

Law on nature preservation

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// abstract:

Chapter 9 of this law deals with the protection, development and management of the coastal dune area, parts of which can be considered as 'protected dune area'. Farmlands can also be protected as 'farmlands important to the dune area'. All coastal municipalities have to draw up an inventory of the dune areas where zoning changes or restrictions are required. The regulation within the protected dune areas, such as a total building ban, is discussed in the law, as well as the possible compensations that need to be paid (as a result of, inter alia, this building ban). Finally, the sanctions and the surveillance of compliance with the law are specified.

Chapter 9 of this law corresponds to the so-called *Dunes decree* (p.120).