

Hitra Industrial Park Coastal Port



At the heart of the shipping lane, at the heart of Norway, at the heart of the world's leading aquaculture region





Hitra Industrial Park and Coastal Port

Hub for Services and Energy

The area is ideally located along the shipping lane between Trondheim and Kristiansund, offering modern port facilities and attractive industrial plots. Hitra Industrial Park and Coastal Port serve as a natural logistics hub for sea and land-based freight traffic to and from Trøndelag and Central Norway.

Hitra Industrial Park West

Home to two of the world's most advanced salmon processing facilities: Lerøy (established in 2018) and MOWI (2023). BEWI also opened a new packaging plant in 2023. The industrial park is being developed as an international coastal terminal with a focus on the seafood industry and related service and energy sectors.

Hitra Industrial Park East

This area connects the main road FV 714 "The Salmon Road" with maritime transport for both passengers (via the Coastal Express) and cargo (via Hitra Coastal Port). It hosts sales, service, and consultancy businesses linked to aquaculture, as well as amenities such as fuel stations, EV charging, dining, and grocery services

Transport and Connectivity

The Coastal Express between Trondheim and Kristiansund stops at Hitra Coastal Port three times daily. The Hitratunnel provides mainland access, and FV 714 was shortened by 12 km in 2020, enabling effective daily commuting and efficient logistics.



opens as the first facility in

Hitra Industrial Park West

Hitra Coastal Port

and zoning work is initiated

The port offers cold and frozen storage, along with Ro/Ro (Roll-on/Roll-off) and Lo/Lo (Lift-on/Lift-off) cargo handling. It is currently being expanded by 132,000 m², bringing the total area to 170,000 m². Completion is scheduled for December 2025.

featuring new cold and frozen storage terminal and express boat terminal

Shipping companies and logistics providers show strong interest in using the port for seafood transport, regional landing and redistribution, transshipment, temporary

storage, provisioning, and crew changes. The significant increase in seafood and general cargo volumes requires new and sustainable transport solutions to meet safety, road wear, and environmental standards.

Hitra - Rotterdam

opens in Hitra Industrial Park West

Partnerships are in place with receiving ports such as Hirtshals and Rotterdam for onward distribution to end customers. Return cargo from the continent will help reduce trailer traffic across Southern Norway.



Strategic Investment in Maritime Infrastructure

The first phase of developing the Hitra Coastal Port at Jøsnøya was completed in 2013. In 2023, Hitra Municipality became the 14th owner of Trondheim Port Authority (Trondheim Havn IKS). Immediately following this, Port of Trondheim and Hitra Municipality initiated a major expansion of the port.

The project will develop 132,000 m² of new land for port and industrial purposes, including supporting infrastructure and a new access road. Upon completion, the total port area will amount to approximately 170,000 m², making it one of the largest port development projects ever undertaken

in Trøndelag. The construction contract was awarded to Hitra Anleggsservice AS, and work involving local material extraction and sea infill is scheduled for completion by late 2025

-Hitra Coastal Port is strategically located for maritime traffic in both the Trondheim Fjord and along the Norwegian coast, says Knut Thomas Kusslid, Port Director at the Port of Trondheim.

-In addition, the port is centrally positioned for the aquaculture industry on Hitra and Frøya - a sector

experiencing rapid transformation. **Future** maritime transport industry will be emissionfree and increasingly circular. Hitra Coastal Port will support this transition and become a key regional green hub for energy, circular industrial actors, cargo, and sustainable and land transport.



About Trondheim Havn

Trondheim Havn IKS is a publicly owned intermunicipal port authority, jointly owned by 14 municipalities in Trøndelag: Frøya, Hitra, Orkland, Skaun, Trondheim, Indre Fosen, Malvik, Stjørdal, Frosta, Levanger, Verdal, Inderøy, Steinkjer, and Namsos. The company manages and develops publicly owned port infrastructure across the region.

