

Final Draft
SUMMARY RECORD

**MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD
TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA COOPERATION**

WSB 2

7 October 2010, Wilhelmshaven (CWSS)

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

The chairman, Mr Ilsøe, opened the meeting at 9:00 h. and welcomed the participants and supportive staff to the second meeting of WSB. He in particular welcomed M Jaap Verhulst as the new leading Wadden Sea Board member for the Netherlands. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: WSB 2/2 Draft Agenda

The meeting **adopted** the draft agenda of the meeting. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SUMMARY RECORD WSB 2

Document: Final Draft Summary Record WSB 1

The meeting **adopted** the Final Draft Summary Record of the WSB 1 meeting, 3-4 June 2010 in Lindet/Ribe with the following amendment in agenda item 4, first line: replace “nature director” with “Director-General of the Directorate Nature”. The reservation by Germany supported by Denmark in agenda item 8 on XVII, 7 and 8 and in combination with XVIII, 7 on the draft Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations was **lifted**.¹

The Summary Record WSB 1 was signed by the chairman in accordance with §VI of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr Frederiksen informed that the Nature and Forest Agency and the Urban and Planning Agency within the Environment Ministry will be merged into one agency, the Nature Agency as of 1 January 2011. Mr Ilsøe will be one of the three regional deputy directors of the new Agency. Further, he announced that the official opening of the Danish National Park “Wadden Sea” is in Ribe on 16 October 2010.

Mr Verhulst informed that the Netherlands are expected to have a new government soon. The coalition agreement foresees significant budget cuts and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality is to be merged with the Ministry of Economic Affairs into a new Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. The detailed task division between the ministries is still pending but he did not expect a substantial change in Wadden Sea policies.

Ms Nicke informed that the World Heritage inauguration ceremony in Germany took place on 2 October 2010. Ms Rössler from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre handed over the UNESCO certificate to Environmental Ministers of Schleswig-Holstein, Ms Rumpf, and of Lower Saxony, Mr Sander, and to Federal Parliamentary State Secretary Ms Heinen-Esser. She furthermore informed that the Wadden Sea National Park in Schleswig-Holstein

¹ Germany intends to submit further amendments of the Rules of Procedure to WSB 3.

celebrated its 25th anniversary on the same day. Finally, she announced that a budget of € 2 million had been made available for structural investments related to the World Heritage status.

Mr Rösner referred to the poster on the East Atlantic Flyway recently published by WWF underlining the central position of the Wadden Sea on this flyway and the decision of the World Heritage Committee last year to promote cooperation along the flyway. A modified version of the poster has been made for use in the West Africa Marine Eco-region (WAMER)

The meeting **noted** the information.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROGRAMME PRESIDENCY 2010 - 13

Documents: WSB 2/5/1 Programme Presidency 2010 – 2013

Mr Frederiksen briefly presented the programme of the Danish presidency 2010 - 13. He in particular emphasized that Denmark is working towards a resolution for the nomination for the extension of the Wadden Sea World Heritage with the Danish part by 1 February 2012, provided that there is backing up from the municipalities and the upcoming National Park Board. He further pointed out that with regard to the Wadden Sea Plan decisions of the Ministerial Council Declaration (MCD), the evaluation of the High Level Review would have priority and the involvement of the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) in the implementation process was considered important. Finally, within the programme, Denmark would offer its resources such as e.g. regarding information and education and culture and landscape.

Ms Nickel thanked the presidency for presenting its programme for the next three years. She welcomed that the evaluation of the High Level Review should have priority but underlined that Germany could not approve of changes in the boundaries of the Wadden Sea Cooperation Area in particular landward. She pointed out that also the CO₂ neutrality Wadden Sea Region is an important issue for Germany in the next period.

Mr Verhulst also thanked for the programme information. He pointed out the relationship between the MCD, the Strategy and the Business Plan, emphasizing that the MCD has to be regarded as the basic leading document. These documents should guide the common work. He also underlined the importance of the education and information and the continuation of the IWSS project.

Mr Verheij pointed out that shipping safety should have a priority in the next period and offered the support of the WSF in this regard.

Mr Rösner underlined that it would be important not to establish a new network with regard to education but use and extend the existing IWSS information and education network.

The meeting **noted** the document and the comments made.

AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Document: WSB 2/6/1 Development Trilateral Communication Strategy

The meeting, having discussed the project proposal by the secretariat for the development of a communication strategy,

- (1) **Approved** of the proposed method and approach for the elaboration of the communication strategy in the understanding that, as a first step, the key target groups for the communication strategy should be defined and that a primary target level would be the regional and local level.
- (2) **Welcomed** the possible financial support by Germany to allow a professional facilitation of the process.
- (3) **Approved** of the establishment respectively continuation of the IWSS Education and Information Network Group under Danish chairmanship.

- (4) **Instructed** the secretariat with the implementation and coordination taking account of the employment of the Communication Officer.

