

# Wadden Sea Board

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| <b>Agenda Item:</b>  | 5.4                                     |
| <b>Subject:</b>      | Interreg Project "Building with Nature" |
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| <b>Submitted by:</b> | CWSS                                    |

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Attached is a proposal by the CWSS on the involvement of the CWSS as a partner in the project "Building with Nature" for which a proposal will be submitted under the Interreg North Sea programme.

**Proposal:**      **The meeting is invited to discuss the proposal**

## **INTERREG APPLICATION BUILDING WITH NATURE**

### **Background**

The Dutch Ministry of Environment and Infrastructure (Min I&M) has commissioned the consultant Bax and Williams to prepare an application under the Interreg North Sea programme on the concept of building with nature as a way to adapt to sea level rise and changing water regimes. The focus of the project will be on exchanging and evaluating building with nature projects. A brief summary of the proposal is in the separate pdf document. Deadline for submission is 30 June 2015.

### **Relevance for the trilateral cooperation**

At the Tønder Conference a trilateral Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation was adopted. The focus of the implementation of the Strategy will be on the exchange and evaluation of best practice measures.

In TD §54 specific emphasis is laid on the trilateral sedimentation project in which the impact of large sediment suppletions as a way to compensate for accelerated sea level rise is investigated.

The trilateral partners involved in this project (currently RWS NL, MLUR SH and Kystdirektoratet DK) have the intention to continue this project within the framework of the “Building with Nature” application.

From a trilateral perspective, the Interreg project therefore offers good opportunities to continue and strengthen the trilateral climate adaptation approach, as laid down in the trilateral Strategy.

The involvement of the CWSS in the project would be through the facilitation of TG-C meetings and the organisation of workshops and symposia in which experiences with building with nature approaches are exchanged and evaluated.

### **Project implementation**

Project duration will be 4 years, starting in the first half of 2016, provided the application is received positively.

CWSS involvement is estimated at a personnel input of 60 days in total (8 TG-C meetings, 2 workshops/symposia), which means an input to the project of some 30.000 Euros. This input will generate 30.000 Euros of Interreg co-financing support, which can be used for the workshops and for the production of documentation material.

The person responsible for climate change matters at the CWSS is Folkert de Jong. Since Mr de Jong will retire 1 April 2017, the personnel input by the CWSS to the project would have to be guaranteed until the end of the project, i.e. mid 2020.

**Proposal**

WSB is invited to support the participation of the CWSS in the Interreg application “Building with Nature”, which also implies that the personnel input to the project has to be guaranteed after the retirement of Mr de Jong.