



ONE OCEAN WEEK

The One Ocean Expedition: In August 2021, the Norwegian tall ship, Statsraad Lehmkuhl embarked on a 20-month long circumnavigation of the globe – The One Ocean Expedition. The goal was to create attention and share knowledge about the crucial role of the ocean for sustainable development from a global perspective. The One Ocean Expedition is a part of the UNs decade of ocean science for sustainable development. Through the expedition, the 108-year-old sail ship has served as a floating university and training vessel. Here, business, academia, professionals, and trainees have come together in a unique arena for collaboration. Statsraad Lehmkuhl is a symbol for, and an ambassador for a sustainable ocean. The expedition has received great international attention, and the ship has been visited by heads of state and diplomats from all the countries the ship has visited.

On April 15, 2023, the ship returns to Norway and Bergen. This will mark the start of The One Ocean Week – a week filled with conferences, workshops, and activities related to maritime policy, marine research, and sustainable oceans.

Bilateral ocean cooperation between Portugal and Norway

Portugal and Norway share a long history and strong connection to the ocean. The Ocean Week in Bergen is an excellent arena to showcase some of the ongoing bilateral cooperation related to the blue economy and sustainable ocean.

During the Ocean Expedition, Statsraad Lehmkuhl stopped in Portugal twice. The first time was in Lisbon in September 2021 – the second stop of the circumnavigation. Its second visit was to Horta, the Açores, in January 2022. In September 2021, the Expedition's arrival was marked by bilateral political meetings between the Portuguese Minister of the Sea and the Norwegian State Secretary, both doubling as sherpas for the High-Level Panel for Sustainable Ocean Economy. A reception was organized on board Statsraad Lehmkuhl, while the bilateral meeting took place on board the EEA grants-funded Portuguese Ocean Research Vessel, Mário Ruivo. The expedition's arrival created massive media attention, including in two main TV-stations and all of the main newspaper. In total an audience of 3.4 million people was reached. The news coverage focused on the goals of the expedition, but also the UNs decade of ocean science, sustainable ocean management, the EEA grants and more. In the Açores, in January 2022, the Blue Growth PO, DGPM, and the Embassy co-organized a seminar about Portuguese-Norwegian cooperation to promote “the blue in the green”, financed by the EEA grants. The Portuguese Minister of the Sea was present, in addition to the Regional Authority of the Açores, and representatives from the Portuguese ocean research environment. The visit received considerable media attention in the Açores and was also covered in the National TV-news.

Delegation visit from Portugal during Ocean Week

In connection with the Ocean Week, a delegation visit from Portugal to Norway is organized. The aim is twofold: 1. To showcase some of the ongoing bilateral cooperation between Portugal and Norway related to the blue and sustainable ocean, financed by the EEA grants, and 2: To discuss the synergies with the Blue Growth and Environment areas, as well as to identify best practices and opportunities for future cooperation.

The delegation program is composed of a **public seminar**, followed by internal **CC-meetings** with all the DPPs and a **public screening of Ocean Related films** resulting from the FILMar project on day one. Day two is dedicated to **visits to important ocean research institutions**. Day three is a **visit to the Nordhordland Biosphere reserve**, project partner in the EEA-grants project Biosphere Reserves (draft agenda below).

18th April

10h30 | 13h30 – The Blue in the Green: Portuguese-Norwegian cooperation on environment and the ocean

Venue: Litteraturhuset (Østre Skostredet 5, 5017 Bergen) - Room Olav H. Hauge

10h30 | 11h Opening session

Head of National Focal Point, Susana Ramos

Ambassador of Portugal to Norway, Pedro Pessoa e Costa

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Erling Rimestad

Secretary of State for Sea, José Maria Costa

11h | 12h Best practices – Projects Presentations financed by Blue Growth and Environment, with the presence of the Donor Projects Partners

Environment projects: E-REDES and CLIMA.AML - Metropolitan Weather Network – Advanced Weather Monitoring

Blue Growth projects: SeaRubbish2Cap – Neuroplast and HO-3D – ZERO P

Moderator: Programme Director / Innovation Norway, Magnar Ødelien

12h | 13h Round Table: Synergies between Blue Growth and Environment - A common path to the Green Deal

