slope where the pin point frame was located. Finally soil samples for measurements of pH, of organic matter and of nitrogen in the laboratory were collected at the four corners of the pin point frame.

In the pin point analysis a frame on 0.5 * 0.5 m with 16 pin points was used where every vascular plant, bryophyte and lichen species touched by a pin was recorded. Species that was rooted inside the pin point frame untouched by the pin were recorded as supplementary species. The documentation circle had a radius on 5 m covering 78.5 m² where additional species not found inside the pin point frame were recorded.

DCE re-monitored on September 5th and 6th in 2013 the vegetation cover in the Hjardemål plantation. A part of the *Pinus mugo* plantation has been clear-cut during autumn 2011 except for one sample area where the pine trees were still present. The re-monitoring was performed by using pin point analysis and documentation circle as well as measurement of the depth of the litter layer, the vegetation structure, the penetration of light measured in the four corners of the world, and the inclination and direction of the slope where the pin point frame was located. The height of the vegetation cover and depth of the litter layer was measured at the four corners of the pin point frame starting clock-wise from the southeastern leg.

The sample areas were approximately recovered by the use of the waypoint of GPS. The pin point frame was placed in the field, and a digital image was taken of each sample area with information on bearing for future recovery. On three occasions the sample areas were moved up to 15 m from bare sand or road constructions into more natural coherent vegetation cover or on one occasion to a nearly naked area covered by sand under the cables of a telecommunication mast. Twenty sample areas were re-monitored.

3 Results

The results of the twenty samples of the vegetation cover are compiled in the appendix. In the presentation there is a picture of the position of the pin point frame defining the center of the documentary circle in the southeastern leg of the frame. The vegetation and ecological parameters and the floristic data have been put into two tables separately.

The floristic data are sorted with first the data from the pin point frame in descending frequency, i.e. the number of pin touches, then species recorded inside the frame untouched by the pin, and finally the additional species recorded in the documentary circle. The species records from the documentary circles are sorted with first the lichens, then the bryophytes, the ferns and gymnosperms and finally the angiosperms that are ordered by the trees and shrubs, the dwarf shrubs and then the herbs. All lichen and plant species are mentioned with their international name while the vernacular (English) name has been added on the vascular plants, too. The English nomenclature is based on Stace 2010 'New Flora of the British Isles – Cambridge University Press'.

On many occasions only the litter layer, the sand cover, branches, or other fragments of abandoned wood was pinned without touching any vegetative parts of the subterranean vegetation cover. Such touches are registered separately in the species table.

Species richness

In the twenty sample areas in the Hjardemål plantation 61 taxa were recorded with the species numbers ranging from 24 taxa in the sample area at site 85 to six species at site 90. The species number in the pin point frames were lower ranging from nil in site 93 where only naked sand was touched by the pin to five at site 0 and 91.

In the sample areas nineteen broad-leaved species, six grasses, two rushes and sedges, four dwarf shrubs, eight deciduous bushes and trees, five coniferous trees, three ferns, nine bryophytes and liverworts and five lichens were recorded. The most frequent species was the grass *Deschampsia flexuosa* that was recorded in all twenty sample areas. The second most frequent species was the sedge *Carex arenaria* that together with the bryophytes *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Hypnum jutlandicum* and *Empetrum nigrum* was recorded in eighteen, nineteen, thirteen and twelve documentary circles respectively (Table 1). The rest of the 61 taxa were pinned once or twice in the frame plots, else as supplementary or additional species, only.

Table 1. The five most frequent plant species in the sample areas in Hjardemål.