The secretary briefly informed on the status of the application of the communication officer for the three-year communication project. The meeting **approved** of the two-stage interview procedure, as proposed by the secretary:

- (1) Interviews with selected national applicants by national representatives and the secretariat with a view to a selection of a limited number of candidates for
- (2) A common interview and final selection by an interview committee consisting of one representative per country and the secretariat.

The secretary was **authorized** to coordinate the above outlined employment procedure.

AGENDA ITEM 7: BUSINESS PLAN 2010 – 13

7.1 Priority issues

Document: WSB/2/7/1-1 Priority Issues

The WSB discussed document WSB/2/7/1-1 and **adopted** the proposals contained in the document with the following additions:

Proposal 1.2. The installation of an independent scientific board is supported under the condition that § 41 MCD is adhered to.

Proposal 2.2. The Dutch delegation will assist in getting the relevant seal data.

Proposal 2.3 The Dutch delegation, together with the CWSS, will find a chairperson for the meeting.

Proposal 3. Outcome discussion organisational structure.

Proposal 4. A Flyway workshop will be organised early 2011, with the aim of identifying the best approach to strengthening flyway cooperation. Relevant flyway partners will be invited. Terms of Reference are currently being developed. The results of the workshop will be submitted for discussion to the WSB.

Proposal 9. The workshop would be organized under the responsibility of the Task Group Shipping.

7.2 Business Plan

Documents: WSB/2/7/2-1 Organizational Structure; WSB 2/7/2-2 Business Plan, draft September 2010

Organisational structure

The WSB discussed the organizational structure as proposed by the ad-hoc Working Group Architecture and **agreed** to the overall structure, the establishment of 5 Task Groups including their Terms of Reference and the establishment of the Expert Network Groups as in the amended document WSB/2/7/2-1 in **Annex 3**.

The WSB additionally **agreed** to separate the tasks related to climate change adaptation and mitigation. TG Climate would be responsible for adaptation (MCD §§21-23).

With regard to the implementation of MCD § 24, the WSB **agreed** to carry out a study into the current situation and trilateral possibilities regarding CO₂ neutrality. The German delegation offered to submit a proposal to the next WSB meeting. The WSF would be involved in the study.²

The Danish delegation offered to delegate an observer member to the TG World Heritage.

With regard to fisheries, the WSB **adopted** the proposal from the document to carry out a study first and to define this in the Business Plan, and then to discuss the necessity of establishing a TG.

With regard to goose management, the WSB discussed whether or not follow-up work should be done under the responsibility of the TWSC or the WSF. The German delegation stated that it will not accept a Goose Management Task Group under the lead of the WSB but sees the responsibility with the WSF. Mr Friis-Hauge confirmed that the WSF is willing to continue working on this issue.

The meeting **agreed**

1. That the responsible authorities would have to be involved in the work
2. That it should be clarified as a first step which specific tasks would have to be carried out
3. To install an ad-hoc working group of competent authorities of the three countries with the aim of investigating the legal feasibility of the development of a Goose Management Plan in accordance with § 14 of the Sylt Declaration. The outcome will be discussed at WSB-3 in the framework of considerations about establishing a Task Group.

With regard to the proposed TG landscape and culture the German delegation stated that it will not accept a Landscape and Culture Task Group under the lead of the WSB but sees the responsibility with the WSF. The meeting **agreed** to organise a workshop on the invitation of Denmark and to report the outcome to the WSB with a view to consider establishing a task group.

The WSB then discussed membership and chairpersons of the TGs. The following was **agreed**:

- TG Management would be chaired by the German federal ministry.
- TG Climate and TG Shipping would be chaired by either Denmark or the Netherlands. These two delegations would sort out their positions within one week.
- TG World Heritage would be chaired by the secretariat. The secretariat would come up with a candidate for TG sustainable tourism.
- Names for chairpersons would be submitted to the secretariat within one week.
- TG members to be nominated by the national delegations within 4 weeks.

With regard to the task division between the Expert Group TMAG and TG Management, Mr Frederiksen emphasised that technical monitoring aspects should be ascribed to the TMAG

² In consultation between the German and the Dutch delegation it was later agreed that the Dutch delegation will take the lead with the support of the German delegation

Expert Group and that monitoring aspects linked to management was under the responsibility of TG Management.

With regard to the Dutch proposal on portfolio responsibility by members of the WSB, it was **agreed** to try out the option for portfolios that may need extra attention.

Business Plan

The meeting discussed the Business Plan and **decided** not to adopt it in detail now. The headlines of the Business Plan could be **supported** but the implementation should be done in connection with the annual work plan and an approved budget. In order to continue the process of further completing the Business Plan, the following was **agreed**

- (1) Delegations will provide specific comments to the current version of the BP;
- (2) The secretariat will elaborate a consolidated version on the basis of the comments received. A column "progress" will be added;
- (3) A meeting with the heads of delegations will be organised in November, at which the further development of the Business Plan will be discussed within the framework of the annual work plan and the budget.

AGENDA ITEM 8: WADDEN SEA FORUM

Document: WSB/2/8/1 Evaluation WSF

The meeting discussed document WSB/2/8/1 and **agreed** to structure the evaluation process according to two consecutive steps

1. Clarification within WSF about
 - a. WSFs function and claim
 - b. Further development of WSFs mediator role
 - c. Legal status
 - d. Membership
 - e. Topics to be addressed
2. Drafting of a new MoU, which should be more specific than the current one and which should also cover financial and organisational aspects.

