



Wadden Sea Forum

WG ICZM, 9th Meeting

Hamburg, 13 January 2010

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 9-1 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 11:00 hours. The meeting was informed that Mr. de Jong and Mr. Holst Christensen had apologised.

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-8

Document: WG ICZM Final Draft Minutes ICZM 8

The final draft minutes of the 8th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 28 October 2009 were **adopted**.

The results of the discussion regarding the cooperation and information exchange between WSF and EUCC are given under agenda item 4.

3. Announcements

Andreas Kannen informed the meeting about the final conference of "Coastal Futures" on 4 March 2010 in Hamburg. The conference will introduce the results of the project and discuss future challenges and priorities in dealing with changes along the coast. The second announcement will be distributed soon and also be placed on the WSF website.

He further informed about a project called "knowledge of the seas" (KnowSeas), which is a collaborative project funded by the European Community under Framework Programme 7. It has 30 partners from 15 countries and is coordinated by the Scottish Association for Marine Science. GKSS is leading a work package focusing on institutional and social analysis. More information on the websites:

www.knowseas.com

www.gkss.de/science_and_industrie/eu_projects/fp7/earth/008042/index_0008042.html.en

The secretary informed the meeting about the status of elaborating/improving the sustainability indicator tool. Except of the bird indicators, all data was updated and made comparable between the three countries as good as possible. The functional programming has to be improved as the different steps through the levels as well as the scoring is hard to reconstruct of what COWI has implemented. The documentation has to be made clear in order to understand the changes in values of the different indicators as well as the tuning. It was agreed, to hire expert support for the completion and implementation (including documentation) of the indicator tool. The secretariat will briefly outline the tasks and GKSS provided support to find technical support.

4. ICZM and Maritime Spatial Planning

The meeting discussed the availability of information with regard to uses in the EEZ and possibilities of cooperation regarding Maritime Spatial Planning. The meeting agreed to create an information basis for knowledge enhancement and the implementation of future activities. The group would like to get access to information about relevant policies and management plans with regard to ICZM and MSP in the Wadden Sea Region, economic activities and projects in the North Sea as well as about spatial planning off-shore.

The working group agreed to invite Ms Nadine Stybel, managing director of EUCC Germany, to discuss the provision of information and access to EUCC data bases. Andreas Kannen will contact Ms Stybel and inform her about the background and request of the WSF. An invitation will be sent by the secretariat.

Furthermore, a possible project of compiling information about economic uses in the EEZ, which was also requested from the WSF plenary, will be discussed with EUCC first. This would clarify which data is already available and where the gaps are as well as which support could be delivered by EUCC.

This would also be a first step to install a MSP information network, of which the WSF is a part of.

Finally, the meeting stated that MSP should be a joint task of the ICZM and Shipping group, who will be invited to the next meeting too.

5. Project application DG Mare

Document: Project proposal Wageningen University

Document: DG Mare, call for proposals

The meeting discussed in detail the benefits of the described MSP project for the WSF. It was stated that a focus on the Dogger Bank would be too limited in space and a transformation of the experiences made to a MSP process in general would not succeed. In order to develop objectives and a methodology for cross-border MSP and to set up a structure and procedures for integrated MSP according to the EU principles, the whole southern North Sea should be taken into account. Also the interaction of land and sea should be considered.

The meeting tasked the secretary to participate in the next preparatory meeting to clarify the position of the WSF.

6. Recommendations for the TGC-11

The secretary recalled the recommendations, elaborated by the ICZM workshop in June 2009 and the working group ICZM. The two strategic recommendations have already been forwarded to the WSF plenary, who agreed on these. The meeting **agreed** to stick to these two recommendations, which will be documented in the WSF report to be forwarded to the TGC-11 in March 2010.

7. Any other business

The participants reflected the Energy Symposium, held in November 2009 in Bremerhaven. In conclusion it was stated that the symposium has been a success and an excellent forum for an expert knowledge exchange and an open dialogue about the development of the energy market in the Wadden Sea Region. Also the organization was judged favorably.

Recent developments in the energy market show that the WSF has addressed an highly topical issue and the meeting supported further activities in this respect.

8. Next meeting

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting WG ICZM-10 on 20 April 2010 at RWE Dea AG in Hamburg.

9. Closing

Mr. Verheij thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 14:30 hours.

Annex 2

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