Species name	Vernacular name	Recorded no.	Recorded no.	Recorded as	Recorded in
		of pin point	of pins	supplementary	documentary
		frames		species	circle
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hairy-grass	13	120	3	4
Carex arenaria	Sand sedge	9	46	1	8
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed feather-moss	9	25	-	10
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath plait-moss	5	17	1	8
Empetrum nigrum	Crowberry	3	11	-	9

Cutting the trees, removing the trunks, branches, and stumps has led to a lot of disturbance to the soil. One consequence may be the release of nutrients accumulated in the soil that can change the composition of the vegetation cover. The area could have been invaded by species that prefer a higher nutrient level in the soil than originally present in the *Pinus mugo* plantation e.g. species like *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Galeopsis bifida*, *Rubus ideaus* and *Urtica dioica*. Such a development has not been recorded in the deforested area probably because the amount of nutrients released after the cuttings of the pine trees is too low. Of the quoted species only *E. angustifolium* has been recorded and only as single plants or seedlings.

Another consequence could be the possible spread of invasive species like *Amelancher spicata*, *Prunus serotina* and *Rosa rugosa* that together with pine and spruce trees are recorded in the Østerild plantation complex, too. None of the species have yet been recorded. The number of annual species can also indicate great changes of the growth conditions. But it is only at the sample sides where road construction and establishment of the telecommunications masts that a high number of annual species like *Senecio sylvaticus*, *S. viscosus* and *Spergula arvensis* has been recorded e.g. at sample area 85 and 87.

Cutting the pine trees has changed the protected woodland climate of the *Pinus mugo* plantation coursing especially lichens and bryophytes to be faced with more open land conditions. This might be the reason for the amounts of withered or dead tussock of especially moss tussocks. An expected line of development can be into a vegetation cover dominated by grasses especially *Deschampsia flexuosa* and by dry resistant dwarf shrubs like *Calluna vulgaris* and *Empetrum nigrum* – all species that have been recorded.

Rumex acetosella was only recorded as an additional species in sample area 92 in 2011. This time the species was recorded as an additional species in eight sample namely no. 2, 84, 86, 87, 88, 91, 94 and 97 and at one of the pins in the pin point frame in no. 89.

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Appendix



Sample area 0, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 0.

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Height of vegetation in cm	10	20	5	40		
Thickness of litter in cm	4	7	4	5		
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface		
Cover in m ²	5	1	> 1	0		
Light penetration	0	0	0	0		
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²		
	2°	SW	10	0		

Species recorded in sample area 0. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	16	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	3	-	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	3	-	-
Cladonia chlorophaea agg.		1	-	-
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine	-	-	+
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	-	-	+



Sample area 1, the pin point frame is situated in the middle below, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 1.

Height of vegetation in cm	40	30	15	50
Thickness of litter in cm	4	3	3	3
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 n	n Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	1	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	0	-	> 1	0

Species recorded in sample area 1. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	16	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	9	-	-
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Scleropodium purum	Neat Feather-moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	-	-	+
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	-	-	+
Trientalis europaea	Chickweed-wintergreen	-	-	+



Sample area 2, the pin point frame is situated in the middle at the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 06-09-2013.

Height of vegetation in cm	40	10	0	25
Thickness of litter in cm	6	7	5	6
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	> 1	> 1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	12°	S	1	0
Remarks	Some disturban	ce in the documentary circle, w	here there are several stump	s, some with stems and
	many abandone	ed branches and twigs.		

Species recorded in sample area 2. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	10	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	3	-	-
	Litter	3	-	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	-	-	+
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	-	+



Sample area 3, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction southwest. 06-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 3.

Height of vegetation in cm	30	1	0	30		
Thickness of litter in cm	4	4	2	3		
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 r	n Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface		
Cover in m ²	> 1	> 1	> 1	0		
Light penetration	0	0	0	0		
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²		
	10°	SW	> 1	> 1		
Remarks	The sampling ar	ea was moved 15 m to the so	outh into natural vegetation co	ver. In the northern part		
	of the sampling area there is an area covered by sand.					

Species recorded in sample area 3. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species A	dditional species
	Litter	7	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	6	-	-
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	4	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	-	+



Sample area 84, the pin point frame is situated at the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 84.

