

Wadden Sea Board

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1. Attached is the final draft Business Plan 2010 – 13, amended to include the comments received from D and DK (as separate files in track and clean).
2. A further copy of the Business Plan has also been attached (as separate file) with a further specification of the financial implications in the period with a view to a discussion of the feasibility of implementing the activities and projects encompassed in the Business Plan. Under each of the objectives an additional “Finances” column has been added with a specification of the financial resources, and for each of the Project Tables, a column with specification has been added with the same information. This document was also discussed at the WSB delegates meeting on 18 January 2011 and it was agreed to submit the document to WSB 3 with the aim to define priorities within the existing resources and to identify and endorse external financing for other activities/projects.
3. Uncertainties with regard to financing of specific activities and projects in the period have been indicated in red. Whereas there are good financing possibilities for the alien species strategy development and the development of the flyway cooperation structure from the PRW, it is necessary to discuss and prioritize the other projects as the CO₂ neutrality; this issue has a high awareness in the wider public and it seems that the additional finances must be found for such a project; Fisheries project; it was deliberately decided by the WSB to initiate a study because a further discussion in the context of the TG-M was not considered effective; an indication of the priority has to be given.
4. An issue which has not yet been discussed but should be considered when discussing the three-year activities and priorities is the preparation of the 2013 Conference. The costs of organizing the conference and council meeting are a matter for the presidency but there are some common costs to be considered. One of these is the preparation and publication of a scientific status report. An update of the QSR 2009 is not foreseen, but a smaller summary scientific assessment report could well be published following the scientific symposium. The Wadden Academy may have a role to play here. It would under any circumstances be appropriate to have a time table soon and a schedule of the themes to be dealt with at the 2013 Conference.

Proposal

The Wadden Sea Board is proposed to

1. Adopt the Final Draft Business Plan 2010 – 13.
2. Discuss and set priorities for the still open points in the Business Plan and instruct the secretary accordingly.
3. Instruct the Secretary to submit, as appropriate, the update rolling Business Plan 2010(2)-13 at WSB 4 taking account of 2. Together with a performance report of the past period.