



WG ICZM, 5th Meeting

Hamburg, 14 March 2008

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

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The host of the meeting, Werner Schuhbauer, welcomed the participants at the RWE/DEA office. He underlined the need for a dialogue between all parties involved and the relevance of RWE activities in the Wadden Sea.

The chairman, Herman Verheij, opened the meeting at 11:00 hours and thanked Schuhbauer for his offer to host the meeting.

The secretary informed that Mr. Frederiksen, Mr. Witzki and Ms. Oberdörffer had apologised. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. He also informed the meeting that Mr. Witzki will change jobs. It is unclear whether he will have a successor.

The meeting adopted the agenda. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-4

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 4th meeting of WG ICZM, Bremen, 26 September 2007, as distributed by e-mail of 6 November 2007.

With reference to the minutes, Verheij asked whether Andreas Kannen had found a master student to look at the Ems case. Lange answered that he was not aware of this but that probably a master student from the University Lüneburg would investigate the Jade Weser Port case.

3. Announcements

Christensen informed that on 17 January 2008 the Wadden Sea National Park Denmark had been announced. The implementation will start early 2009 and is expected to be finalised in 2010. There will be a 4 month public hearing before the legal framework is established.

He furthermore informed that licenses for mussel fishing had been issued for two vessels with a maximum of 700 tons, starting in January. After it had turned out that relevant research information about food requirements for birds had not been considered, the licenses were withdrawn. Some 300 tons had been fished.

Schuhbauer informed that a scoping and a public hearing will be organised in the framework of an EIA for reconstruction activities around the Mittelplate platform.

With regard to new exploration activities he informed that there had been a joint press conference of RWE/DEA and the Schleswig-Holstein government, announcing that such activities were possible if the legal conditions were adhered to. This means, among other things, that oil can be exploited from the mainland or another location outside the Wadden Sea Area.

It was currently being investigated whether this was also possible for the locations in the Lower Saxonian Wadden Sea.

De Jong informed the meeting about the situation with regard to the financing of the WSF secretariat. Following a 50/50 financing offer by TWSC, regional authorities in WSF had agreed to contribute 20,000 Euro each per annum.

In the meantime, the TWSC has made clear that it will contribute maximally 30,000 Euros annually. The Dutch provinces have announced that they will maintain their 20,000 Euros contribution, whereas the Danish municipalities have, for principal reasons, informed the WSF chairman, that they will contribute 10,000 Euros. It is expected that the German Kreise will maintain their earlier offer of 20,000 Euros.

A meeting between the TWSC Senior Officials and Klimant will be held on 14 April in the evening, to discuss WSF financing and the draft Memorandum of Understanding between TWSC and WSF.

He furthermore informed the meeting about a draft Interreg IVB application, focusing on integrated coastal zone management and sustainable development, to be submitted under the 3rd call, probably in September 2008. The project will be coordinated by the TWSC but WSF will play an important role as consultation body. The running WSF activities ICZM and sustainability indicators would fit very well into the project.

He finally announced a trilateral workshop on mussel fishery management, planned 11 June 2008.

Verheij informed about a ruling by the Dutch Administrative Court (Raad van State) regarding a license for mussel fishery in the Dutch Wadden Sea. According to the ruling, the license, issued in 2006, should not have been given because the information about possible impacts on the ecosystem (sediment, food availability for birds) was considered insufficient. The ruling has caused much debate because it will take a while before new scientific information will become available and it is unclear what will happen to the sector in the meantime.

4. Sustainability indicators

The chairman introduced the topic. The secretary informed that he had done some investigations regarding suitable bird indicators and dike safety indicators. However, more work was needed to finalise the tool. He also pointed to a potential other use of the tool, namely to publish information on each of the indicators on a regular basis, as part of a trilateral information system.

Verheij underlined the need for testing the tool, as agreed at WSF-11, and proposed that a sustainability status be delivered to WSF-13 in autumn.

Both Christensen and Schuhbauer warned for coming up with something "unripe". It was acknowledged that the outcome of the tool must be judged with caution, because there were national differences between the indicators and, most important, because the indicators could only partly reflect developments in sustainability. It was in this respect realised that indicators for adaptation to climate change were lacking, as well as proper indicators for energy. It was **agreed** that Schuhbauer would try to find suitable indicators for the latter.

It was **agreed** that the secretary would investigate possibilities for testing the tool with the aim of producing a first analysis for discussion at WSF-13.

5. ICZM

Documents:

ICZM-5-5.1 ICZM cases

ICZM-5-5.2 Varde Aa

Verheij introduced the work that had been carried out so far regarding the analysis of ICZM cases and the activities of the project group consisting of Kannen, Lange, Wegen, de Jong and himself. He thanked Lange and Wegen for the work they had done. He also thanked Christensen for providing the analysis of the Corncrake project (Varde Aa). Christensen promised also to deliver the ICZM analysis of the Danish National Park.

Lange introduced the methodology for the analysis and the structure of the matrices, documenting the results of the analysis.

Responding to a question by Schuhbauer about the selection of the cases, Verheij answered that these were the result of preferences by Lange and Wegen and the availability of material and that it could just as well have been other cases.

The meeting extensively discussed the level ICZM could or should be applied to, i.e. whether ICZM was meant to be applied to specific project or was more suitable for the strategic level.

De Jong and Christensen underlined that ICZM should, first of all, be an element at the strategic policy level, at which long-term overall objectives must be formulated. Specific project should also adhere to the ICZM principles, but not necessarily to all of them. Christensen referred in this respect to the Logical Framework Approach, applied to projects in third world countries, but in his view also useful in this situation.

The meeting then discussed the contents and aims of an ICZM workshop, to be held 11 November 2008 (alternative 4 November). It was **agreed** that the workshop would focus on the feasibility of using ICZM in the Wadden Sea Region and address the current deficiencies in the application of ICZM and the necessary improvements.

It was furthermore **agreed** to carry out a meta analysis of the cases elaborated so far, as basic input to the workshop. Schuchardt, Moser/Brown and Rupperecht were suggested as suitable candidates for this job, as well as for giving a presentation at the workshop. The meeting also discussed the problem of court cases, frustrating stakeholder dialogues about sustainable solutions to human use. It was **agreed** to address this theme at the workshop and to try and find a suitable candidate for a presentation.

It was also **agreed** that the secretary would contact Heike Holzfuß of BMU, to see whether the workshop could be jointly organised.

Finally, it was **agreed** that the text produced by Lange and Wegen would be sent to selected persons with the request for comments. Also members of WG ICZM are requested to check the material and submit comments to the authors. Deadline is 1 May.

6. Any other business

There was no any other business

7. Next meeting

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting in conjunction with the WSF-12 meeting, i.e. in Ribe on the morning of 5 June (9 - 11:30 hours).

8. Closing

Verheij thanked Schuhbauer for the hospitality and closed the meeting at 14:45 hours.

Annex 2. Agenda

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