The WSB **decided** that a first draft proposal for a new MoU would be elaborated by the CWSS and the WSF secretariat and be submitted to the next WSB meeting. The meeting furthermore **decided** to prolong the current MoU arrangement with regard to contents until the finalization of the MoU follow up with one year at the latest. Ms Nickel reminded that German regulations preclude an institutional funding of the WSF and project funding is the only option available for a continuation of the financial support by the German Federal Environment Ministry. The WSF was requested to submit an application soon for a project starting in early 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 9: WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE

Document: WSB 2/9/1 Organizational Structure and Timetable Extension; WSB 2/9/2 Progress Report Wadden Sea World Heritage

Organizational Structure and Timetable Extension

The meeting, having approved of the Terms of Reference of the Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH) and the Task Group Sustainable Tourism Strategy (TG-STs) under agenda item 7, **approved** of the Terms of Reference for the project on the Elaboration of a Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy for the Wadden Sea.

As to the proposed budget for the project, regional contribution was **pledged** from the Netherlands and Lower Saxony whereas Schleswig-Holstein would further investigate and come back to the secretary as soon as possible. On behalf of the Danish municipalities, Mr Holst Christensen declared that no Danish contribution could be pledged. The Danish

municipalities had, in the process of establishing the national park, implemented a comparable project and the results of the project could be made available.

The secretary was **authorized** with the further implementation of the project until the TG-STC would be operational.

As regards the extension of the existing Wadden Sea World Heritage property with the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park, the WSB **welcomed** the decision of Hamburg to strive for such an extension as a request of a “minor boundary modification” according to §§ 163/164 of the Operational Guidelines until **1 February 2011** and therefore **instructed** the CWSS to prepare the appropriate nomination dossier in close cooperation and consultation with the partners of the co-operation, and provide support to Hamburg concerning guidance and technical advice in the nomination process.

Progress Report

The meeting **approved** of the draft Communication and Marketing Programme 2010 – 13 including the German amendments in Annex 1 of the document as a framework for the activities in the period.

It was further **agreed** to instruct the TG-WH to

- (1) Align chapter 4 of the programme on organization and resources with the overall decision of the Wadden Sea Board on the organizational structure of the Cooperation.
- (2) Examine the issue of sponsoring, as indicated in the commonly agreed rules.

The meeting further **adopted**

- (1) The final design of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Logo in Annex 2 of the document.
- (2) The guidelines for the use of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Logo in Annex 2 for the time being; the secretariat was instructed to obtain expert advice on the legal implications of the use of the logo.

The meeting finally **noted** the status of the Joint Campaign to enhance the awareness of the World Heritage and to increase public awareness for the universal values of the property, to support nature conservation and sustainable tourism and intensify the cooperation between all stakeholders.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CWSS BUDGET

Documents: WSB 2/10/1 CWSS Budget; WSB2/10/2 CWSS Financial Statement 2009

In discussing the draft budget of the CWSS for 2011, Mr Frederiksen indicated that a condition for accepting the post and budget of the communication officer was that the budget of the CWSS would remain at the same level as in 2010 in the next three years, i.e. € 223,200 per contracting partner. He furthermore stated that the income from the involvement the secretariat in the Dutch “Programme Rich Wadden Sea” and the planned project “WaLTER” shall be included in the budget with an indication of its use.

Ms Nicke added that Germany could approve of a budget share of € 224,000 per contracting partner for 2011. Mr Verhulst made a general reservation on the budget pending the outcome of the Dutch budget discussions as a result of the installation of the new government. In December clarity can be provided.

The WSB, having considered the above,

- (1) **Approved** of the annual budget 2011 for the CWSS of € 223,200 per contracting party pending the lifting of the Dutch reservation.

- (2) **Instructed** the secretary to submit a consolidated version of the approved 2011 budget for the CWSS and request payment in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

The secretary was further **instructed** clarify the involvement of the secretariat in the Dutch "Programme Rich Wadden Sea" and the planned project "WaLTER" for the further discussion of the Business Plan.

The WSB **approved** of the Financial Statement 2009 for the CWSS.

AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORT CWSS

Document: WSB 2/11/1 Report CWSS

The meeting **noted** the progress report on developments since the last meeting of the WSB.

As regards the QSR Synthesis Report referred to in # 3 of the progress report a two-week commenting period was **agreed**. It was further **agreed** to discuss the follow up in the West African context including possible involvement in the Regional Programme for Coastal Management (PRCM) Forum on the basis of the results of the practically concluded project with WWF WAMER.

AGENDA ITEM 12: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting (**WSB 3**) will be held in the Netherlands on **17 – 18 March 2011** and commence at around lunch time. It is intended to close the meeting at lunch time the following day.

WSB 4 will be held at the secretariat on **3 November 2011** and commence at 9:00 h.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 14: CLOSING

The chairman thanked the participants for a very pleasant meeting and constructive discussions, and closed the meeting at app. 15:15 h.

ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2.

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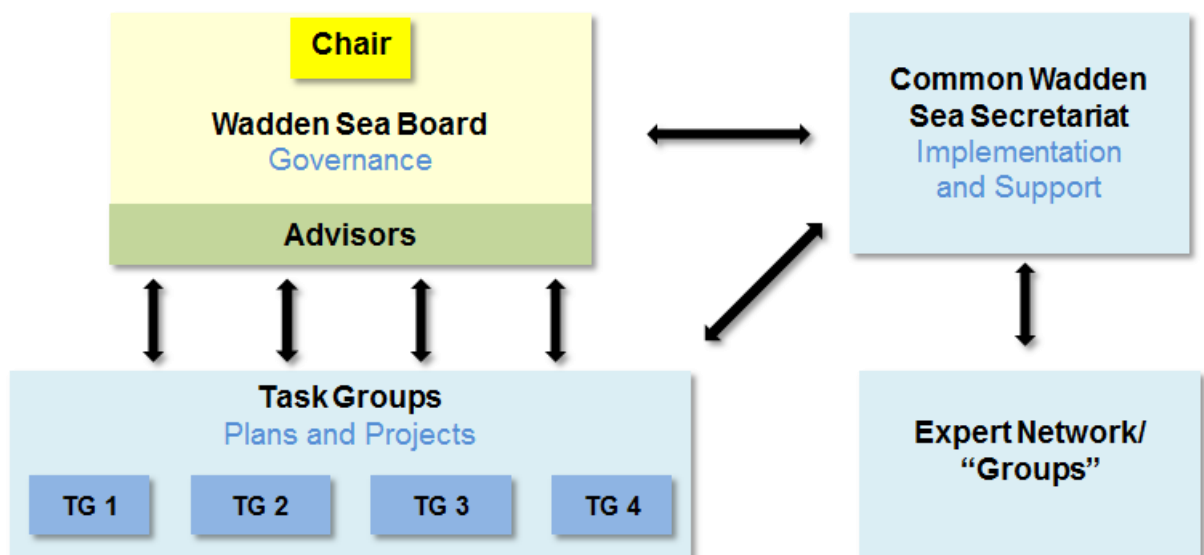
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5. Programme Presidency 2010 - 13
6. Communication Strategy
7. Business Plan 2010 – 13
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8. Wadden Sea Forum
9. Wadden Sea World Heritage
10. CWSS Budget
11. Report CWSS
12. Next Meeting
13. Any Other Business
14. Closing

Annex 3

1 TRILATERAL WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE

A. Overall Structure

1. The overall structure for the Task Groups (TG) and the Expert Network/Groups is:



2. The TGs are generally policy task groups with a limited timeframe, number of members, and defined tasks, for which the WSB may allow exceptions. In general WSB-members should not be members of TGs. TGs
 - a. report directly to the WSB
 - b. are chaired by experienced administrative/ministerial representatives
 - c. have a maximum lifespan of one presidency (Reinstallation under new presidency is possible, but requires specific new Board decision)
3. Expert Network “Groups” are generally long-term or permanent groups – exceptions are allowed. They have operational and advising tasks and
 - a. report to the CWSS – WSB may allow exceptions
 - b. are chaired by CWSS staff or others
 - c. are (in principle, but not necessarily) permanent

The CWSS shall briefly report to the WSB on a yearly basis about the outcome and the further necessity of the groups.

B. Task Groups

4. The following Tasks Groups are established:
 - (1) Task Group Management
 - (2) Task Group Climate
 - (3) Task Group Shipping
 - (4) Task Group World Heritage

(5) Sustainable Tourism Development Task Group

The Terms of Reference for the Task Groups 1 – 5 are in Annex 1-5.

C. Expert Network Groups

5. The existing Migratory and Breeding Bird Expert Group, the Trilateral Data Handling Group, the Seal Expert Group, the IWSS Network Group, and networking with experts in various fields preferably in the context of (combined) workshops will be continued.
6. The common Terms of Reference for the expert network groups are to
 - (1) ensure the exchange of information and experience between the various regions in the context of the WSP Targets and policies.
 - (2) coordinate monitoring within the TMAP, assess the results of the monitoring and suggest any necessary amendments to the TMAP.
 - (3) provide advice on the scientific basis for management in a trilateral context.
 - (4) provide an annual progress report on the above points.
7. A Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Expert Group (TMAG) shall secure the harmonized management and methodological soundness of the TMAP, i.e. that assessments are produced with equal methodology and quality control, [Quality Status Reports are regularly produced](#), and make annual progress reports on the implementation of the TMAP and define issues that need decision by the Cooperation. The chairperson of the TMAG is simultaneously member of the Wadden Sea Management Task Group.

D. WSB Member Portfolio Responsibility

8. It is estimated that the number of WSB-meetings will on average be two per year and therefore be very infrequent. There will be a need to assist the chairman in his work, and to support the work of the TGs and the expert network between the meetings and other activities, to ensure that ensuing issues will not obstruct or slow down the progress on the work agreed and the overall functioning of the Cooperation.

