



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 17th Meeting
Hamburg, 14 February 2013

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 17-1 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 with a change of order and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-16

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 16

The final draft minutes of the 16th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 24 September 2012, were adopted.

3. Announcements

Andreas Kannen briefly informed the meeting about the project KnowSeas (Knowledge-based Sustainable Management for Europe's Seas). The overall objective of the project is to provide a comprehensive scientific knowledge base and practical guidance for the application of the ecosystem approach to the sustainable development of Europe's regional seas. The project would be finished in summer this year and the results would be published soon.

Manfred Vollmer informed about the ENHANCE project (Enhancing risk management partnership for catastrophic natural disasters in Europe), which was officially launched by 1 December last year. A first partner meeting took place in January at the University of Amsterdam. The purpose was to get a better understanding of the linkage between the work packages and the 10 case studies. The WSF was involved in the North Sea Case under the lead of the HZG. A more detailed report about the project would be given at the next ICZM meeting.

4. WSR Planning Portal

Presentation: Anne Hiller, EUCC-D

Anne Hiller from EUCC-D presented new results about the improvement of the Wadden Sea Region Planning Portal. An emphasis was laid on fishery data, delivered by ICES and STECF (Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries). The data provides fish catch in tons per square kilometres and further details about caught species by countries. Shipping density was shown with an example of ship traffic density for a certain period. The Planning Portal also allows the integration of foreign data sets through a Web Map Service (WMS). With regard to the technical application, all layers can be depicted with different degrees of transparency.

Archaeological data as well as information about power plants on land are currently compiled.

5. Sustainability indicator tool

The chair informed about the latest developments regarding the indicator tool. This was presented at the plenary meeting last November and also to the Wadden Sea Board meeting last year. It was recognized that the number of indicators, particularly on ecology, had to be increased to make the instrument more reliable. Still, there would be a lack of knowledge what the instrument was able to provide.

For a better application of the indicator tool, scientific support would be needed. A cooperative venture between the Waddenacademie, the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) and the WaLTER project would use synergies to provide an advanced knowledge base with regard to a sustainable and future viable Wadden Sea Region (WSR). With the expertise of the Waddenacademie and the monitoring data of WaLTER, the sustainability indicator system of the WSF will be analyzed and improved to measure developments in ecology and socio-economy and its coherencies.

6. ICZM Strategy

Document: WG ICZM 17-4.1 outline ICZM strategy

At the last meeting, the working group **agreed** to elaborate on a new ICZM strategy for the Wadden Sea Region, taking into account a review of "Breaking the Ice" of 2005. Additionally, the WSF decided in its plenary meeting of November 2012, to carry out a strategic report to be forwarded to the Wadden Sea Conference in 2014. As ICZM is the core business of the WSF, it was **agreed** to elaborate an ICZM strategy, which meets both objectives.

With regard to editorial matters, it was consensus to keep the report as short as possible to reach attention among stakeholders and politicians (10-15 pp plus executive summary with recommendations). Background information will be placed as Annexes.

According to the agreements, the draft outline will be further elaborated and be forwarded for decision to the Steering Committee meeting in April this year. An annotated outline will also be sent to the WSB-8 in June for their information.

With regard to contents, it was **agreed** to formulate a vision and to continue with aims and objectives, which are linked to the statements of the vision, addressing e.g. climate change and adaption, a healthy environment and a prosperous and balanced economy.

On the basis of the vision and objectives, the strategy will be developed, considering the target groups like the governments and the different sectors. The colleagues from the Helmholtz Zentrum Geesthacht offered their expertise and resources for the elaboration of the strategy.

In order to proceed, the chair and the secretary will elaborate on the following items:

- Draft vision for the SC meeting
- New draft outline of the ICM strategy
- Review of "Breaking the Ice"

The outputs will be discussed with the working group by email exchange or phone conference.

7. Any other business

No other business was discussed.

8. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the next meeting on 14 June in Bremen.

09. Closing

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

ANNEX 2

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