Blue Growth: COMPETE 2030, João Mendes Borga

Environment: Centre for Marine and Environmental Research (CIMA), University of Algarve, André Pacheco

Norwegian expert Innovation Manager / GCE Ocean Technology, Karianne Kojen Andersen

Moderator: Director, Department of Special Assignments / Innovation Norway, Gaute Hagerup

13h | 13h30 Closing Session

13h30 | 14h30 – Lunch

Venue: Litteraturhuset (Østre Skostredet 5, 5017 Bergen)

15h | 17h Informal Cooperation Committee Meeting together for Blue Growth and Environment Programme with all DPP

Venue: Directorate of Higher Education and Skills - HK-Dir. (Fortunen 1, Bergen)

17h30 Film Session – Organized by Filmar Project

Venue: Cinemateke Bergen

Portuguese movies:

A ALMADRABA ATUNEIRA (António Campos, 1961)

ARMAZÉM FRIGORÍFICO DO PORTO (Adolfo Quaresma, 1939)

TRÁFEGO E ESTIVA (Manuel Guimarães, 1968)

Norwegian movies:

ELMER AND THE FLOWER BOAT (Øyvind Sandberg, 1998)

MATA DO BUSSACO (Hans Berge)

19th April

9h-10h Visit to Innovation Norway Vestland Office – presentation of the business environment on the Western Coast of Norway including blue growth sectors

10h30-12h Visit to [GCE Ocean Technology](#) Cluster and a presentation/tour of the [ViVite](#) Science Education Centre

12h15 Lunch – Venue (Science Education Centre restaurant)

13h30 Visit to the Institute of Marine Research

15h Visit to [Bergen Port](#)

