



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 14th Meeting
Hamburg, 26 September 2011

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 14-1 Draft agenda

The chair Herman Verheij welcomed the participants, thanked the host of the meeting Mr. Mattfeld from RWE Dea AG and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours.

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-13

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 13

The final draft minutes of the 13th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 2 May 2011 were **adopted**.

3. Announcements

Andreas Kannen reported about the 2nd conference on ICZM in Arendal, Norway. This multi-disciplinary international conference was intended to promote science and integration of knowledge for the sustainable management of coastal resources. A focus was also laid on the role of social science in ICZM.

He further informed about the LOICS Open Science Conference on 12-15 September 2011 in Yantai, China. The aim of the conference on "Coastal Systems, Global Change and Sustainability" was to bring together the international research community, working on land-ocean issues and MSP. Another event was the ICES Annual Science Conference on 19-23 September in Gdansk addressing marine science and ICZM in the North Atlantic. Finally, he informed about a coordinating round of different ICZM/MSP projects like MESMA, MASPNOSE, KnowSeas and Odemm.

Christian Fischer, a guest of the meeting, briefly introduced his Master Thesis about the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation. The Thesis is mentored by Andreas Kannen from the HZG.

Sandra Vöge informed about the progress of the MESMA project and the case study Southern North Sea. A focus was laid on compilation and development of tools with regard to monitoring and spatial management in the North Sea. The meeting requested Ms Vöge to give a more detailed presentation about the progress of the project at the next meeting.

Manfred Vollmer informed about the 40 anniversary of the IVG, who runs the salt caverns in Etzel, Lower Saxony. The construction of new caverns for gas storage would be under rapid development. 52 caverns were in operation and 25 were under construction. The aim would be to provide 144 caverns in the near future, also with the option to store hydrogen as new option for energy storage (wind power).

He further announced organ culture as new issue taken up by the forum. The organ culture in the Wadden Sea Region would be outstanding in the world. Nowhere else would exist such a density of organs in small churches. The organ culture would be taken up in a working group cultural heritage.

4. Data ICZM and Maritime Spatial Planning

Presentation EUCC-D: WebGIS progress

Ramona Thamm presented the progress and current status of the project. Almost 60 layers of background information, uses and protection schemes had been implemented and metadata for all themes had been included. The layers were explained in detail and the gaps in information were pointed out, taking into account that Denmark had the main deficits. The presentation is in **Annex 3**.

The meeting welcomed the presentation and its detailed information and requested EUCC-D to draft a proposal for maintaining the WebGIS, including a budget to be presented and discussed at the SC-12 meeting on 12 October in Bremen.

5. North Sea Maritime Forum

The secretary first briefly introduced the contents of the North Sea Maritime Forum (NSMF). "The North Sea Maritime Forum will be concerned with coordinating access to the resources of the North Sea and to the markets and settlements around the North Sea. It will promote transnational cooperation aimed at facilitating, improving and coordinating access to those resources, as well as access to markets and settlements by providing safe and efficient shipping lanes through the sea itself. It will provide a platform to look at the impacts upon all sectors exploiting those resources of policy changes taking place within the North Sea which may affect access, including implementing the European Transport Policy, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the introduction of Maritime Spatial Planning, within member states and the consideration of cross-boundary issues, the bringing forward of proposals for Marine Protected Areas, and the proposed reform of the Common Fisheries Policy."

Secondly, the secretary informed the meeting that the WSF would contribute to the NSMF with 21 working days a year. Precondition would be approval of a project application under Interreg IVB. The offered working days would mostly be spent in plenary and working groups meetings as well as in preparation of the meetings. Travel expenses would be refunded by the NSF. As the WSF would be project partner as a society, all members could contribute.

6. Sustainability indicator tool

Document: WG ICZM 14-6.1 Indicator tool progress

The chair referred to the document and asked the meeting to comment on the different chapters. It was agreed not to start a general discussion about the indicator tool, but to concentrate on fine tuning of the indicators specifically mentioned in the document.

The meeting took note of the changes in the tool according to the new data, also for the previous years, and the corrected formula, which in some cases had impacts on the indices and the shape of the graph in level one.

As indicated in the document, some data had to be extrapolated for updating the graphs of sustainable development. It was agreed, to document the assumed development where necessary. With regard to the assessment of the population of marine mammals, it was agreed to calculate the trends in a range of 5% differences to the previous year instead of in the range of 10% in comparison to a mean value of the past 5 years.

Further agreements were that the assessment of the metal loads in sediments (19.1) should be checked with assessments made by OSPAR and HELCOM; that the indicator sea grass should be left in the tool even only few data were available and that the indicator oil spills should be taken out due to missing useful data.

Finally, the meeting requested the secretariat to summarize the highlights of the indicator tool for presentation at the WSB 4 and WSF 19 meetings. An emphasis should be laid on the level 1 graphs with an explanation of the different shapes of the curves. The presentation should also point at the need for extrapolating data, missing data and the week ecological data sets for the Wadden Sea Region.

7. Any other business

No other business discussed.

8. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the next meeting on 26 January 2012 at RWE Dea AG in Hamburg.

9. Closing

The chair thanked for the fruitful and interesting meeting and closed it at 15:00.

Annex 2

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