

About light pollution and certification as Dark Sky Thy

In Denmark's major cities, during the winter season you will be able to see 20-30 bright stars on a cloudless evening. If you visit one of the country's darkest places, you will be able to see 2,000-3,000. In a dark night sky you will also be able to see satellites and the International Space Station (ISS) moving across the sky.

Man-made lights such as street lamps, illuminated parking lots and stadiums create light pollution that changes nature's natural light levels and negatively affects certain animals and plant species.

Light pollution is one of the most profound forms of environmental change. More than 80 percent of the world's population and more than 99 percent of the European population live [under light-polluted skies](#). Most of Denmark is also light-polluted. Therefore, areas of deep night darkness, as at Bulbjerg-Trolldsting-Lildstrand, are a rarity worldwide.

The [International Dark Sky Association, IDA](#), is a non-profit organization that works to protect and preserve the night darkness and certifies dark sky parks according to a prior process that includes metering, citizen meetings, application preparation etc.

There are about 85 dark sky parks worldwide, 18 of them in Europe. The "Hawboernes Forening, Lildstrand" (residents association), is working on an IDA certification and has obtained prior approval for the area Bulbjerg-Trolldsting-Lildstrand, see illustration below. Metering equipment has been purchased and in 2021 we will start with the required measurements of the depth of the night when weather conditions allow.

If you want to know more, please write to us via "[Kontakt](#)".

