



Workshop to promote ratifications of the LRTAP Protocols

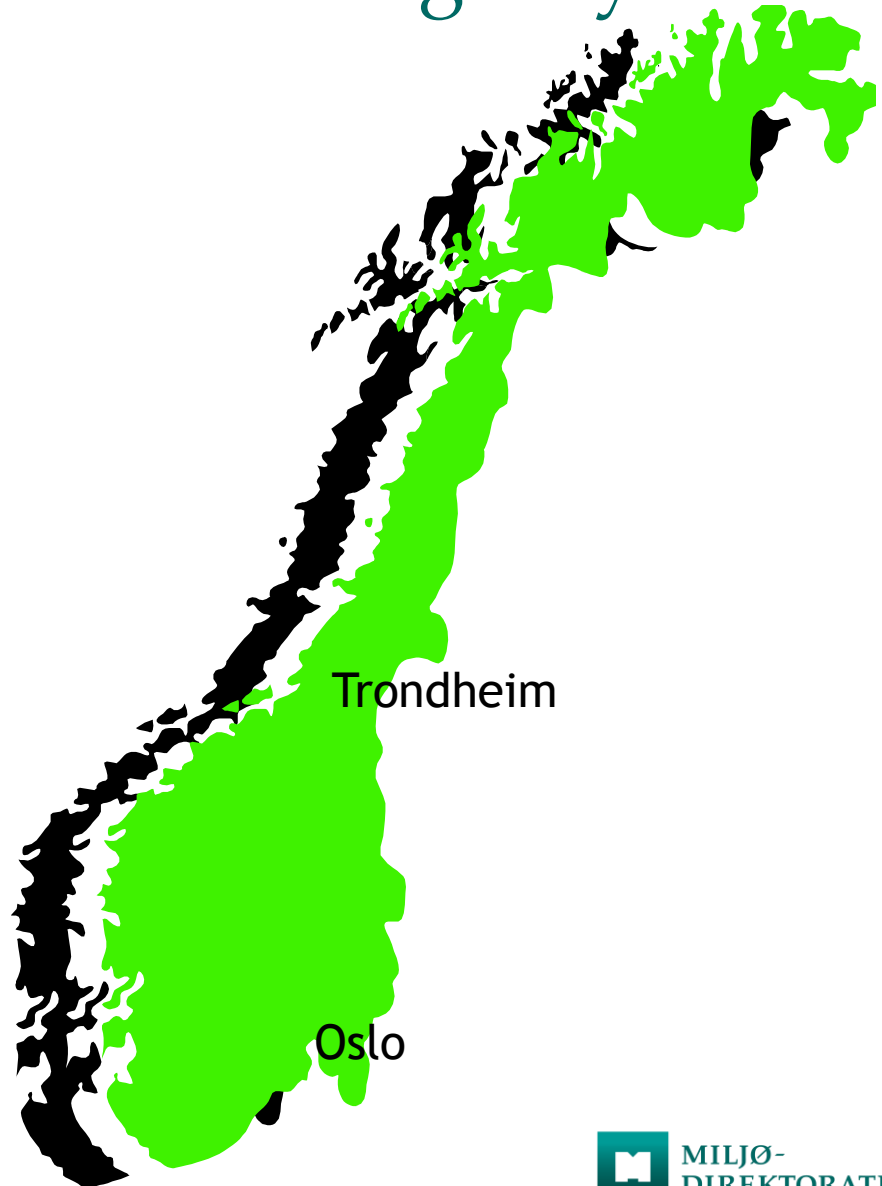
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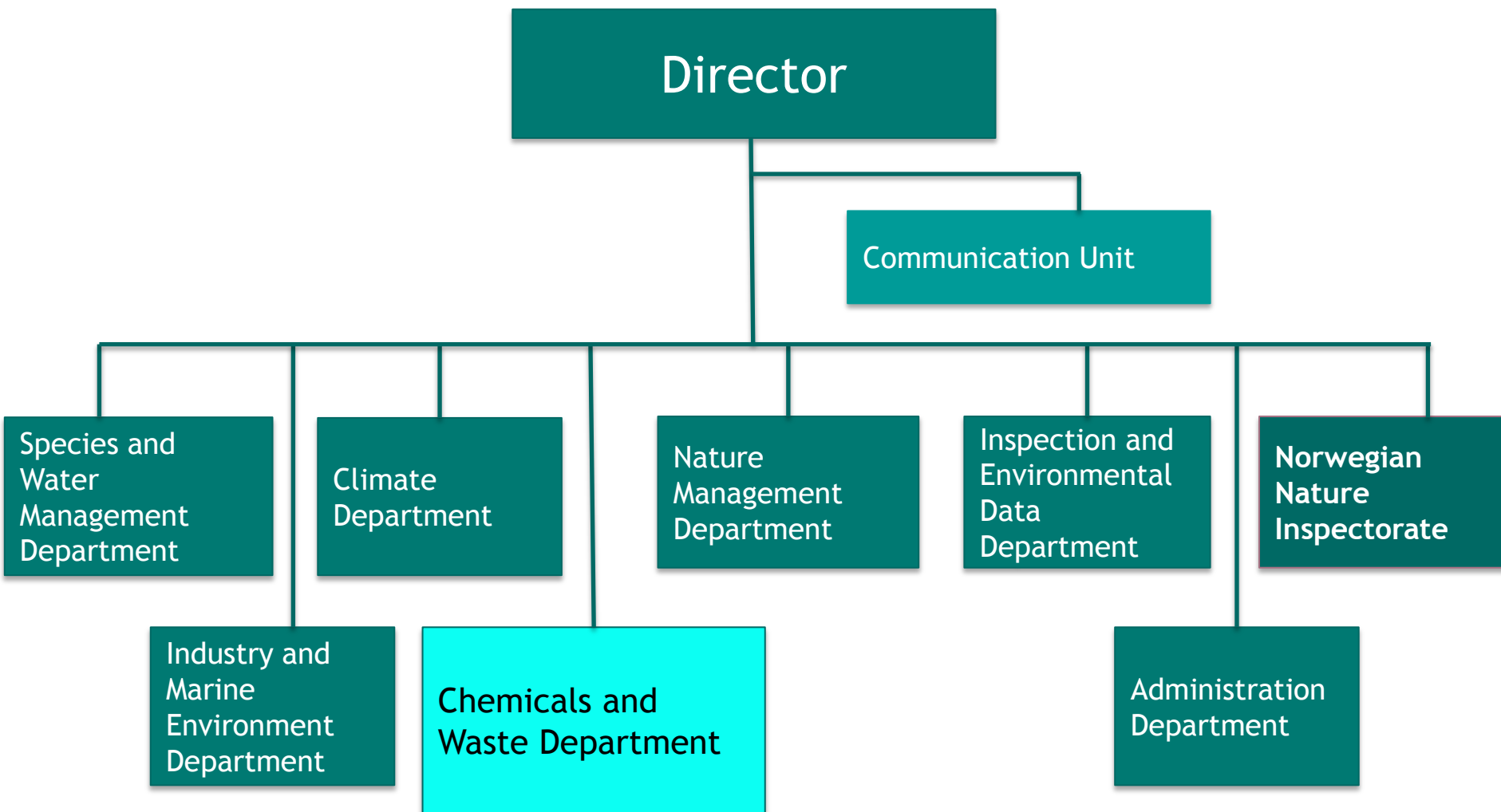
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The Norwegian Environment Agency

