



WG ICZM, 2nd Meeting

Wilhelmshaven, 17 January 2007

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: Draft agenda

The chairman, Mr. Verheij, opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. The agenda was **adopted** and is in Annex 1. Apologies had been received from Mr. Holstein, Mr. Johanssen and Mr. Witzki. Mr. Kannen of the University of Kiel was present as guest and introduced himself. Mr. Frederiksen informed the meeting that he had changed positions and was now working for the Danish government. He participated, therefore, as observer in the meeting. A list of participants is in Annex 2.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-1

The final draft minutes of the first meeting of WG ICZM, Wilhelmshaven, 6 September 2006, were **adopted**. Mr. Verheij stated that he and Mr. Keurentjes had been charged with the coordination of WG ICZM. Mr. Keurentjes was, however, no longer involved in WSF matters. The meeting therefore **agreed** that Mr. Verheij would continue as chairman of WG ICZM.

3. Announcements

Mr. Frederiksen announced that there were now 4 Danish municipalities bordering the Wadden Sea. These had decided to cooperate on Wadden Sea affairs and would, in due time, nominate members for WSF working groups.

Mr. Verheij informed that the Dutch Parliament had adopted the new spatial plan for the Wadden Sea, valid for the next 10 years.

4. ICZM strategy

Documents:

ICZM-2-4-1. ICZM evaluation

ICZM-2-4-2. ICZM in German Bundestag

The meeting first discussed ICZM matters related to the EU evaluation of national ICZM strategies (Rupprecht report). Mr. Verheij stated that the EU Commission would prepare a report to the European Parliament, based upon the findings of the evaluation. This was delayed because the evaluation itself was later than planned.

Mr. Schuhbauer wondered what the next steps would be, considering the substantial differences between the national strategies and the shortcomings in the strategies.

Ms. Straßer stated that the strategies also contained good starting points and that it was important to discuss how to proceed within the WSF.

Mr. Kannen underlined that the different national strategies also contained commonalities. What was, in his view, particularly important, was the political legitimization for actions at the local level.

Mr. Frederiksen stressed that ICZM must be seen as an instrument to achieve sustainability. He pointed to the fact that the Rupperecht report is a procedural report. Especially the regional seas approach, as put forward in the report, was relevant for WSF.

Mr. Verheij concluded that there was every reason to take a trilateral approach, which would also include working towards harmonising the national strategies of the Wadden Sea states.

The meeting **decided** that the chair and the secretary would prepare a reaction to the commission. This reaction would underline the importance of bullet points 3 and 4 from page 4 of document ICZM-2-4-1, related to the regional seas approach and actions across member states. Furthermore, the link between ICZM and sustainability would be stressed, as well as the need for good communication from the EU to the local level. In all these issues the work of WSF could be relevant for the Commission, which would, therefore, be requested to support initiatives like the WSF, either directly or via member states.

The meeting then discussed ICZM matters in the German Bundestag (document ICZM-2-4-2), which had in December 2006 adopted the proposals by the Commission for Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, regarding ICZM.

It was noted that in these proposals no reference to the WSF was made. It was **agreed** to prepare a reaction to the Bundestag in which the relevance of the regional seas approach and cross-border cooperation would be underlined, as well as the activities of WSF in these fields. The best way of forwarding this message would be discussed with the WSF chairman, Mr. Klimant. Several options were mentioned, i.e. direct contact between Klimant and Liebing, an official letter to the Commission, or both.

It was also **agreed** that the other governments (NL, DK), as well as the TWG, would be informed about the action.

The meeting finally discussed how to deal with the collection and evaluation of examples of ICZM practice in the Wadden Sea Region, as decided by WG ICZM-1 and approved by WSF-9.

Mr. Schuhbauer underlined the need for a comprehensive mapping of activities, including the economic ins and outs, as well as the over-regional aspects, so as to be able to judge the sustainability content.

Mr. Kannen stressed the importance of having comparable data at the regional level.

Ms. Straßer suggested to make available an overview of projects at the WSF website, as well as a form in which contributions could be submitted.

Mr. de Jong promised to investigate the technical and resource possibilities.

The chairman proposed to organise a workshop where examples could be presented and discussed.

Mr. Kannen offered assistance of his institute in the evaluation of projects and the preparation of the workshop.

After some further discussion the meeting **agreed** that a workshop would be organised on 6-7 November 2007 and that an evaluation of examples of ICZM would be collected and evaluated as input to the workshop. A letter will be sent to WSF organisations, requesting examples of ICZM best practice. It was also **acknowledged** that the members of WG ICZM have a particular responsibility in delivering examples.

At the next meeting stock would be taken of the results of the inventory.

5. Sustainability indicators

Document: ICZM-2-5-1. Terms of Reference Sustainability Indicators

Document ICZM-2-5-1 contains the terms of reference for the development of Wadden Sea specific sustainability indicators, including the small amendments proposed by WSF-9.

The meeting briefly discussed potential consultants that might be suitable for carrying out the tasks. It was **agreed** that the secretary would send out requests for bids as soon as possible.

6. EU Green Paper

At WSF-9 it had been decided that WG ICZM would prepare input to sections 2.7, 3.1, 3.4, 4.2, 5.1, 5.4 of the EU Green Paper "Towards a future maritime policy for the Union."

The meeting discussed these sections with the following outcome:

2.7. THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.

With regard to the first question (avoidance of contradictory impacts) it was **agreed** to underline the relevance of multifunctional use of marine areas by optimising the combination of uses. It was also **agreed** that an integrated consultation process was very relevant.

Questions 2-6 would have to be addressed by the shipping group.

The last question would be forwarded to the fisheries organisations.

3.1 ATTRACTION OF COASTAL AREAS.

The meeting agreed that ICZM and stakeholder involvement were prerequisites for maintaining the quality of life in coastal regions.

With regard to data need, it was stressed that region-specific, region comparable statistical data were of high importance. It should also be possible to distinguish between maritime and terrestrial components of statistical data.

3.4 MANAGING LAND-SEA INTERFACE.

Most participants in the meeting were not in favour of an ICZM Directive. ICZM should be promoted by raising awareness among all parties about its advantages. It is, therefore, of utmost importance that activities and institutions promoting ICZM, such as the WSF, are being supported, either directly by the Commission and/or through the member states.

Also stimulating ICZM courses in higher education was considered relevant for the future of this management instrument.

4.2 Spatial Planning

What is needed is a multifunctional approach, showing all different interests. With regard to the compatibility of marine and spatial planning, the use of common indicators was underlined. It was considered necessary that activities for which both marine and terrestrial planning is needed, are being handled by one authority.

With regard to the further procedure it was **agreed** that the chair and the secretary would prepare draft texts on the basis of the outcome of the discussion. This would also include sections 5.1 and 5.4 for which there had been no time to discuss.

Draft texts would be circulated to the members of WG ICZM with the request for written comments. Further discussion of the recommendations, as well as final approval, would be done at the ICZM-3 meeting.

7. Any other business

There was no any other business.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting (ICZM-3) will be held 24 April 2007 in Hamburg. Mr. Schuhbauer kindly offered to host the meeting in his office.

9. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting at 15:00 hours.

Annex 1

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