



Wadden Sea Forum

WG ICZM, 8th Meeting

Hamburg, 28 October 2009

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 8-1 Draft agenda

The host of the meeting, Mr. Schuhbauer, welcomed the participants at RWE Dea AG. The meeting was opened by the chair, Mr. Verheij, at 10:00 hours. The meeting was informed that Mr. Kannen had apologised and that the region Uthlande, represented by Ms. Lübcke, will no longer involve itself in WSF activities..

A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

The agenda was adopted without amendments and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-7

Document: WG ICZM Final Draft Minutes ICZM 7

The final draft minutes of the 7th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 12 May 2009 were **adopted**.

3. Announcements

The chairman informed the meeting about an ICZM workshop on 23-24 November in Hannover. The contents would be about scientific tools in integrated management.

Folkert de Jong informed about the procedure of the revision of the Wadden Sea Plan (WSP). The consultation version had been distributed and a first discussion on comments would take place at the TWG meeting on 18-19 November and a final discussion in December 2009. In Denmark, a consultation would not be conducted as already consultations with regard to the Water Framework Directive and Habitat Directive had been prepared. Furthermore, Denmark regarded the content as insufficient and had requested changes to content. As a second item, Mr. de Jong announced that a consultation process of the Ministerial Declaration would be started soon. Thirdly, he reported about the work and cooperation of the Wadden Academy. An emphasis also had been laid on international research, like sediment budgets in the Wadden Sea and climate change. A political support would be given at the TGC-11 to strengthen the cooperation with the TWSC. In December 2009, a first workshop on research cooperation would be held.

Marcus Lange informed the meeting about the final stage of the project Coastal Futures. A brochure with the results would be available as hard copy as well as on the internet. A summary in English was distributed as hand out.

Secondly, he reported about a conference on 5-6 October 2009 in Warnemünde. Topics were the ICZM-Odra project and the kick-off of Radost, a project about regional adaption to climate change, which is coordinated by "Ecologic" and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. More information at <http://klimzug-radost.de>

Werner Schuhbauer requested a better information flow about activities and events along the coast to the WSF secretariat. This was supported by Marcus Lange, who proposed to use the EUCC database and the EUCC newsletter for detailed information. Additionally, a cooperation between WSF and EUCC should be considered.

Thomas Christensen informed the meeting that the Danish coastal defense agency is involved in an ICZM pilot study in the Baltic.

4. ICZM and Maritime Spatial Planning

Document: WG ICZM 8-4.1 Roadmap MSP

Document: WG ICZM 8-4.2 Legal aspects MSP

The secretary gave a brief introduction to the EU Road Map of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). MSP is increasingly in the focus of the EU Commission and has a close link to ICZM as all off-shore activities are connected to the mainland. This was also already recognized by the WSF, who had raised the issues of EEZ planning, particularly the lack of information and coordination in several meetings.

The meeting discussed the importance of MSP for the WSF and the trilateral conservation area and made some essential conclusions for the future work.

The key principles of MSP were stated as very useful, particularly

- Defining objectives to guide MSP
- Stakeholder participation
- Cross-border cooperation and consultation
- Achieving coherence between terrestrial and maritime spatial planning

Even if most relevant activities are within a 30 mile zone, also activities further off-shore will cause effects nearshore, e.g. cables, pipelines, dredging, mining, etc. The meeting also concluded that EU guidelines would support a cross-border cooperation in Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) and MSP.

Finally, the meeting discussed a study, compiling and describing all off-shore activities in the trilateral Wadden Sea Region and to elaborate a map to visualize the uses at a glance. It was agreed to elaborate a project proposal with ToRs in cooperation with the working group shipping.

5. Recommendations for the TGC-11

Firstly, the meeting addressed the WSP and **agreed** to elaborate strategic recommendations, particularly regarding an ICZM approach. Also the recommendations of the Workshop in June would be further elaborated to be taken up in the revision of the WSP. Deadline for recommendations and comments would be end of November.

Secondly, the meeting dealt with the contribution of the WG ICZM to the WSF final report being delivered to TGC-11. Like the Steering Committee, also the working group ICZM **agreed** to pay serious attention to the report and to

underline the substantial role of ICZM in preserving the Wadden Sea Conservation Area and in sustainably developing the trilateral EEZs and the Wadden Sea Region.

In the meeting's view, the report should entail

- a description of what has been achieved;
- results of the workshop, like added value of ICZM, reduction of costs and a high level backing;
- recognition of added value for the TWSC;
- promotion of the importance of the ICZM principles;
- demonstration of ICZM benefits for nature protection;
- advice for TWSC to collaborate with other ministries (horizontal cooperation);
- recommendations for ICZM pilot projects, e.g. Ems estuary;
- sustainability indicator tools with results of sustainability indexes.

An outline of the report will be elaborated by the secretariat with the support of the working group and the Steering Committee. This outline will be forwarded to the TWG meeting on 18-19 November to address the work of the Forum already at an early stage. Following, the report will be further elaborated to deliver a final draft in January. At TGC-11, a final printed version will be ready for distribution.

6. Sustainability indicator tool

Folkert de Jong introduced the sustainability indicator tool and reported about the latest developments. The progress and difficulties were briefly described in the status report, which was distributed as hand out. The indicator tool would be sent to the working groups members as an electronic document.

Mr. de Jong explained the ecological sustainability with breeding and migratory bird indicators, which was very descriptive. Although still several ecological indicators have to be elaborated (mammals, pollution), the meeting agreed to present the indicator tool with results regarding sustainability indexes at the WSF plenary meeting in May next year. As a very worthwhile outcome of a joint project of WSF and TWSC, the indicator tool should also be presented at TGC-11, probably as part of the WSF final report.

Finally, the meeting acknowledged the work of improving and developing the indicator tool, which was mainly done by Heike Klar from the WSF secretariat.

7. Any other business

No other business discussed.

8. Next meeting

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting WG ICZM-9 on 13 January 2010 in Hamburg.

9. Closing

Mr. Verheij thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 14:00 hours.

Annex 2

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