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Successful cooperation for endangered hemlock water fennel

Elbe Habitat Foundation and MSC Foundation plant hemlock water fennel in Kirchwerder dyke foreland

Hamburg, Germany – 24th September 2020 – The Elbe Habitat Foundation will plant 160 specimens of the endangered hemlock water fennel in the dike foreland near Kirchwerder. The campaign is part of a renaturation project supported by the MSC Foundation.

The Elbe Habitat Foundation has established 160 young hemlock water fennel plants on a newly created tidal creek in the foreland near Kirchwerder Sande. Worldwide, this threatened species occurs exclusively on the banks of the Tidal Elbe between Geesthacht and Cuxhaven - and finds ideal location conditions on the new Priel.

The planting campaign marks the end of a renaturation measure by the Elbe Habitat Foundation: Since July, a creek and a small body of water have been created in the dike foreland in front of the Hower main dike, which provide a home for many species, some of which are threatened. With the project, the Elbe Habitat Foundation wants to better connect the Elbe with its foreland again.

The MSC Foundation contributed a grant of around 250,000 euros - around 20% percent of the total project costs. With its foundation, the MSC company sets standards worldwide for water protection and the preservation of ecological balance.

"I would like to thank MSC for this exemplary commitment and I hope that many large Hamburg companies will follow the example and take on joint responsibility for the Elbe ecosystem," says Dr. Elisabeth Klocke, Chairman of the Elbe Habitat Foundation.

About the foundations:

The non-profit **MSC Foundation** implements the MSC Group's marine conservation, humanitarian and sustainable development commitments worldwide.

The Foundation works to achieve this both independently, by leveraging MSC Group engagement, and /or together with trusted partners that have a strong innovative vision or track records for effective action.

The **Elbe Habitat Foundation** was founded on May 11, 2010 by resolution of the Hamburg Parliament. The work of the foundation is cross-legislative and cross-party.

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