

# Sustainable natural trees



## NEW certification opportunity for members of Danske Juletræer

Sustainable natural trees (SNT) are produced and controlled according to the strict state and regional rules of Denmark. In many respects clearly above the European and national certification and control regulations of other countries. Denmark is thus far ahead in terms of preserving the environment and nature as well as climate protection and biodiversity. These certified natural tree productions by members of Danske Juletræer set new standards in nature conservation and sustainability.

### How to join the scheme

Foreign producers can participate in the scheme if they comply with the Danish laws and regulations for the cultivation of Christmas trees and decorative greenery and comply with the regulations for Sustainable Natural Trees. An application form must be filled out, which should be accompanied by a digital map of the property(ies) that is to be included in the concept (all areas of the property must be included). The location of the various initiatives (e.g., hedgerows, piles of stones, etc.) should be plotted on the map. If the application complies with the rules, a user agreement will be sent, which must be signed and returned to the Danish Christmas Tree Association, which will then issue a numbered certificate as proof that the logo may be used.

### Solemn declaration when using contractors

If some tasks are to be performed by contractors (e.g., planting, fencing, etc.) or staffing agencies (e.g., harvesting and reprocessing), these companies must also comply with the rules for Sustainable Natural Trees. Therefore, they must sign a solemn declaration, which can be downloaded from the Sustainable Natural Trees website [www.christmastree.dk](http://www.christmastree.dk) → Cultivation → Certification → Sustainable natural trees

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## Demands are in place for the following:

### Cultivation site and biodiversity

- ▶ Consideration for the environment and the past
- ▶ Rules for Christmas trees in woods
- ▶ Forest on properties with Christmas trees
- ▶ Hedgerows
- ▶ Wildlife and wildflower corridors
- ▶ No tillage
- ▶ Untouched nature

### Plant material

- ▶ Certified foreign seed for seedlings
- ▶ Adapted plant material

### Crop protection

- ▶ Minimal use of only a few approved plant protection agents
- ▶ Strict application, control, and rules (IPM principle)
- ▶ Consumption control and safe storage
- ▶ Approved equipment and trained personnel only
- ▶ Clear rules for use and cleaning

### Nutrients

- ▶ Use dictated by need
- ▶ Low input of fertiliser
- ▶ Control of consumption
- ▶ Livestock manure with reduction of greenhouse gases
- ▶ Controlled application of nutrients

### Climate

- ▶ High CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in biomass
- ▶ High CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in the soil
- ▶ Low greenhouse gas emissions
- ▶ Replanting

### Working conditions

- ▶ Good working conditions
- ▶ Employees' rights
- ▶ Decent jobs

### Waste management and fuels

- ▶ Focus on recycling
- ▶ Caution with fuels