20th April



Welcome to NORDHORDLAND

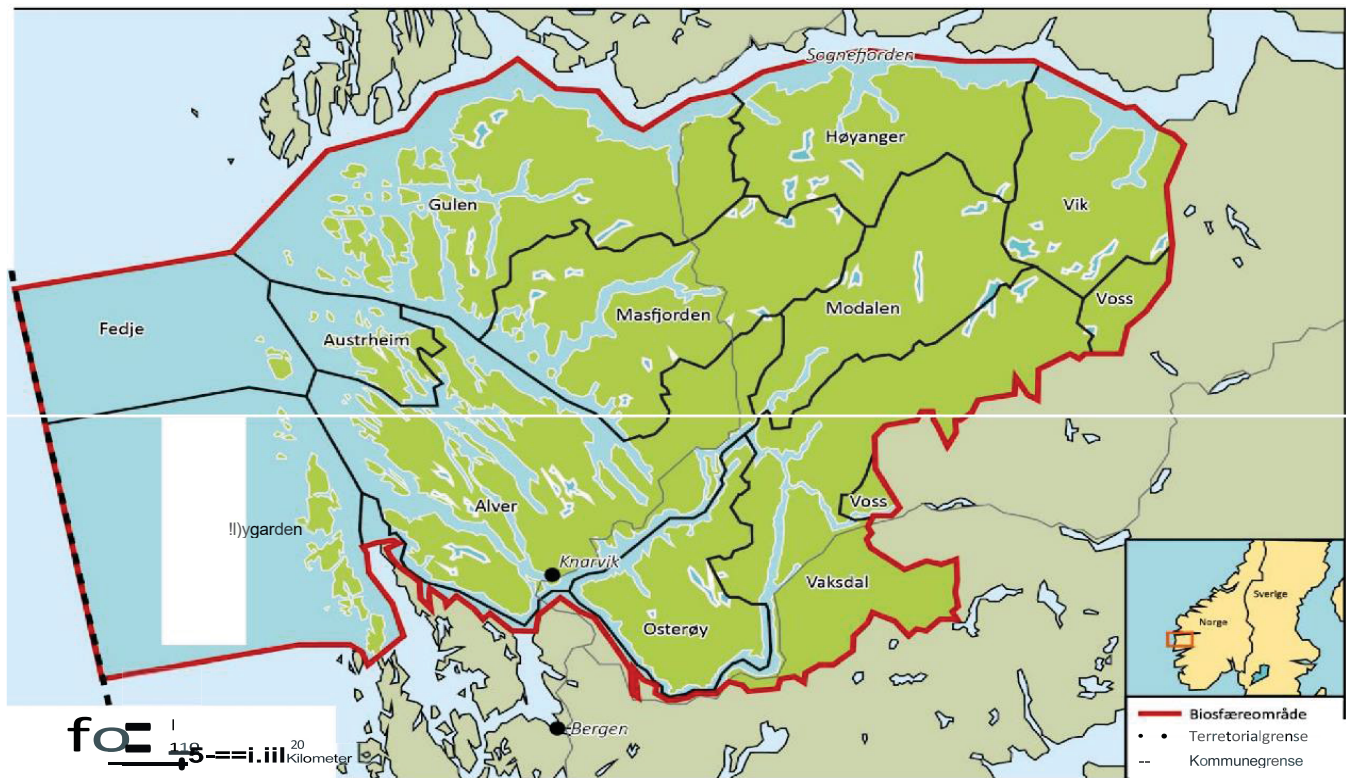


Daytrip to
Nordhordland UNESCO Biosphere
20th of April 2023

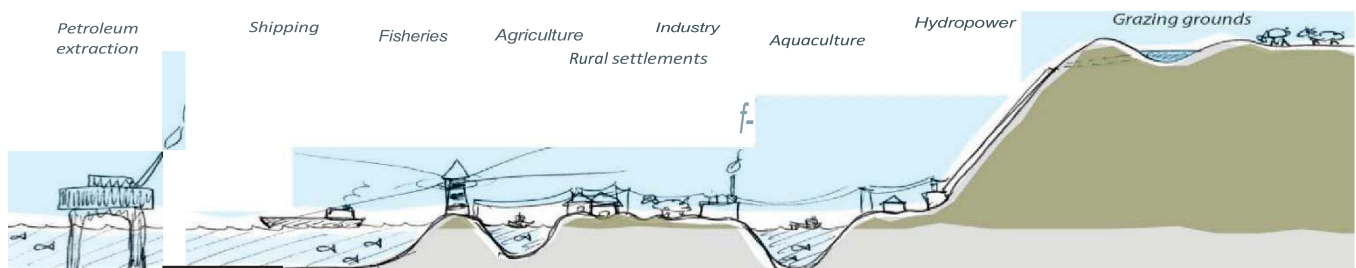
Visit to Nordhordland Biosphere Reserve



Nordhordland is situated between Bergen, the second largest city in Norway, and the Sognefjord - on the western coast.



The resource-profile of Nordhordland UNESCO Biosphere





Programme

The ultimate way to see Nordhordland is to go by boat. You will discover the fjords and our narrow straits and see the landscape, how we have adjusted and used our rich resources, and how we live today. Throughout the day we will tell you about our biosphere, our mission and how we work. We will stay at the Heathland Centre and learn about the cultural landscape on the coast of Europe, stretching from Portugal to Norway. Please make sure to bring outdoor clothes and shoes for hiking in the Heathlands!

We hope that the hours we have together will inspire you to see more of our biosphere area and taste more of our local food some other time!

Agenda:

7h45 Meeting point in Bergen, in the harbour «Strandkaien»

08h00 Departure: Expressboat from Strankaen

08h40 Arrival at Lygra

- Morning snack
- The mission of Nordhordland UNESCO Biosphere
- The History of the Heathland Centre
- Doing the Heathlands – outdoor hiking
- Lunch

