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Attached is a brief report on the status of the LIFE+ invasive alien species project application

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| Proposal | The meeting is invited to note the information |
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LIFE application invasive alien species

Status September 2012

In June 2012 consultants in the Netherlands (Bureau Waardenburg, responsible for contents, contracted by Ministry EL&I; Bureau E&M, responsible for application process, contracted by PRW), together with the CWSS, started working on a draft application on the basis of project proposals from the three countries.

A workshop was held 29 August, at the CWSS, to discuss contents, finances and responsibilities on the basis of a draft project proposal. The workshop was attended by representatives from ministries, agencies, commercial organisations and scientific institutions from Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony and the Netherlands (Annex 1). It was agreed that organisations responsible for the various work packages would finalise the actions, including budget and own financial contribution by 12 September. In the same period it would be tried to find a lead partner for the project, a so-called coordinating beneficiary. For the latter the Dutch ministry EL&I was considered the best option.

On Friday 31 August, three Dutch partners (NIOZ, Imares, Gimares) stated that they had decided not to continue the process. Their main reasons were related to a lack of clarity about lead partner and finances and insufficient time for preparing the contents of the application.

Because these organisations are crucial for the project, the CWSS, Bureau Waardenburg and Bureau I&M decided that the deadline of 26 September could not be met anymore.

The Ministry EL&I, PRW and the CWSS have, in consultation with the contractors, decided to investigate possibilities for continuing the application procedure with the aim to submit a proposal for a possible LIFE call in 2013. The focus of the investigation is on the possible lead partner and the financial contributions by the different partners. Denmark has, in the meantime, indicated that it can contribute to the project.

Annex 1. Organisations represented at LIFW workshop 29 August 2012.

Netherlands

Ministry of EL&I

PRW

Ministry of I&M, Waterdienst

NIOZ

Imares

Gimares

Damen shipyards

Bureau E+M (contracted by Ministry EL&I for formal application)

Bureau Waardenburg (contracted by PRW for contents application)

Lower Saxony

National Park administration

ICBM Oldenburg

Senckenberg am Meer

Schleswig-Holstein

National Park Agency

State Agency for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Areas

AWI Sylt

Trilateral

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