

## A landscape in harmony with itself

Harmony is an expression of peace, in all friendliness and tolerance. For example, if you live in harmony, you are well matched. Are things harmonious, it means that they fit well and work well together.

The cottage is located only fifty meters from the coast. But you must walk a kilometre off the coast to reach the deeper sea. Much further out you can see the big ocean-going ships. The shallow area alternates with a few centimetres of water under high tide and wet sand at low tide.

This coastal landscape is a paradise for the birds of the sea: The mute swan, the black-headed gull, the curlew, the oyster catcher, the sheldrake and a lot of other sea birds. Everywhere there are common mussels to eat, and the lugworm give itself away with their little grey turds of sand above their hideaway.

I walk as often as possible down to the coast and go for a walk on the sand and the shallow water. Only rarely do I meet others. There may be a couple of people gathering common mussels, and almost every day an amber collector walks along the coast when the tide is low.

This spring day in April it is a rider and his horse that creates a renewed harmony in this peaceful landscape in Himmerland.



*The coast close to Dokkedal, Himmerland, Denmark, April 2018*