



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 18th Meeting
Hamburg, 14 June 2013

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 18-1 Draft annotated agenda

The chair Herman Verheij welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. A short round of introduction took place. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes WG ICZM-17

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 17

The final draft minutes of the 17th meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 14 February 2013, were adopted.

3. Announcements

The secretary informed about the WSF energy symposium, which took place on 3 June in Eemshaven, the Netherlands. The symposium was a success, even though just some 30 experts participated. The focus was on greenhouse emissions, CO₂ reduction and new technologies on energy storage. The meeting discussed the 4 categories of emissions and reduction possibilities like processes, regions, fuels (coal, oil, gas, nuclear, renewables) and sectors (Industry, transport, households, manufacturing/trade/services). In order to define a CO₂ neutral Wadden Sea Region, the symposium distinguished between production chains and the consumption level, which would get priority in elaborating CO₂ reduction measures. The presentations are placed on the WSF website.

Marcus Lange informed about the current status of the North Sea Region Climate Change (NOSCCA). Within this initiative scientists were reviewing existing literature on past and possible future climate changes in the North Sea region as well as on socio-economic impacts. Currently Lead Authors would prepare manuscripts that would enter the review process soon. The WG was informed that there would be stakeholder involvement activities (e.g. stakeholder conference 2014) that might be interesting for the WSF as well.

4. Sustainability indicator tool

The secretary briefly informed about the cooperative venture between the Waddenacademie, the Wadden Sea Forum and the WaLTER project to assess the data of the sustainability indicator tool. WaLTER has started with a first evaluation of the indicators on demography, employment and enterprises, tourism and housing. First results as part of a PhD study showed that compared to the national population the Wadden Sea Region had to cope in the last year with a decline of population. Only the Dutch municipalities recorded a slight population growth. The small share of young inhabitants could be experience almost in the entire region, only Groningen showed a higher share of young people. The meeting took note of the information. It was

suggested to invite the Waddenacademie to the next ICZM meeting to present first results. Also the WSF plenary should be informed in detail at its November meeting.

5. ICZM Strategy

Document: ICZM 18-5.1 ICZM strategy, outline

Document: ICZM 18-5.2 ICZM strategy, objectives

Document: ICZM 18-5.3 ICZM strategy, review "Breaking the Ice"

Document: ICZM 18-5.4 ICZM strategy, proposals for a vision

Document: ICZM 18, ICZM principles

The ICZM strategy was the main agenda item, also because the strategy for the Wadden Sea Region would define the aims and objectives of the Forum for the future. The strategy will be forwarded to the WSF-23 meeting for adoption and following to the WSB for the December meeting. It was agreed to have a final draft ready by mid-October.

ICZM strategy outline: The meeting agreed on the elements of the outline and clustered the chapters as listed below. Responsibilities are also assigned. It was agreed to have final drafts ready of the chapters discussed at this meeting as well as drafts of all other chapters at the next meeting in August.

1. Introduction (Manfred Vollmer) (Andreas Kannen for a chapter on the structure of the strategy)

1.1 Review Breaking the Ice (Manfred Vollmer)

1.2 The Wadden Sea Region (Manfred Vollmer)

2. What is the strategy about?

2.1 Aims (Manfred Vollmer and Herman Verheij)

2.2 Vision (Manfred Vollmer and Herman Verheij)

2.3 Objectives (Manfred Vollmer)

3. Implementation

3.1 Principles (Andreas Kannen)

3.2 Instruments (Manfred Vollmer)

3.3 Cooperation (Manfred Vollmer and Marcus Lange)

4. Recommendations (all) with statements to whom they will be addressed

ICZM vision: The meeting discussed the two proposals for an ICZM vision and welcomed the contents of the proposals. To keep it understandable without detailed explanations, the term of Clearing House Mechanism should be left out, but knowledge and information exchange as well as the dialogue process should be emphasized. The meeting also agreed to include the cultural historic landscape in the vision. The meeting tasked the chair and the secretary to elaborate an integrated text of the two proposals.

Review "Breaking the Ice": The meeting agreed on the available document and made just some editorial comments. The working group will deliver comments on the text in writing by end of July at the latest.

ICZM objectives: The description of the objectives was based on the ones in "Breaking the Ice", but the developments during the past years made some adjustments necessary. The procedure will be explained in the introduction. With the support of the indicator tool, the progress of working towards the objectives was measured and stated in the document. This relation between objectives and indicator results has to be made clearer. In order to get a reliable picture, the statements will be checked with the experts from the WaLThER project, who are also working with indicators. On bases of the assessment, recommendations could be made to the objectives when feasible.

Further comments on the draft should be sent to the secretariat by end of July.

ICZM principles: The meeting welcomed the proposal from Andres Kannen. The proposal reflected the ICZM application in the work of the WSF. With regard to working with natural processes, it was suggested to describe examples of fisheries, tourism, ferry traffic to the islands and green harbor developments. Further comments should be sent to Andreas Kannen, who will consider the comments in the second draft.

6. Progress Planning Portal

Holger Janßen from EUCC-D presented the latest updates of the Wadden Sea Region Planning Portal, which now encompasses more than 100 layers about uses and protection schemes. He particularly focussed on the integration of socio-economic data of the indicator tool. After an assessment regarding validity, the socio-economic layers will be uploaded on the WSF website. The compilation of archaeological data is still lacking due to little efforts of the responsible national agencies. The secretariat was requested to approach the agencies again to deliver the already announced data.

7. Any other business

No other business was discussed.

8. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the next meeting ICZM-19 on 28 August in Wilhelmshaven and the ICZM-20 meeting on 11 October in Bremen.

9. Closing

The chair thanked for the fruitful and interesting meeting and closed it at 15:30.

ANNEX 2

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