Height of vegetation in cm	2	5	0	0
Thickness of litter in cm	6	4	7	4
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 n	n Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	> 1	0	> 1	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	10°	S	>1	0

Species recorded in sample area 84. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	8	-	-
	Litter	7	-	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	3	-	-
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw	1	-	-
Trientalis europaea	Chickweed-wintergreen	1	-	-
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	+	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	+	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Hypnum cupressiforme	Cypress-leaved Plait-moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	-	-	+
Chenopodium album	Fat-hen	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+
Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	-	-	+
Spergula arvensis	Corn Spurrey	-	-	+



Sample area 85, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 85.

Height of vegetation in cm	40	5	0	40
Thickness of litter in cm	5	6	4	3
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	> 1	> 1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	0	-	1	0
Remarks	The sample area	a was moved 12 m to the sout	h into natural vegetation cove	er to avoid border effect
	from the road an	nd the area of the telecommun	ication mast.	

Species recorded in sample area 85. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	12	-	-
	Litter	2	-	-
	Sand	2	-	-
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	1	-	-
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Scleropodium purum	Neat Feather-moss	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole Pine	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine			+
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+
Salix repens var. argentea		-	-	+
Ammophila arenaria	Marram	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Chenopodium album	Fat-hen	-	-	+
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	-	-	+
Corynephorus canescens	Grey Hair-grass	-	-	+
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw	-	-	+
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	-	-	+
Persicaria laphathifolia ssp. pal.	lida Pale Persicaria	-	-	+
	Seedling, dicot	-	-	+
	Seedling, monocot (grass)	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	-	+
Spergula arvensis	Corn Spurrey	-	-	+
Trientalis europaea	Chickweed-wintergreen	-	-	+



Sample area 86, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 06-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 86.

Height of vegetation in cm	70	20	15	0
Thickness of litter in cm	7	4	10	12
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	2	> 1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	15°	S	1	0

Species recorded in sample area 86. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	7	-	-
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	4	-	-
	Branch	3	-	-
	Litter	2	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	1	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	+	-
Cladonia chlorophaea agg.		-	-	+
Cladonia macilenta ssp. floerk	eana	-	-	+
	Bryophyte protonema	-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus	Shaggy Moss	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine			+
Betula pubescens	Downy Birch	-	-	+
Crataegus sp.	Hawthorn	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous Rush	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	-	+



Sample area 87, the pin point frame is situated in the middle of the picture, photo direction south. 06-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cm	10	8	10	8
Thickness of litter in cm	4	7	4	5
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	5	> 1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	20°	NE	1	> 1

Species recorded in sample area 87. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Add	litional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	14	-	-
	Litter	2	-	-
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	+	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole Pine	-	-	+
	Seedling, gymnosperm	-	-	+
Betula pubescens	Downy Birch	-	-	+
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	-	+



Sample area 88, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction southwest. 06-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 88.

Height of vegetation in cm	0	1	0	0
Thickness of litter in cm	3	5	2	3
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 n	n Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	1	> 1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	5°	NW	1	0

Species recorded in sample area 88. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
	Litter	8	-	-
	Branch	4	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	2	-	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	1	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	1	-	-
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine			+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+



Sample area 89, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction southeast. 06-09-2013.

Height of vegetation in cm	30	0	10	0
Thickness of litter in cm	3	1	5	0
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 n	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	> 1	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	30°	NW	25	1

Species recorded in sample area 89. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Additional species		
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	12	-	-	
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	4	-	-	
	Litter	2	-	-	
Chiloscyphus latifolius		1	-	-	
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	1	-	-	
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+	
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+	
Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus	Shaggy Moss	-	-	+	
	Seedling, gymnosperm	-	-	+	
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+	
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+	
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+	
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+	
Spergula arvensis	Corn Spurrey	-	-	+	
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	-	-	+	



Sample area 90, the pin point frame is situated behind the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 06-09-2013.

