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Reaching out to the youngest - Junior Ranger

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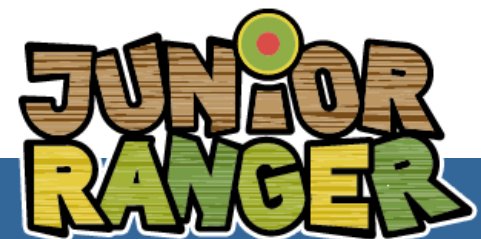
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1. What is a Junior Ranger?



Junior Rangers...

- are children and youth aged 7 to 18
- love to be outdoors
- are „trained“ and encouraged to take action as young conservationists
- know a lot about nature in the National Park and Biosphere reserve
- have an important function as multipliers and help to protect the Wadden Sea



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Focus Areas of Junior Rangers

1. Social aspects

- Overcome boundaries
- experience unforgettable adventures without harming nature
- get „in touch“ and connect with nature
- know how to be safe on the trail
- training of awareness
- teambuilding & self-efficacy

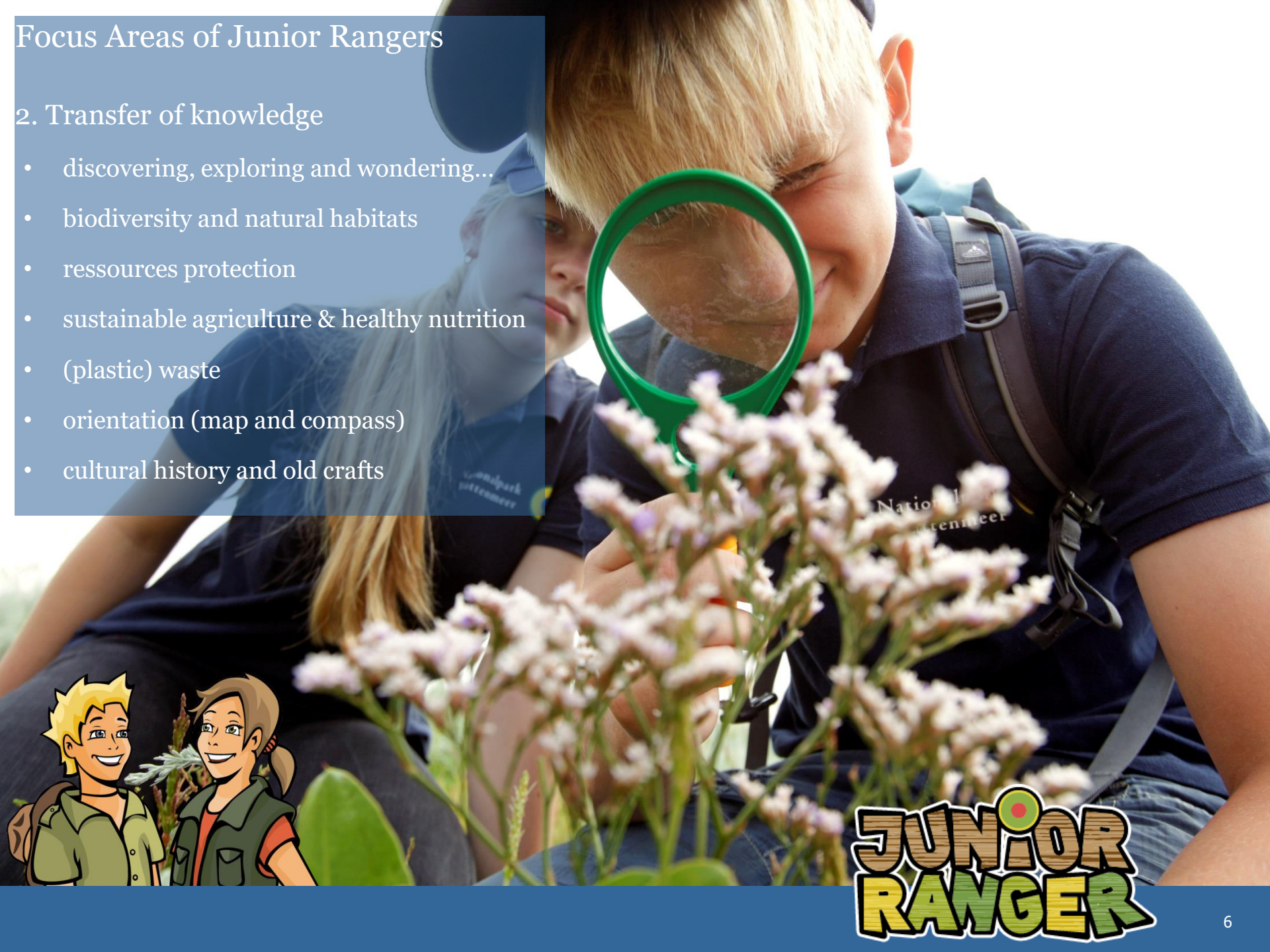


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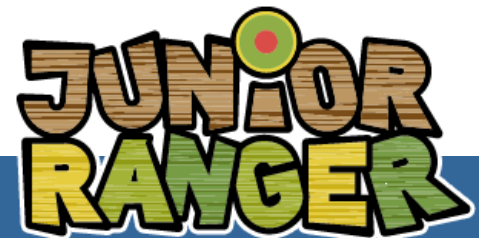
2. Transfer of knowledge

- discovering, exploring and wondering...
- biodiversity and natural habitats
- resources protection
- sustainable agriculture & healthy nutrition
- (plastic) waste
- orientation (map and compass)
- cultural history and old crafts



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2. Junior Rangers - a nationwide program!



Junior Ranger Program

- Nationwide program for children and youth (EUROPARC Deutschland)
- Started 2008 in Germany
- First nationwide camp 2009, since then annual gatherings of all Junior Rangers in Germany
- Today more than 50 National Nature Landscapes have Junior Ranger groups or other activities
- www.junior-ranger.de



The German Junior Ranger Program

Goals:

- To win children as ambassadors for protected areas in Germany.