It is therefore proposed to make WSB members portfolio responsible with the following responsibilities:

- (1) Assist the chairman in advising on and solving ensuing issues in between the meetings of the WSB.
- (2) Contact point for the chairpersons of the TGs and the secretariat for assisting in progress on the work theme.
- (3) Contact point at policy-management level for stakeholders.
- (4) Responsible for the treatment of the content the TG is dealing with at the Wadden Sea Board meetings.³

³ Issue to be reconsidered at consecutive WSB-meeting on the basis of the experience with current arrangement

Annex 1: Task Group Management

Annex 2: Task Group Climate

Annex 3: Task Group Shipping

Annex 4: Task Group World Heritage

Annex 5: Task Group Sustainable Tourism Development

TASK GROUP MANAGEMENT (TG-M)

Terms of Reference

The 2010 Sylt Ministerial Council meeting has agreed the following regarding trilateral nature conservation and management in the perspective of a harmonised implementation of EU Directives:

9. Focus future harmonisation efforts on high priority challenges, for example climate change, invasive non-native species, decline of birds, and on fisheries, in the national implementation of the Birds, Habitats, Water Framework and Marine Strategy Framework Directives.

10. Support the further development of integrated assessments and reporting in the framework of these Directives, including investigating the option of preparing a common integrated Natura 2000 Wadden Sea report.

11. Increase collaboration in relation to appropriate assessments under the Habitats Directive, and especially to exchange experience on the interpretation and application of site integrity, in combination effects and compensation measures.

12. Support the start of necessary further developments of the Wadden Sea Plan during the Danish presidency, e.g. regarding the harmonized application of European legislation and taking account of the preliminary recommendations of the High Level Review study on strategic elements.

13. Authorize the Board to develop and adopt a programme of projects and measures for the forthcoming period to support the implementation and further development of the Wadden Sea Plan with a view to strengthen and, where necessary, also restore the natural functioning of the Wadden Sea, incorporating the appropriate actions and activities of this Declaration.

43. Reconfirm the continuation of TMAP and incorporate, as necessary, parameters to develop TMAP in order to facilitate an integrated assessment across the relevant EC Directives and better monitor new challenges, e.g. climate change and its impacts, and agree on a long term development strategy to increase its value to a wider range of stakeholders.

The Wadden Sea Board has installed a Task Group Management (TG-M) with the overall remit to develop recommendations to WSB regarding priorities for EU harmonisation policies, as well as related activities, projects, monitoring and assessment.

Tasks

(1) Prioritizing policies and projects (MCD §§9, 12, 13)

In order to focus and prioritise the trilateral harmonisation efforts for the coming years, TG-M shall

- Evaluate the High Level Review Study
- Evaluate the projects and actions document, as prepared by the Wadden Sea Plan working group
- Formulate recommendations to the WSB

(2) Assessment and Reporting (MCD §§ 10, 11)

With regard to harmonised EU assessment and reporting TG-M shall

- Investigate possibilities for collaboration on appropriate assessments
- Investigation feasibility N2000 Wadden Sea Report
- Investigate designation Wadden Sea as sub-region MSFD
- Formulate recommendations to the WSB

(3) Policy and Management Assessment

In order to further optimise the TMAP in accordance with MCD §43, TG-M shall

- Investigate possibilities for harmonisation of monitoring methods on the basis of the outcome of relevant studies. To this end TG-M will
 - Investigate the feasibility of a common EU project
 - Cooperate through CWSS with the Dutch WaLTER project
- Optimise and supervise the relation between TMAP and policy and management assessment
- Formulate recommendations to the WSB

[Alternative formulation of by Denmark: Optimise and supervise the relation between TMAP and policy and management assessment in accordance with MCD § 43. To this end the TG-M will:

- Elucidate the needs of transverse development of monitoring across the directives and harmonisation of assessments in relation to and across directives.
- Investigate the feasibility of a common EU project
- Cooperate through CWSS with the Dutch WaLTER project
- Formulate recommendations to the WSB]

Composition

TG-M shall consist of representatives of relevant ministries with experience in trilateral policies and management.

Output

Recommendations to the WSB regarding

- Priorities for harmonisation policies regarding EU Directives
- Priorities for related projects and actions
- Best options for EU assessment and reporting
- Optimisation of the TMAP

Budget

No additional financing needed. Travel costs to be carried by members. Facilitation costs from CWSS budget. Projects and studies to be financed externally

Reporting Schedule

- 2010 Formation of TG-M. First meeting at the end of the year. Setting of agenda. First discussions on Tasks 1 and 2
- 2011 Two meetings envisaged. Focus on Tasks 1 and 2. Investigation of feasibility for common project related to Task 3. If feasible, initiation of such a project. Intermediate reporting to WSB.

- 2012 Two meetings envisaged. Continuation of discussions related to tasks 1 and 2. Formulation of draft recommendation + submission to WSB
- 2013 Two meetings envisaged. Focus on task 3. Formulation and submission of recommendations to WSB. If necessary fine-tuning of recommendations regarding tasks 1 and 2.