Height of vegetation in cm	0	0	0	0	
Thickness of litter in cm	3	5	8	5	
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface	
Cover in m ²	0	0	0	0	
Light penetration	0	0	0	0	
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²	
	20°	N	10	> 1	
Remarks	Moon-like sample area with many stumps, great amounts of withered moss - dried out or dea				

Species recorded in sample area 90. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
	Litter	14	-	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	2	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	+	-
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	-	+
	Seedling, gymnosperm	-	-	+



Sample area 91, the pin point frame is situated at the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 06-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cm	7	5	7	10	
Thickness of litter in cm	5	9	2	5	
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 r	m Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface	
Cover in m ²	10	> 1	> 1	0	
Light penetration	0	0	0	0	
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²	
	0	-	10	1	
Remarks	There are many	abandoned twigs, branches	and stumps in the sample area	a. In the documentary	
	circle there is an abandoned wood pile, otherwise the area has an intact vegetation cover.				

Species recorded in sample area 91. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	9	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	5	-	-
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	5	-	-
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	4	-	-
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole Pine	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	+	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	+	-
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus contorta	Lodgepole Pine	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine			+
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+



Sample area 92, the pin point frame is situated in the center of the picture, photo direction southeast. 06-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 92.

Height of vegetation in cm	1	1	0	1	
Thickness of litter in cm	4	2	2	2	
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface	
Cover in m ²	0	0	50	0	
Light penetration	N: 71	E: 61	S: 62	W: 68	
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²	
	20°	N	99	0	
Remarks	The sampling area is laid down in intact <i>Pinus mugo</i> plantation.				

Species recorded in sample area 92. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	8	-	-
	Litter	5	-	-
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	2	-	-
	Branch	1	-	-
	Sand	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	+	-
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Parmelia saxatilis		-	-	+
Bryophyte 4		-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine	-	-	+
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+



Sample area 93, the pin point frame is situated at the yellow plastic bag, photo direction southeast. 06-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 93.

Remarks

Height of vegetation in cm	0	0	0	0
Thickness of litter in cm	0	0	0	0
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	0	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
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The sample area has been moved 5 m NNW out on the almost naked sand.

Species recorded in sample area 93. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species	Additional species
	Sand	16	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	+	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	+	-
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+
Persicaria laphathifolia ssp. p	oallida Pale Persicaria	-	-	+
Spergula arvensis	Corn Spurrey	-	-	+



Sample area 94, the pin point frame is situated to the right below the center of the picture, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 94.

Height of vegetation in cm	0	35	0	40	
Thickness of litter in cm	0	0	4	2	
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface	
Cover in m ²	0	> 1	0	0	
Light penetration	0	0	0	0	
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²	
	20°	S	5	0	
Remarks	Lots of abandoned wood in the documentary circle and much withered moss – dried or dead?				

Species recorded in sample area 94. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species A	Additional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	11	-	-
	Litter	4	-	-
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	1	-	-
	Sand	1	-	-
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	+	-
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+
	Seedling, gymnosperm	-	-	+
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	-	-	+
Sonchus sp.	Sowthistle	-	-	+



Sample area 95, the pin point frame is situated in the center below in the picture, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

Vegetation and ecological parameters in sample area 95.

Height of vegetation in cm	30	35	50	0
Thickness of litter in cm	0	0	1	0
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	0	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	30°	S	10	1

Species recorded in sample area 95. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Add	litional species
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	9	-	-
	Litter	4	-	-
	Sand	2	-	-
Cladonia cfr. crispata		-	-	+
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's-ear	-	-	+



Sample area 96, the pin point frame is situated to the left of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cn	n 0	5	0	0
Thickness of litter in cm	3	4	2	2
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	1	0	> 1	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	0	-	1	> 1
Remarks	In the sampling a	rea there is a lot of dead or with	nered <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> . If a	live the cover of dwarf
shrub should be improved to 10 m ² . The sampling area is disturbed by the cuttings of				
	driving.			

