



WG ICZM, 3rd Meeting

HAMBURG, 24 April 2007

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: Draft agenda

The chairman, Mr. Verheij, opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. He welcomed the participants, in particular Mr. Rønneest and Mr. Madsen from COWI. Mr. Frederiksen had informed the secretariat that he was not able to participate. After a brief round of introduction, the meeting adopted the agenda. A list of participants is in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-2

The meeting **adopted** the final draft minutes of the 2nd meeting of WG ICZM, Wilhelmshaven, 17 January 2006, as distributed by e-mail of 18 February 2007.

3. Announcements

Mr. Kannen informed the meeting that the financing of the Coastal Futures II project had been reduced as a result of transfer of project money to Climate Change projects. Coastal Futures had now been prolonged until February 2008. He further informed the meeting that he was now employed by GKSS.

4. ICZM

4.1 Best Practice

Document: ICZM-3-4.1-1

The secretary informed that some responses had been received to the letter sent to WSF members with the request to report examples of ICZM best practice. The results are in document ICZM-3-4.1-1.

According to Mr. Kannen the examples showed the wide range of perceptions of what ICZM constitutes, which is related to different scales and purposes of projects carried out.

Mr. Schuhbauer proposed to work out concrete guidelines for ICZM.

Mr. Johanssen and Ms. Straßer indicated not to be in favour of a workshop at which only ICZM examples would be presented.

After some discussion it was **agreed** that the workshop would address an analysis of ICZM cases. Mr. Kannen offered to work out the cases. He would present a proposal at the next meeting of WG ICZM.

4.2 National Strategies

Document: ICZM-3-4.2-1 Letters

The meeting discussed in particular the answer of Ms. Klug to Mr. Liebing's letter. It was **concluded** that there is much uncertainty about the present situation in Germany. It was **agreed** that members will try to collect more specific details about:

- plans with regard to the national coordination bureau;
- the planned meeting of the national working group ICZM.

It was furthermore considered useful that Klimant would again contact Liebing to discuss next steps to be taken.

5. EU Green Paper

Document ICZM-3-5-1

The meeting discussed document ICZM-3-5-1, containing the statement by WG ICZM to the EU Green Paper. Upon request of Mr. Johanssen it was **agreed** to include in 2.7 a reference to the ecosystem approach, to skip in 3.1 the word "optimal" and in 4.2 to skip "taking a multifunctional approach and showing all different interests".

6. Sustainability indicators

Document ICZM-3-6-1

Mr. Madsen of COWI gave a presentation of the work carried out so far and the questions that had arisen. The meeting first discussed COWI's interpretation of the WSF objectives. Several proposals for improvement and clarification were made. It was **agreed** that WG members would have the opportunity to send written comments to the interpretation to COWI (via the secretariat) by 30 April at the latest.

It was furthermore **agreed** that a revised draft of the interpretation document would be sent out on 8 May. Comments to this revised draft should be sent to the secretariat by 11 May at the latest.

The meeting then discussed the proposed method of aggregating the indicators. The method was **accepted** in broad terms, but more specific discussion was needed on the basis of the actual indicators selected.

With regard to the aggregation of the three dimensions of sustainability, it was generally **agreed** that this was not desirable. The WG felt that it would not be possible to agree on a weighing method for the three dimensions. Instead, the separate aggregated dimensions (ecology, sociology, economy) should be presented separately.

It was **agreed** that COWI would give a presentation of its final draft proposal at the WSF-10 meeting. A pre-version would be sent to WG ICZM members by 24 May.

It was emphasised that COWI should reserve sufficient time for amending the proposals on the basis of the comments made by WSF-10.

7. Any other business

Ms. Straßer announced that a major conference on the Green Paper would be held in Bremen on 3-4 May in the framework of the German EU presidency.

Mr. Witzki asked guidance by the meeting as to whether the "Godel Niederung" case must be regarded as an example of ICZM. After some discussion the meeting concluded that several main elements of ICZM were lacking, in particular the long-term planning.

8. Next meeting

It was **agreed** to hold an additional WG ICZM meeting on 19 June to discuss the final COWI draft, as well as comments by WSF-10. Mr. Johanssen would try to organise a meeting room in Bremen.

9. Closing

The meeting was closed at 16:00 hours. Mr. Verheij thanked Mr. Schuhbauer for the hospitality.