Annex 2**TASK GROUP CLIMATE (TG-C).****Terms of Reference**

The 2010 Sylt Ministerial Council meeting has agreed the following regarding climate adaptation matters and stated in the ministerial council declaration that authorities in the three countries are:

21. Concerned that climate change and its consequences such as enhanced sea level rise, higher storm surges, increased temperatures and increasing sediment deficits will have impacts on the ecology and landscape of the Wadden Sea and may affect the safety of the inhabitants.

22. Aware of the long time scales of the processes and reactions involved, and thus of the urgent need to strengthen natural processes, to continue mitigation activities and to start concrete measures for adaptation to the expected impacts of climate change in the Wadden Sea Area and to ensure the safety of the inhabitants of the region and the ecological integrity.

23. Aware that more knowledge is needed for adaptation and mitigation measures and therefore determined to improve the trilateral knowledge base and instruct the Board to

- Initiate a trilateral study on sustainable solutions to balance the expected sediment deficits on the basis of research questions specified by the CPSL.
- Initiate a project developing model spatial plans for pilot sites in the Wadden Sea region with the aim of developing a practicable spatial planning methodology to meet the challenges of climate change.
- Establish a working group focusing on increasing the adaptability of the Wadden Sea ecosystem and landscape to climate change, also responsible for coordinating and supervising the above studies.

As stated in §22, the authorities in the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark are aware of the urgent need to strengthen natural processes, to continue mitigation activities and to start concrete measures for adaptation to the expected impacts of climate change in the Wadden Sea Area and to ensure the safety of the inhabitants of the region and the ecological integrity.

With regard to research and modeling needs, the contents of §23 is based mainly upon the recommendations of the CPSL working group and relate to climate adaptation measures.

The Task Group Climate (TG-C) has been established by the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) in order to implement §§21-23 of the Ministerial Council Declaration.

Two important elements are recognized that form the basis for the terms of reference for the TG-C:

- Focus on measures: it is expected that the effectiveness of climate change adaptation for the Wadden Sea Area can be enhanced by exchanging knowledge, data and planning of measures. The TG therefore should be a trilateral platform to exchange views regarding the national programmes and processes concerning the insight in climate change and coastal protection, the *translation* of these insights into climate adaptation and coastal protection

policies, and the *implementation* of these policies, e.g. the management of programs with concrete measures for climate change adaptation, such as the Dutch Deltaprogramme.

- Focus on knowledge: share the results of ongoing national climate change research programs, improve joint monitoring efforts and initiate trilateral studies on sustainable solutions for coastal protection, with emphasis on the relation of such solutions with nature protection and restoration development.

Tasks

- (1) Increase the linkage between climate change and coastal protection, nature protection, the adaptability of the Wadden Sea ecosystem and spatial planning (MCD §23; also relevant MCD §13). This task involves the trilateral exchange and collaboration on/in projects and activities dealing with climate change. First step will be the organization of workshop(s) to produce a trilateral overview of relevant national (research) programs focused on:
 - coastal protection management and governance
 - the adaptability of the Wadden Sea ecosystem and landscape to climate change
 - innovative concepts for coastal protection that are also beneficial for the Wadden Sea ecosystem
 - national climate change adaptation (policy) programs
 - translation of coastal protection management to monitoring and research needs
 - spatial planning related to coastal protection

- (2) Initiate a trilateral study on sustainable solutions to balance the expected sediment deficits on the basis of research questions specified by the CPSL (MCD §23).
 The initiation phase will first of all consist of a desk study with the aim of collecting and comparing already available knowledge, monitoring programs and identifying the main gaps regarding the questions specified by the CPSL. On the basis of the outcome of the study a research proposal must be developed, financing options explored and possible performing institutes and/or programmes identified.

- (3) Initiate a project developing model spatial plans for pilot sites in the Wadden Sea region with the aim of developing a practicable spatial planning methodology to meet the challenges of climate change (MCD §23).
 TG-C will first evaluate existing and finished projects for their relevance for the spatial planning instruments recommended by CPSL, for example the ComCoast project. Making use of the experiences from these projects, TG Climate will develop proposals for projects and pilot sites suitable for testing relevant spatial planning instruments, explore financing options and identify and performing institutes.

- (4) Coordinate and supervise the above cooperation, exchange and studies (MCD §23).
 After the initiation of the projects mentioned under ii. and iii, TG-C will be responsible for their overall coordination and supervision, including progress and quality control and regular reporting to the WSB. The CWSS (see 2.6), in consultation with the TG chairperson, will be responsible for the daily management.

- (5) Investigate the need for adapting TMAP so as to better monitor new challenges, e.g. climate change and its impacts (MCD §43).
- (6) Formulate proposals to the WSB, based upon the outcome of tasks i to v, for improving trilateral policy and management regarding adaptation of the Wadden Sea to climate change.

Composition

TG-C will basically deal with three fields of expertise: coastal protection, nature protection and spatial planning. For the members it is essential that they are closely involved in national programmes dealing with these fields. It is important that the members of the TG are able to bridge the gaps between those involved in the climate change policy-making process, the scientific community and those involved in coastal zone management.

