



WG ICZM, 6th Meeting

Bremen, 05 February 2009

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 6-1 Draft agenda

The chairman, Herman Verheij, opened the meeting at 11:00 hours and gave a special welcome to the guest Ms Irena Horak from GTZ in Croatia.

The secretary informed that Mr. Frederiksen and Mr. Schuhbauer had apologised. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The meeting adopted the agenda. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-5

Document: WG ICZM 5 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 5th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 14 March 2008, as distributed by e-mail of 27 March 2008.

With reference to the minutes, Mr. Verheij pointed at some items which would be taken up again in the course of the agenda.

3. Announcements

Ms. Lübcke informed with regard to the address list that she would not represent Euregio any longer as the Danish Wadden Sea Secretariat has become also the secretariat for Euregio as of 1 January 2009.

4. ICZM cases

Document: WG ICZM 6-4, Meta analysis of the ICZM cases

The secretary briefly recalled the work done so far. In a first step 8 cases have been described and analyzed according to the 8 principles from the EU ICZM recommendation. This has been mainly performed by Marcus Lange and Maarten Wegen. The cases have been delivered to the consultant BioConsult, who has elaborated a meta analysis, which was distributed shortly before the meeting. The

participants commented on the document, which had to be improved according to the comments.

In general, the analysis was welcomed and could serve as background for the planned workshop (see agenda item 5). Mr. de Jong mirrored the opinion, also of other participants, that a clear picture is needed about the gaps in ICZM implementation and that the study did not indicate the real gaps or bad practices. Also the differences between spatial planning and ICZM had to be made clearer.

The meeting agreed that more specific questions and recommendations about ICZM should be elaborated for discussion at the workshop.

Furthermore, the EU principles should have been further analysed in the light of utilization. The study focused mainly on the single cases and its regional implementation, an analysis on a broader, Wadden Sea region wide level probably would have led to other results. With regard to ICZM practice it was stated that a better political commitment as well as a sound horizontal and vertical coordination would be necessary. Also the sector approaches would need a better coordination.

Regarding the recommendations and the role of the EU in ICZM, the meeting referred to the Barcelona Convention and the new protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (signed January 2008). The protocol is legally binding and also the EU Commission is a partner, which was seen as a discrepancy as the EU Commission would not aim at an ICZM directive. The Protocol could be taken as a unique legal instrument on ICZM in the entire international community and could serve as model for other regional seas like the Wadden Sea. The chairman suggested that this issue could also be taken up at the workshop.

In conclusion, the meeting agreed to request the consultant to improve the study by

- analysis of the ICZM cases on a Wadden Sea Region level
- differentiation between spatial planning and ICZM
- elaboration of more specific recommendations
- analysis in the view of the trilateral approach
- brief review of EU legislation by taking into account the Barcelona protocol

Further specific comments will be delivered in a written form by the participants soon.

5. ICZM workshop

The meeting **agreed** to implement an ICZM workshop to discuss the feasibility of using ICZM in the Wadden Sea Region and to address the current deficiencies in the application of ICZM and the necessary improvements. The improved meta analysis study of the ICZM cases will be used as background information. The contents of the workshop would cover the items

- presentation ICZM cases and analysis (Bastian Schuchardt)
- presentation about legal instruments and transboundary agreements (Patrick Szell)
- presentation about the function of EU principles (John McKenna)
- discussion session

The outcome of the workshop will be forwarded to the WSF for further decisions and actions. WSF will be the organizer, Ingbert Liebing agreed to moderate the one day workshop. The workshop was scheduled for 11 June from 9:30 till 16:30. Possible venue: Intercity Hotel Hamburg, further options will be checked. The target group would be authorities of the different level and the WSF organisations.

The secretariat together with the chairman will draft a program and is responsible for the organization and implementation of the workshop.

6. Testing sustainability indicator tool

Document: WG ICZM 6-6, Development and testing of bird sustainability indicators

The final draft version of the COWI sustainability indicator tool was already presented to the WSF and it was agreed to test the tool in the coming period. For several reasons, the testing was postponed. The meeting agreed to start with the further elaboration of the indicator tool and the testing phase.

A proposal for bird sustainability indicators is currently being elaborated., Additional indicators regarding environmental quality and safety are still missing. Also indicators for climate change will have to be found. The Data about social and economic issues can be part of the CWSS information system.. The next step is to update the data and to add still missing indicators.

The meeting agreed to

- update the available data (WSF secretariat)
- test the tool also on regional and local level
- incorporation in a larger context, and invite other partners (Belgium, Interwad, Halligen) to compare and test the tool

7. Participation Interreg IVB project New Wave

Folkert de Jong informed the meeting about the status and recent developments regarding an ICZM project under Interreg IVB. It was the intention to submit the application under the third call (end of September 2008).

Unfortunately, several potential candidates withdrew their participation shortly before the submission, which then had to be cancelled. In consultation with the remaining partners it was decided to try and find additional partners and postpone the application until the fourth call (deadline end of March 2009). The current situation was that no new partners had been found. This means that there were only partners from the Wadden Sea countries and one partner from the UK. The latter was not an official body. Moreover, proposals for contributions to the Work Packages by the official partners had not been received. Mr. de Jong concluded that the chances for approval of the project had to be judged as low. Moreover, it was highly uncertain whether the application can be made financially sound. For these reasons, the application was skipped.

8. Any other business

There was no any other business.

9. Next meeting

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting on 7 May 2009 in Hamburg.

10. Closing

Mr. Verheij thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00 hours.

Annex 2

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