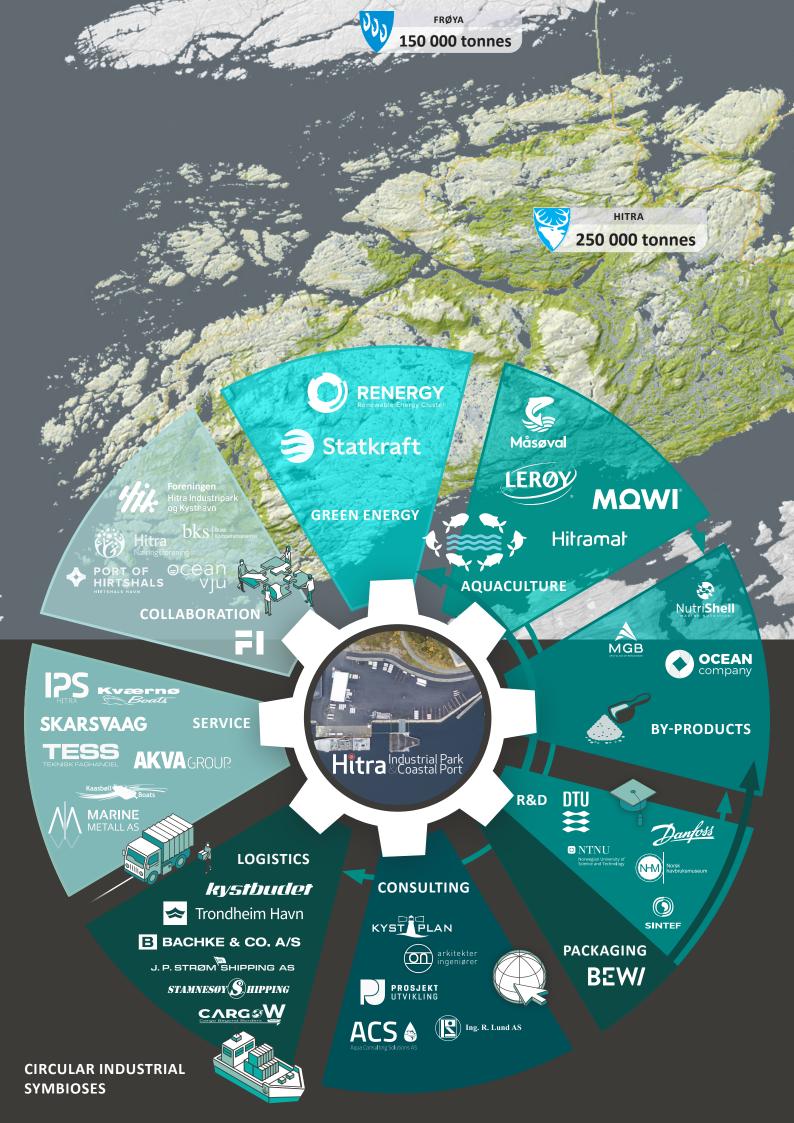
Port of Trondheim employs 55 staff, with its headquarters located at Nyhavna in Trondheim, and regional offices in Namsos, Verdal, Orkanger, and Hitra/Frøya.

Summary

- Strategically located along the shipping lane with express boat connections to Trondheim, Ørland, and Kristiansund
- Key logistics hub for sea and land freight in Central Norway, including transit cargo storage
- Ro/Ro and Lo/Lo services for unitized cargo and general freight
- Logistics center with cold and frozen storage, and warehousing
- Main road FV 714 to Orkanger/E39 significantly upgraded over the past decade
- Nearby airports: Værnes, Kristiansund, Ørland, and Frøya (regional airstrip)
- Planned helicopter landing site in the area







Successful Rural Municipality Telemarksforskning (Regional analysis 2001-2024)

From 2001 to 2024, the Hitra/Frøya region has had the highest percentage growth in employment in Norway. Hitra was identified by Telemarksforskning as a successful municipality as early as 2011 and has remained among the top ever since. The criteria for being considered an attractive business municipality are based on how appealing the area is for business establishment and residential settlement.

"Employment growth has been unevenly distributed across regions in Norway. Nine out of the ten regions with the strongest overall employment growth since 2000 are either metropolitan areas or neighboring regions. The exception is Hitra/Frøya, which has experienced the strongest employment growth of all, with an increase of over 60 percent. Eight regions have seen a decline in the number of jobs since 2000 - all of them are rural regions."



employment growth in

Norway.