- To raise their awareness for nature and its conservation.

Steps:

- To network and expand existing junior ranger activities
- To develop new target groups
- To develop quality criteria and a corporate design

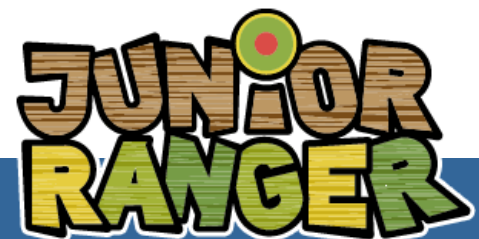
Main structure:

- Various regular activities in more than 50 NNL
- Annual meetings of all regional supervisors (workshops with lectures, exchange)
- Annual meetings of all Junior Rangers (camps with exkursions, games, adventures)



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3. Junior Rangers - Activities in Schleswig-Holstein



Junior Ranger groups in SH

- Children need to participate at least 30 hours to become a junior ranger

Groups at National Park schools

- Start in 2011
- Length: one school year, usually in 4th or 5th grade
- Supervisors: staff NP and NGOs, Rangers, teachers
- 2019: four groups (2 x Husum, Pellworm, Meldorf)

Free groups

- Start in 1999
- No time limit, kids usually stay several years
- Supervisors: staff NP and NGOs, Rangers,
- 2019: two groups (Nordstrand, St. Peter-Ording)



Junior Ranger Entdeckerheft

- New target group: visiting children (who can't join the groups)
- Nationwide-working group developed booklet with tasks and riddles (structure, content and layout)
- After solving the tasks, the children get a certificate and a patch.
- Regional booklets available now in about 20 NNL



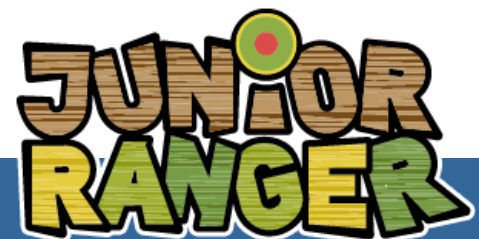
Junior Ranger Entdeckerheft

- The first booklet was published in SH in 2011.
- Distribution within the National Park partner network (visitor centers, holiday homes...)
- Meanwhile it's already the 3rd edition (more than 10.000 copies sold).
- Some schools order it as a preparation für their school trips to the Wadden Sea.