Output

- (1) Recommendations for improved trilateral climate change adaptation policy and management;
- (2) Good overview of and better tuning of climate change adaptation policy and management of the three Wadden Sea countries;
- (3) Successfully running (or finalised) projects on sand suppletion and spatial planning.

Budget

No additional financing needed. Travel costs to be carried by members. Facilitation costs from CWSS budget. Studies to be financed externally.

Reporting Schedule

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| 2010 | Formation of TG Climate. 1 meeting at end of year envisaged |
| 2011 | Initiation phase (tasks 1 – 3), tasks 4 and 5: 2 meetings and 1 workshop (task 1) |
| 2012 | Tasks 1, 4 and 5: 2 meetings and 1 workshop |
| 2013 | Tasks 1, 4 and 5 continued. Final reporting to WSB. 2 meetings and 1 workshop. |

Annex 3**TASK GROUP SHIPPING (TG-S)****Terms of Reference**

In October 2002, the Wadden Sea was designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), because of its outstanding universal value in combination with its vulnerability to international shipping activities, in particular the adjacent North Sea, being one of the world's busiest international shipping areas.

The designation of the Wadden Sea PSSA is also seen as recognition of the extensive regime of protective measures already in place. Considerable progress has been made to improve shipping safety and the environmental protection measures intended to minimize maritime pollution. The designation will thus assist the bordering countries in further protecting and using the area in a sustainable way.

The Sylt Declaration (§§27 – 38) encompasses a number of agreements on shipping with regard to the Wadden Sea PSSA. Central agreements were to establish within the already existing framework of relevant agreements a coordination mechanism for issues related to the Wadden Sea PSSA and to instruct the Wadden Sea Board to discuss the PSSA Evaluation Report and further steps of implementation with the relevant competent authorities and develop a vision on the impact of shipping and transport safety on the Wadden Sea PSSA.

In order to implement the agreements of the Sylt Declaration, a Task Group Shipping (TG-S) has been established by the Wadden Sea Board.

Task

The overall task of the Task Group Shipping (TG-S) is to develop a draft vision on the impact of shipping on the Wadden Sea PSSA for the 2013 Ministerial Council meeting in accordance with § 38 of the Sylt Declaration.

In particular the TG-S is tasked to

- (1) Arrange the discussion on the PSSA Evaluation Report and further steps of implementation with the relevant competent authorities.
- (2) Discuss the collection of relevant shipping and environmental data for the Wadden Sea PSSA within the TMAP, taking into account existing data bases.
- (3) Raise the awareness and education for the Wadden Sea PSSA and other relevant regulations to mariners and relevant stakeholders.
- (4) Investigate whether the competent authorities have completed the entries concerning the Wadden Sea PSSA in the charts.
- (5) Follow the steps and outcome of the project "Sub-regional risk of spill of oil and hazardous substances in the Baltic Sea" (BRISK) to encourage the competent authorities to consider transferring the experiences and methodological approach accordingly to the North Sea.
- (6) Discuss the development of offshore windparks in the North Sea, taking into consideration the already established procedures in the three Wadden Sea.

- (7) Coordinate the information exchange relevant for the Wadden Sea within the Bonn Agreement respectively, in order to ensure coordination between the Wadden Sea PSSA and e.g. the DenGerNeth Agreement.
- (8) Coordinate the information exchange between the competent authorities, as well as the stakeholders, including the WSF, and the implementation steps following the agreements of the Sylt Declaration.
- (9) Develop a draft vision for the Wadden Sea PSSA based also on the aforementioned points.

Composition

The TG-S will be composed of a chair appointed by the Wadden Sea Board and in general 2 members from each country representing the competent authorities and the competent authorities of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation. The CWSS will act as secretariat for the TG-S.

Output

- (1) Draft vision for the Wadden Sea PSSA for consideration by the Wadden Sea Board and subsequent submission to the 2013 Ministerial Council meeting.
- (2) Coordination DGN Agreement and Wadden Sea PSSA.
- (3) Assessment of the necessity to implement overall risk analysis for the Wadden Sea PSSA.

Budget

The TG-S has to deliver a budget for the elaboration of the draft vision to ensure that the necessary expertise is made available for the drafting of the Wadden Sea PSSA vision.

Reporting Schedule

The TG-S will deliver a draft vision on the impact of shipping and safety on the Wadden Sea PSSA for the 2013 Ministerial Council meeting 6 months preceding this meeting, i.e. 1 April 2013.

The TG-S will deliver a report on the workshop with responsible authorities and the further workshop with stakeholders until WSB 11-1.

The TG-S will deliver a progress report on its activities including a proposal for the contents and approach to the development of the draft PSSA Vision to WSB 12-1.