- Agency under the Ministry of Environment
- Established 1 July 2013
- A merger of the Directorate for Nature Management and the Climate and Pollution Agency
- About 700 employees - mostly in Trondheim and Oslo



How we are organized



Our functions

- Knowledge about the environment and dissemination
- Exercise of authority
- Management and guidance on the regional and municipal levels
- Advice on environmental issues
- International environmental work

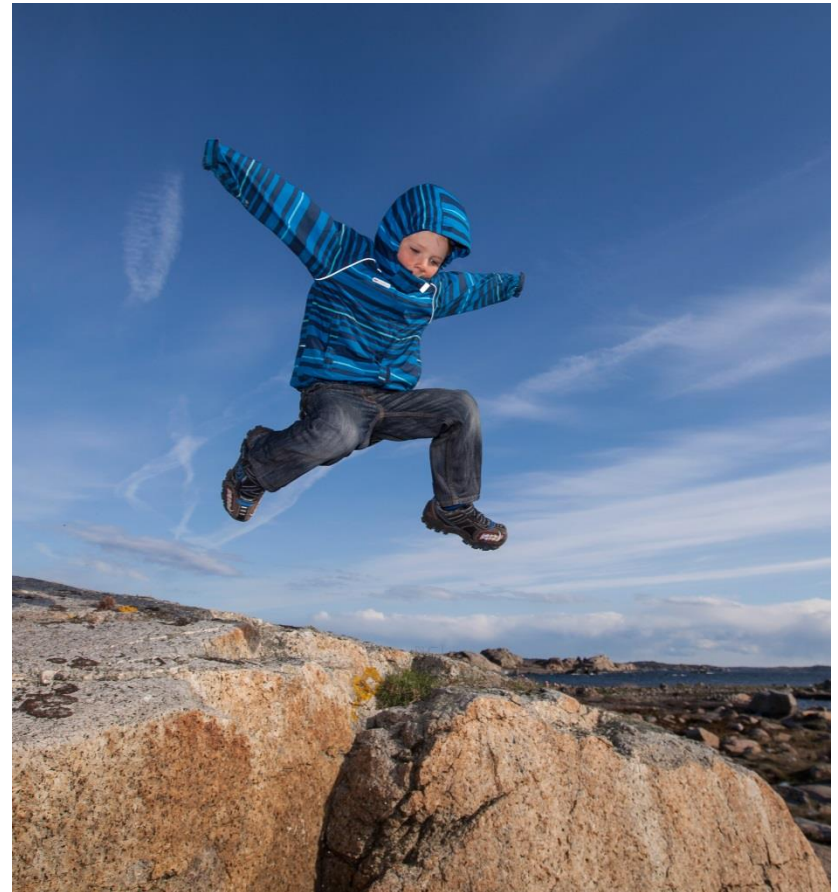


Photo: Kim Abel, Naturarkivet

"...the most important contributor to environmental policy formulation in Norway..."



Photo: Norwegian Environment Agency, Bård Bredeesen (Naturarkivet), John Petter Reinertsen and Georg Bangjord

National goals - chemicals

- Releases and use of substances that pose a serious threat to health or the environment shall be continuously reduced with a view to eliminating them by 2020.
- The risk that releases and use of chemicals may cause injury to health or environment shall be minimised.



National and international focus

- National work
- Work at regional level with EU and LRTAP.
- Work in global conventions like the Stockholm and the Minamata Conventions