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4. Junior Rangers - Activities in Lower Saxony



Junior Rangers in Lower Saxony

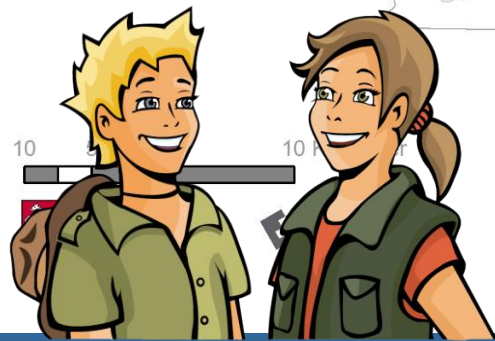
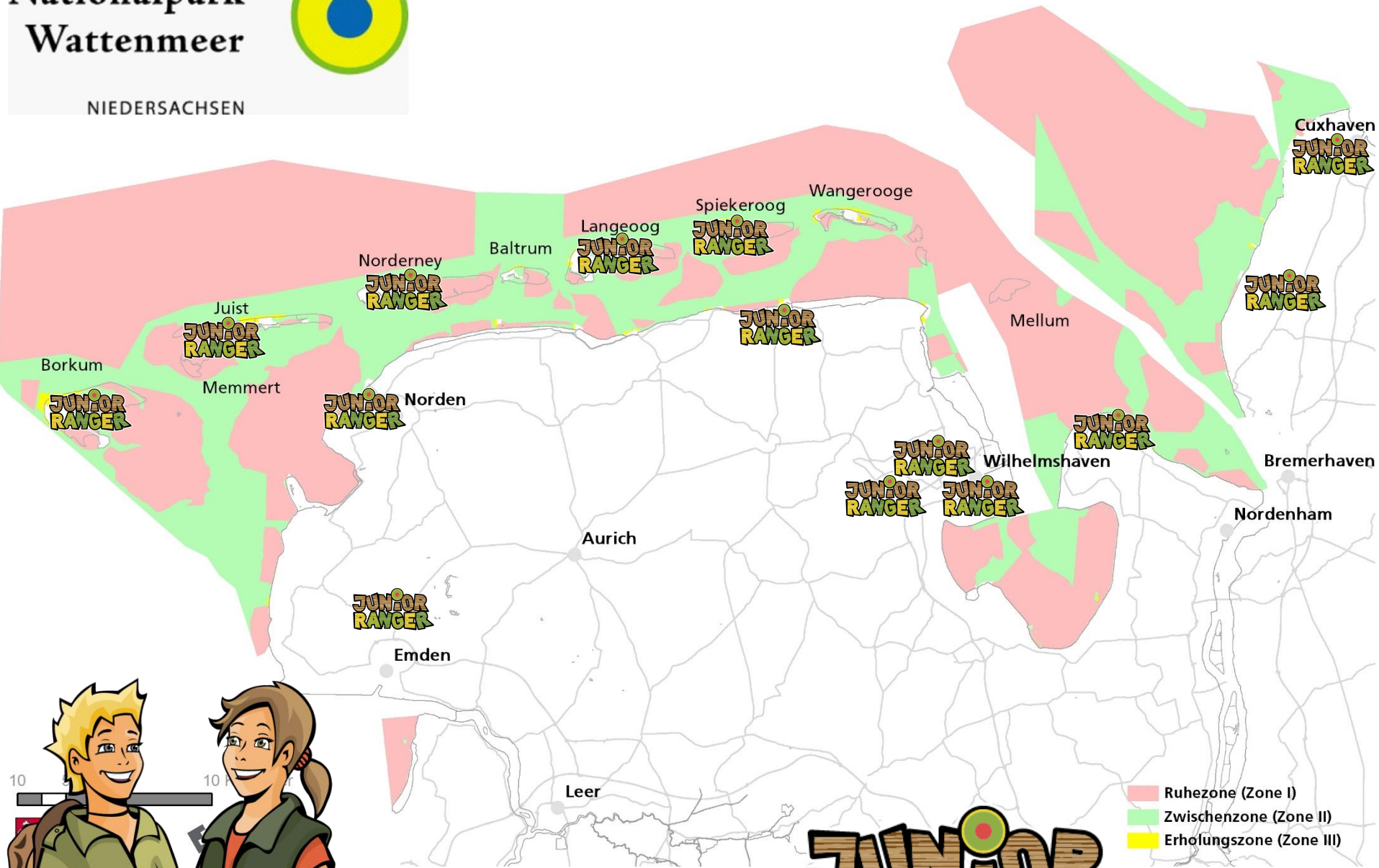
- program started in 2008
- more than 1,000 certified Junior Rangers until now
- 400 Junior Rangers in action