Sources: Lokalavisa Hitra-Frøya, SinkabergHansen

50 000 tonnes Se Mâsov

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100 000 tonnes MΩWI

100 000 tonnes LERØY

SALMON PRODUCTION IN HITRA

250 000 000 kg of gutted salmon per year, equivalent to **55 500 000** individual salmon

This results in a total of **152 500 000** kg salmon fillet annually delivered to dinner tables in Norway and around the world

> In other words, Hitra producesa 417 808 kg og fillet every single day, all year round

That equals

3 342 466 portions (125 g) per day, all year round

Enough to provide 4 portions (125 g) to every Norwegian each week, all year

1	Hitra/Frøya	60,7%
2	Nedre Romerike	53,5%
3	Stavangerregionen	53,3%
4	Follo	52,3%
5	Øvre Romerike	51,3%
6	Trondheimsregionen	45,5%
7	Bergenregionen	40,5%
8	Kristiansandregionen	39,7%
9	Asker og Bærum	39,0%
10	Tromsøregionen	33,5%
65	Øst-Finnmark	0,3%
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65	Øst-Finnmark	0,3%
66	Kongsvingerregionen	0,2%
67	Rørosregionen	-0,2%
68	Midt-Finnmark	-1,9%
69	Voss og Hardanger	-3,0%
70	Øst-Telemark	-3,0%
71	Midt-Gudbrandsdal	-5,6%
72	Nord-Gudbrandsdal	-7,8%
73	Indre Namdal	-7,8%
74	Storfjord	-9,3%

Source: Telemarksforskning regionalanalyse.no/rapport/5056/2/1



TRAVEL TIMES/ DISTANCES

By Car

Orkanger 70 km 1 hr
Trondheim 110 km 1 hr 35 min
Værnes 138 km 2 hrs
Kristiansund 196 km 3 hrs 20 min

By Express Boat

Kristiansund N

Brekstad 40 min
Trondheim 1 hr 40 min

3 daily departures

1 hr 50 min

Welcome!

Over the past 15 years, Hitra has experienced strong and positive

development, marked by significant population growth and the creation of attractive new jobs through industrial and business expansion. Together with our neighboring municipality Frøya, we rank among Norway's top regions for value creation and business growth. We continue to strengthen our position through close collaboration within Southwest Trøndelag – The Salmon Region.



Mayor John Lernes

Our largest industry, aquaculture, is expanding rapidly, with new services and activities constantly emerging around it. At the same time, we've successfully broadened our business landscape, fostering growth in other sectors. This diversification is a strategic priority, making Hitra more attractive for newcomers and helping us recruit skilled workers.

Hitra Coastal Port and Industrial Park represent our contribution to solving global challenges. The ocean and coastline must play an even greater role in securing sustainable food production and zero-emission energy solutions. This requires greener transport and logistics systems, with access to efficient services and energy at key hubs designed to offer a "one-stop-shop" experience.

Our exceptionally favorable location was key in selecting Jøsnøya as the site for a modern, international coastal port, situated directly on the main shipping lane. The new "Salmon Road" (FV 714) between Orkanger and Hitra has significantly reduced travel time to Trondheim, the E6 and E39 highways, and, combined with express boat connections to Fosen (Ørlandet), Trondheim, and Kristiansund, it enhances the region's development potential.

We are preparing for the future—welcoming both existing and new businesses, and individuals looking to relocate. Our invitation is clear: **Hitra - When You Want To!**

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FACTS ABOUT HITRA

- 5 416 residents (Q1 2025), representing over 70 nationalities
- Hitra and Frøya forms the world's leading aquaculture region, hosting three of the largest fish farming companies globally
- Home to Europe's largest crab processing facility
- A cutting-edge energy park generates 446 GWh of wind power annually — 4 to 5 times the island's own energy consumption
- One of Norway's and Trøndelag's largest industrial municipalities, with 24% of the workforce employed in industry
- Employer's social security contribution rate: 6.4% (A full 7.7% lower than in central regions)
- Strategically positioned for future business development, as highlighted in McKinsey's "Norway Tomorrow" report
- The largest tourism region on the Trøndelag coast, together with Frøya
- Visit the Norwegian Aquaculture Museum, featuring interactive exhibits both on land and at sea



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