

Facts & Figures: Environmental Investigations

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- 1995-1999: First German-Danish preliminary environmental studies
- 2004-2005: Further preliminary studies
- 2008-2010: Extensive environmental studies, taking into account the findings of the preliminary studies
- The study programme costs approximately EUR 67 million
- The study programme was carried out by more than 100 environmental experts to collect data from seven different main areas:
 - Hydrography
 - Marine biology
 - Fish and fisheries
 - Birds
 - Marine mammals - harbour seals, pinnipeds and harbour porpoises
 - Environmental studies on land
 - Archaeology
- After the completion of the data collection, the environmental research scientists moved their workplace from the field into the office. Around 50 people in seven firms of consultants are currently involved with the processing and evaluation of environmental data for Femern A/S.
- The precise implementation of the study programme was coordinated with the competent authorities and with environmental associations within the framework of a scoping process in the ESPOO states, as well as in Germany and Denmark from 21 June to 6 September 2010.
- The scoping process will be concluded in 2011 with a white paper in Denmark; in Germany, it has already been concluded within the framework of an official report.
- The results of the environmental studies will be included in the environmental impact study, which will be published within the framework of the approval process.

Femern A/S is tasked with designing and planning of a fixed link between Denmark and Germany across the Fehmarnbelt. Femern A/S is a subsidiary of the Danish, state-owned Sund & Bælt Holding A/S, which has experience from the construction of the fixed links across the Great Belt and the Øresund.