



Presentation of Vejle Fjordhave - sustainable cultivation of sugar kelp and blue mussels.

Over the past few years, many people have become aware that exciting things are happening with blue mussels in Vejle Fjord. - Part of these activities is Vejle Fjordhave, where we work with regenerative and sustainable cultivation of sugar kelp and blue mussels

The association Vejle Fjordhave grows sugar kelp and blue mussels on lines in an area just west of Træskohage lighthouse.

In Brejning harbour we have a second-hand but suitable boat "Mytilus", we use it when the "breeding" on the lines has to be taken care of. A smaller boat "Mytiline" can be loaned to members who want to go on a fun trip with family or friends.

It has been encouraging that the sugar kelp turns into delicious snacks etc., and the quantity of mussels in the fjord has been overwhelming, and that the cultivated mussels have had a superb quality. They grow quickly, they are fleshy and extremely tasty. Mussels appear to be a fine and luxurious way to produce proteins. Both sugar kelp and mussels belong to the absolutely best end of the CO2e scale.

You don't have to go to Belgium or Normandy to eat mussels, the quality of mussels in Vejle Fjord can easily handle the level.

- But of course you have to be a member of Vejle Fjordhave.

Time of the year:

April-May-June: The mussels in the fjord breed, which on our lines looks like everything is covered with grains of sand. In a short time it can be seen that millions of small mussels have attached themselves everywhere.

May – September the mussels must be looked after. The superfluous mussels must be scraped off the lines. The mussels we want to grow must be put in "stockings", and the mussels we already have in stockings must be sorted for either eating or continued growth in the stockings on the lines.

September – November: The mussels are still growing well and need to be looked after and sorted. In addition, stockings with mussels must be secured against eider ducks, either by fitting a net (a sock) around the stocking or by moving them into the harbor in Brejning. In addition, we must "plant" grafted sugar kelp lines in the fjord garden.

December – March: Line inspection and marking.

October – May: The sugar kelp grows.

During the year, the association holds or participates in events, e.g. Vejle Fjord Festival and Pick-up events for members.

The association "Vejle Fjordhave" currently has approx. 75 families and individuals as members. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning we have regular working days, when we sail out to the garden, weather permitting. Some members show up almost every Tuesday or Thursday, others only support financially, which is also very welcome.

Those interested can follow us at www.vejlefordhave.dk



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At work in the fjord garden



Shells ready to sail into the fjord garden



Refined Tang Linen



Sugar Kelp in April



Mussel day in the harbour of Brejning



Mytilus



Delicious clam chowder