

Mr Jørn Holme

General Director

Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage



1. Education

Degree in law, University of Oslo, 1986

2. Professional career

2009 – today: General Director, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage

2004 – 2009: General Director, Police Security Service, Norway

2001 – 2004: State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security

1996 - 1997: Acting Deputy Director, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage

1991 - 2001: Chief Public Prosecutor, Norwegian National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime

3. Experience at the regional and international level

- Represents the national institution responsible for the management of archaeological and architectural monuments and sites as well as cultural environments.
- Responsible for nomination and management of Norwegian World Heritage properties.
- Collaborates with other institutions in the environmental and cultural heritage sectors, both nationally and internationally.
- Has extensive experience in bilateral collaborations with countries worldwide.
- Has made essential efforts to combat environmental crime.
- Specialist on legislation governing the conservation and management of cultural heritage.
- Has broad insight into the situation of regions affected by war, conflicts and terrorism through the Senior Executive Course at the Norwegian National Defence College, and thus cultural heritage crime.

4. Languages

Norwegian (mother tongue) and English.

5. Membership in professional and international organizations

As head of the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage, appointed National Commissioner General to the Hague Convention of 1954, including the Second Protocol.

2013: Head of the European Heritage Heads Forum Troika. Under this period, the forum's first secretariat was established.

2006 – 2009: Council Member of The Society for the Preservation of Norwegian Ancient Monuments, the oldest and most important NGO in the country.

2005 – 2009: As the Director of the Norwegian Police Security Service, member of Club de Berne, an international network gathering the heads of security services. Presidency of the latter from 2008 to 2009.

6. Publications in the field of cultural heritage

Active contributor to the public debate, through television and radio, books, journals, newspapers etc. Awarded the *Communication Prize* by the Norwegian Communication Society in 2007.

Some relevant publications:

Faunakriminalitet og annen naturkriminalitet (Økokrim, 1994), editor and main author: The book gave emphasis to illegal hunting and trade of threatened species as well as to illegal interventions in natural areas.

Kulturminnevern, lov, forvaltning og håndhevelse (Økokrim, 1st ed. 2001, 2nd ed. 2004), editor and main author: Gives a thorough insight into the broad and complex field of cultural heritage management and the law enforcement under the Cultural Heritage Act. This book collection strengthened the cultural heritage management and law enforcement as a common field, putting for instance crime on culture heritage on the agenda, and further provided the appropriate guidelines for the management.