Annex 4**TASK GROUP WORLD HERITAGE (TG-WH)****Terms of Reference**

In June 2009 the Dutch-German Wadden Sea was inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee. The Committee also adopted a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, which forms the basis for the future protection and management of the Property. Further the Committee decided to encourage Denmark to nominate its part of the Wadden Sea as soon as feasible, to request the elaboration and implementation of a Tourism Development Strategy, to implement a strict monitoring programme to control invasive species, and, finally, to request Germany and the Netherlands to strengthen cooperation on management and research activities with States Parties on the African Eurasian Flyways.

The Sylt Declaration §§ 3-6

- Welcomes the inscription of the Dutch-German Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List and acknowledges the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value,
- Agrees to start in the forthcoming period a possible nomination of the Danish Wadden Sea and the nomination of the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park,
- Instructs the Board to initiate and organize the development of an overall Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, and as a first step to adopt a Wadden Sea Communication and Marketing Programme 2010-13,
- Engages a close cooperation with the African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and establish cooperation for the protection and management of migratory birds relying on the Wadden Sea.

Furthermore, the Sylt Declaration instructs the Board to develop a common strategy for dealing with invasive species until the next Conference.

The Wadden Sea Board has established the Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH) to coordinate and oversee activities and developments with regard to the Wadden Sea World Heritage.

Tasks

- (1) Elaborate, coordinate and oversee the implement of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Communication and Marketing Programme 2010 – 13.
- (2) Supervise the adherence to the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value.
- (3) Coordinate and oversee the elaboration of nomination basis for the possible extension of the World Heritage property.
- (4) Coordinate the activities with regard to the information on the property.
- (5) Coordinate the international activities of the Wadden Sea World Heritage.

Composition

The Task Group shall consist, in principle, of a representatives of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), state ministries and national park

authorities in Germany, the responsible ministry and regional authorities in The Netherlands. Denmark will participate as observer. The Task Group will be chaired by the CWSS.

Output

Annual Progress Report to the Wadden Sea Board on the Wadden Sea World Heritage property.

Budget

Communication and Marketing Programme.

Reporting Schedule

Progress statements to the meetings of the WSB.

Annex 5**TASK GROUP SUSTAINABLE TOURISM STRATEGY (TG-STTS)****Terms of Reference**

On 26th June 2009 the Dutch-German Wadden Sea was inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd Session in Seville, Spain. The Committee in its decision requests the State Parties of Germany and the Netherlands to prepare and implement an overall Tourism Development Strategy for the property that fully considers the integrity and ecological requirements of the property and that provides a consistent approach to tourism operations in the property.

At the Sylt Conference (§5 Sylt Council Declaration) Ministers agreed to “instruct the Board to initiate and organize the development of an overall Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, in order to meet the request of the World Heritage Committee, the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park, and the Danish National Park, pending formal approval by its forthcoming board, and as a first step to adopt a Wadden Sea Communication and Marketing Programme 2010-13”.

The Sustainable Tourism Strategy Task Group (TG-STTS) has been established by the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) in order to implement the decision of the Wadden Sea Ministerial Council and to coordinate and support relevant ongoing activities in the field of Wadden Sea tourism and related communication and marketing.

Task

- (1) Elaborate, coordinate and implement a project for the elaboration of a draft Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy including an Action Plan as stipulated in the Sylt Declaration based on a participatory approach.
- (2) Promote and enhance the cooperation between the partners to further support and promote sustainable tourism including the exchange of relevant information and coordination of regional projects.
- (3) Coordinate and evaluate relevant communication and marketing activities including implementing joint campaigns and product development including further developing of the World Heritage brand with the partners.
- (4) Develop proposals for and coordinate the financing of relevant activities and seek appropriate funding.
- (5) Ensure coordination with activities in the field of tourism in the context of the World Heritage Convention and with activities of the World Heritage Task Group (WHTG).

Composition

The TG-STTS shall be composed of representatives from relevant government authorities, the tourism sector and nature NGOs, i.e. two - four representatives per region (1-2 GO, 1-2 tourism and marketing sector depending on the regional structure) and 2 green NGOs (WWF, Waddenvereniging). Representation within and

between the regions should be balanced and a regular participation in the meetings of the group should be ensured. Additional experts can be invited as appropriate to support the work.

A chairperson with experience in sustainable tourism will chair the group and report to the WSB and shall also be a member of TG-WH.

The CWSS will act as secretariat for the TG-STs.

Output

- (1) Inventory and baseline study of tourism in the Wadden Sea Region including anticipated market developments and market scenarios.
- (2) Draft Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy including an Action Plan for its implementation for approval by the WSB
- (3) Proposals for Joint Campaigns and other marketing activities.

Budget

The TG-STs will operate within the regular budgets of the partners. For the elaboration of the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy, joint campaigns and other marketing activities separate budgets will be developed and funded.

Reporting Schedule

December 2010: Inventory and baseline study.

April 2011: Draft Strategy to be discussed with stakeholders, input to 2nd draft and action plan

September 2011: Second draft and action plan to be discussed with stakeholders in regional meetings

December 2012: Strategy including action plan to be adopted by stakeholders and WSB.

Mid 2013: Presentation of Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy in the context of the World Heritage Convention.

Regular reporting to the meetings of the Wadden Sea Board including status reports on preparation of joint campaigns and coordination of ongoing activities including communication and marketing.