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Junior Ranger Groups

School groups

- Special Course in school for one year
- Mainly outdoor, NOT behind a desk
- At least two school hours per week or four school hours every two weeks

- 5 obligatory Topics
- 30 hours
- One completed Logbook

ESD embedded in outdoor and wilderness education

Regional groups

- Regional groups outside from school
- 10 activities
- Adventures, trips and Camps in their leisure time
- Groups are located around National Park establishments



Learning goals

- 1. Wadden Sea and first knowledge of species
- 2. National Park and Biosphere Reserve
- 3. Special work effort (z.B. collecting waste, building/cleaning nesting boxes, planting trees etc.)
- 4. Public relations
- 5. Ranger's Work



Junior Ranger products

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Herzlichen Glückwunsch!

Du hast den
**Nationalpark
 Niedersächsisches Wattenmeer**
 erforscht und die Rätsel erfolgreich gelöst.
 Deshalb ehren wir dich,

zum
„Junior Ranger auf Entdeckertour“
 Junior Ranger sind Botschafter der Nationalen Naturlandschaften.
 Sie setzen sich für den Schutz der wertvollsten Landschaften
 Deutschlands ein.

Ort, Datum

Das hochwertige Junior-Ranger-Programm
 Gewandherstellung von EISENBÜCHER
 WFF. Qualität und Exklusivität sind die
 überragenden Kennzeichen.



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Kids Watt Academy



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Coastal-Camp



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Migratory Bird-Camp



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Junior Ranger – What now?

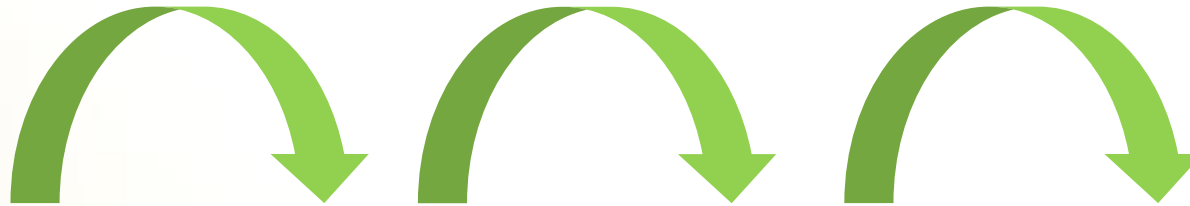


Junior Ranger Training Program

age 9 to 12

age 9 to 12

age 14



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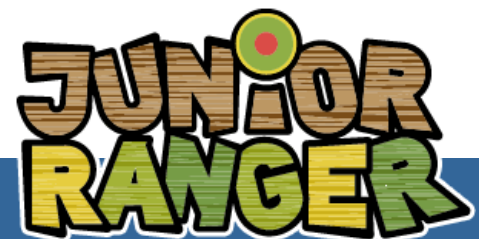
Teamer



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5. Junior Ranger - Relevance and outlook



The Relevance of the Program

Developing a “Generation Nature”

- Today’s children are tomorrow’s decision-makers
- Education for sustainable development (ESD) is indispensable in National Nature Landscapes and especially in Biosphere Reserves



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The Relevance of the Program

Best praxis example for the implementation of the Wadden Sea Strategy on Education

Junior Rangers are the next generation of the Wadden Sea Family!



Shaping a Sustainable Tomorrow

Wadden Sea Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development and World Heritage Interpretation



Outlook

- Participating in UNESCO European Youth Forum in Germany
- Participating in UNESCO global MAB Youth Forum in China
- Trilateral Wadden Sea Camp im Summer 2020



Thank you for your
attention





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