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The department is assigned coordination responsibility for the Environment Agency's tasks related to **monitoring, mapping, research, development, and environmental economics.**

The Department is responsible for e.g.: Water management related to the water regulations. Water restoration, as well as levers on effect of phosphorus and nitrogen in water. Fisheries management linked to the Salmon and Inland Fisheries Act, including regulation of fishing, preservation of fish stocks in gene banks, and combating *Gyrodactylus salaris*. Regulation and measures relating to alien organisms, foreign tree species, trade in endangered species (CITES). Nature mapping, ecological maps and environmental monitoring. System for ecological condition measurements and Nature Index for Norway. Socio-economic assessments in all the Environment Agency's areas of responsibility; pollution, climate and nature management. And coordination responsibility for climate/natural diversity, ecosystems in fresh water and forests.

Mr. Sørensen was **previously county governor in Nordland**/State administrators in Nordland - Department director/county head of environmental protection. Responsible for follow-up and implementation of national policy and assignments in the environmental area - from wild game, climate, license processing, supervision, aquaculture, the water directive, planning matters, motor traffic, alien species/threatened species, establishment and management of protected areas, anadromous fish, regulated waterways,

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