



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 16th Meeting
Hamburg, 11 October 2012

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 16-1 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-15

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 15

The final draft minutes of the 15th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 31 January 2012, were adopted.

3. Announcements

Holger Janssen reported that the EU commission would prepare a framework directive on ICZM/MSP. A draft for internal use was ready. In his view, the objectives of the directive would stay weak.

Herman Verheij briefly informed the meeting about the WSB-6 meeting on 4 October. He further announced that he had promised to inform the WSF plenary as well as the WSB at their next meetings about the state of sustainability. Documents would be prepared accordingly.

Sandra Vöge informed about the status of the MESMA project. A partner meeting would take place in November to discuss the draft results elaborated so far. The sub-project Wadden Sea of Senckenberg had been completed this year. She highlighted the value of the projects science-policy interface and a discussion of promoting sustainability indicators in MESMA as well in the WSF. In this respect, cooperation would be beneficial for both parties.

Furthermore, she informed about international event on Marine Spatial Planning, taking place on 30 and 31 October 2012 at the World Trade Centre in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands. More information see www.registration.wur.nl/UK/Congres+D/Registration/

Manfred Vollmer informed the meeting that he would introduce the role of the WSF in ICZM and MSP at a meeting of representatives of the German parliament on 22 October in Berlin. An emphasis would be the view of the WSF on ICZM and the value of the Planning Portal.

4. WSR Planning Portal

Anne Hiller from EUCC-D presented the work scheme of the further elaboration of the Planning Portal. The Planning Portal, financially supported by RWE Dea, will be improved by technical tools and amended by data on various themes.

The amendment of information encompasses data about fisheries, tourism, AIS (ship traffic) as well the integration of socio-economic data. For parts of this, data of the sustainability indicator tool will be used. Further data investigation includes archaeological sites and coastal power plants on land. In case of adequate data availability, layers will be produced and uploaded. It is also envisaged, to depict the development of administrative borders over time. By request and in addition to the agreed contract, the possibilities to upload a geological features (Geest/marsh) for the WSR or parts of it will be checked. This information is very much connected to archaeological sites as well as to places of old churches with its famous organs. Furthermore, it was requested to amend the Planning Portal by a layer showing the borders of the Maritime Strategy Framework Directive, MSFD, also to inform about the differences in implementation of the Wadden Sea countries.

The presentation is **Annex 3**.

The meeting discussed also the integration of marine traffic in the GIS. This would be a unique depiction of current ship traffic together with different usage of space in the marine area. The integration would cost a yearly fee of a few thousand Euros, but it was agreed to find the money for implementing a test phase to better promote the Planning Portal.

5. Sustainability indicator tool

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.1 Indicator tool Number 9-2

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.2 Indicator tool Number 12-3

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.3 Indicator tool Number 21

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.4 IndicTool Comparison 1

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.5 IndicTool Comparison 2

Document: WG ICZM 16-5.6 IndicTool Comparison 3

The secretary informed the meeting that the indicator tool has been updated with new data of the past years. Following, he introduced the distributed documents for further discussion and advice.

Indicator 9.2 was about the use of R&D data. This data is not available on municipality level, which means that particularly for Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark the concerned regions encompasses also areas which are not part of the WSR. Nevertheless, the **meeting agreed** to use the data in order to have information of R&D in the coastal area.

Indicator 12.3 delivers data on income generating activities. In The Netherlands, statistics of some branches have changed from 2008 on. This leads to inconsistencies to the past years, but the overall development of the indicator has not changed. The meeting took note of the information and stated that changes in statistics would happen from time to time. If these technical changes in the raw data would not affect the overall temperature of sustainability, the data should be kept as delivered, but with a note to statistical changes.

Indicator 21 delivers data about air quality, particularly data of NO₂, O₃ and PM₁₀ (fine particles). Besides data of exact emissions, also information on exceeding limit values is given. An assessment is based on thresholds, which should be defined to scientific standards. The **meeting agreed** that this should be done by the members of the working group to support the secretariat with their expertise.

The meeting briefly discussed the three examples of correlating indicators with each other. This method could demonstrate the various application possibilities of the indicator tool. As an example, correlation of value added growth with the development of labour forces could deliver a better picture of the market situation. The **meeting requested** the chair and the secretariat to elaborate some examples to be presented at the WSF-21 meeting November in order to highlight the value of instrument.

6. Future work topics and activities

The meeting discussed the role of the ICZM working group in the context of sustainable development of the WSR and the deliveries to the Wadden Sea Conference in 2014. The chair stated that the Planning Portal and the state of sustainability in the WSR would be presented at the Wadden Sea Conference. Further, he proposed to work on an ICZM strategy, taking into account the recommendations of "Breaking the Ice" and the EU policies on ICZM and MSP in Europe. The meeting agreed on this proposal.

In order to proceed, the chair and the secretary would elaborate an outline for the next meeting. An analysis of the report "Breaking the Ice" as well as the objectives of the ENHANCE project (see agenda item 7) would feed in the outline. Further, the ICZM working group will discuss and further elaborate the outline and forward it to the WSF meeting in autumn 2013 for adoption.

7. Cooperation with EU FP7 projects

The secretary briefly informed the meeting about the status of the two projects in the FP7 program, in which the WSF would be involved. The project "ENHANCE" would be launched officially in December 2012 and would last 4 years. The project "COST" (Capacity-building for Maritime Spatial Planning for European Seas) had elaborated a full proposal of the project in July this year. The application for funding would be in preparation. The WSF is listed as participant. The meeting asked the secretary to distribute the description of both projects.

8. Any other business

The secretary informed about cooperation with the HZG to implement a climate atlas for the Wadden Sea Region. The HZG is going to broaden an already available climate atlas due to the requirements of the WSF. The atlas contains 12 different scenarios with regard to temperature, precipitation, wind, cloud coverage and vegetation periods. The scenarios can be called up due to seasons, time periods and range of values. Further information on waves, water levels and currents would be amended; also a translation into English was envisaged. The meeting welcomed the information and tasked the secretary to make further arrangements with HZG to improve and maintain the climate atlas according to WSR requirements and future needs.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the next meeting on 14 February 2013 in Hamburg.

10. Closing

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