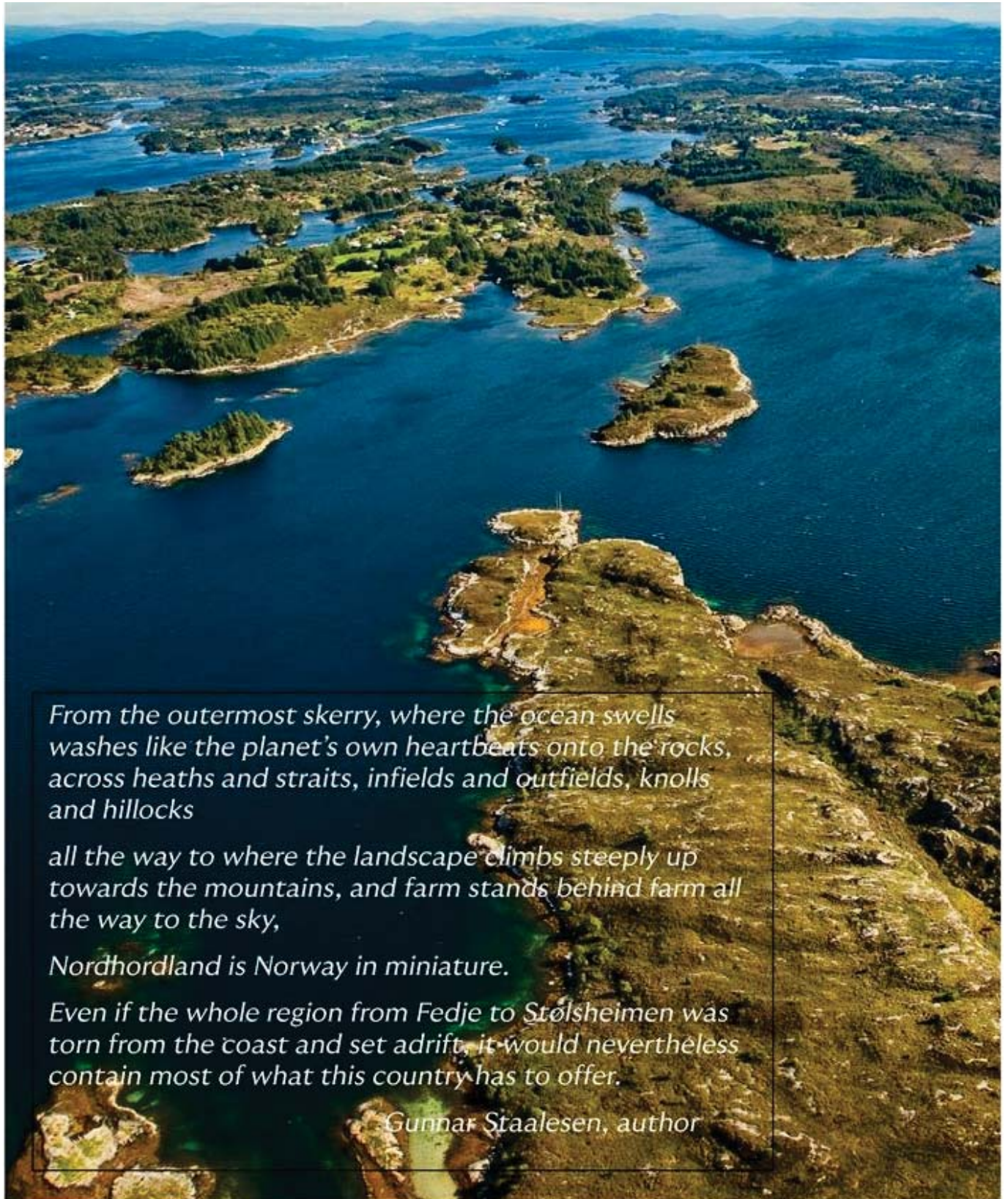
13h15 Departure Lygra by bus

14h Saying goodbye in Knarvik, the region – center in Nordhordland

14h Arriving Bergen city center

14h Arriving Bergen Airport Flesland





*From the outermost skerry, where the ocean swells
washes like the planet's own heartbeats onto the rocks,
across heaths and straits, infields and outfields, knolls
and hillocks*

*all the way to where the landscape climbs steeply up
towards the mountains, and farm stands behind farm all
the way to the sky,*

Nordhordland is Norway in miniature.

*Even if the whole region from Fedje to Stølsheimen was
torn from the coast and set adrift, it would nevertheless
contain most of what this country has to offer.*

Gunnar Staalesen, author