Species recorded in sample area 96. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Ac	Iditional species
	Litter	9	-	-
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	5	-	-
	Sand	3	-	-
Luzula multiflora	Heath Wood-rush	1	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	-	+	-
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Chiloscyphus latifolius		-	-	+
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine			+
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+



Sample area 97, the pin point frame is situated to the left of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction south. 05-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cm	n 40	30	35	0
Thickness of litter in cm	3	3	3	3
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	2	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	10°	W	1	> 1
Remarks	The sampling area has been moved 10 m to the south into natural vegetation cover. Sand drift has			
	partly covered the litter layer and covers approximately 33 % of the documentary circle.			

Species recorded in sample area 97. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Ad	dditional species
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	14	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	3	-	-
	Litter	2	-	-
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	-	-	+
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	-	-	+
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+
Atriplex patula	Common Orache	-	-	+
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	-	-	+
Polygonum aviculare	Knotgrass	-	-	+
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	-	-	+
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+
Senecio viscosus	Sticky Groundsel	-	-	+
Sonchus asper	Prickly Sowthistle	-	-	+
Viola arvensis	Field Pansy		<u>-</u>	+



Sample area 98, the pin point frame is situated in the center of the picture, photo direction north. 05-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cm	0	0	40	0
Thickness of litter in cm	3	2	3	3
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	0	0	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	6°	E	5	>1
Remarks	The documentary circle is affected by cuttings and abandoned wood.			

Species recorded in sample area 98. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary specie	s Additional species
	Litter	8	-	-
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	6	-	-
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	2	-	-
Cladonia portentosa		-	-	+
Hypogymnia physodes		-	-	+
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+
	Seedling, gymnosperm	-	-	+
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+
Senecio sylvaticus	Heath Groundsel	-	-	+



Sample area 99, the pin point frame is situated to the right of the yellow plastic bag, photo direction southeast. 05-09-2013.

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Height of vegetation in cm	5	0	3	2
Thickness of litter in cm	2	4	4	1
	Dwarf shrub	Trees and shrubs below 1 m	Trees and shrubs over 1 m	Free water surface
Cover in m ²	5	1	0	0
Light penetration	0	0	0	0
	Inclination	Direction of inclination	Cover of bryophytes in m ²	Cover of lichens in m ²
	20°	E	5	2

Species recorded in sample area 99. A species is only registered in the table the first time it is has been recorded in the field.

International name	Vernacular name	No. of pins	Supplementary species Additional species		
	Litter	6	-	-	
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	4	-	-	
Hypnum jutlandicum	Heath Plait-moss	3	-	-	
Pleurozium schreberi	Red-stemmed Feather-moss	2	-	-	
Cladonia portentosa		1	-	-	
Ptilidium ciliare		-	+	-	
Cladonia chlorophaea agg.		-	-	+	
Dicranum scoparium	Broom Moss	-	-	+	
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-fern	-	-	+	
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	-	-	+	
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	-	-	+	
Picea sitchensis	Sitka Spruce	-	-	+	
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain-pine	-	-	+	
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	-	-	+	
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	-	-	+	
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	-	-	+	
Empetrum nigum	Crowberry	-	-	+	
Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved Heath	-	-	+	
Salix repens var. repens	Creaping Willow	-	-	+	
Vaccinium uliginosum	Bog Bilberry	-	-	+	
Carex arenaria	Sand Sedge	-	-	+	
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	-	-	+	

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MONITORING THE VEGETATION RECOVERY IN ØSTERILD PLANTAGE 2013

Part 1

The trees in a part of Østerild Plantage has been cut down to give room for a national test center. Before the afforestation DCE has performed a baseline monitoring in the summer of 2011. DCE has in late summer 2013 re-monitored the recovery of the vegetation cover in the northernmost part of the afforested area that was covered by plantation of *Pinus mugo*. The results from the re-monitoring are presented in the report.



