



Wadden Sea Forum

WG ICZM, 2014-1 Meeting

Hamburg, 20 March 2014

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2014-1 Draft agenda

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

2. Announcements

Mr. Mattfeld announced that RWE Dea together with the oil and gas producers (OGP) would organize a workshop at the European Maritime Day on 19-20 May 2014 in Bremen. Mr. Verheij informed about the main results of the Trilateral Governmental Conference in February in Tønder, Denmark. He highlighted three program issues, the adoption of the ministerial declaration, the adoption of the sustainable tourism strategy and the signing of the flyway initiative.

Furthermore, he referred to the proposed implementation of a World Heritage Foundation to attract further funding for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site. The foundation would be an own legal entity and the WSF was proposed to appoint an advisory board. In his opinion such a structure with Wadden Sea Board and advisors from the WSF, the CWSS and the foundation again with an advisory board and secretariat would be quite confusing. A decision about the implementation of the foundation would be expected when Denmark would be part of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site.

Finally, he briefly informed about the Ems management plan, an example of cross-border coastal management.

The secretary informed the meeting about a job vacancy at the CWSS in Wilhelmshaven. The position of the Secretary would be vacant. He further briefly reported about the meeting of the North Sea Commission in Aalborg. It was obvious that the NSC and the WSF had similar work topics as well as a valuable transnational partnership. A cooperation of the two organizations would create sound synergies. Therefore, the representatives agreed to increase the collaboration, particular on climate change and adaptation, risk management and energy issues.

Finally, he referred to the ICZM report, which was available as hardcopy, and asked the participants to distribute copies to interested colleagues.

3. Results SC-E meeting

Document: SC-E Final Draft Minutes

In January, an extraordinary Steering Committee meeting took place to discuss and define most relevant work topics for the coming period. The SC proposed to work on shipping and harbor issues, on energy transition with climate change and adaptation as well as mitigation measures, on agriculture and on cultural identity in the Wadden Sea Region. The SC also recommended continuing the ICZM working group to coordinate all coastal management matters, to continue the work on specific management instruments like the indicator tool, the planning portal and the climate atlas. Furthermore, the ICZM group should focus on risk management with regard to effects of climate change and natural hazards. Final decisions will be made at the forthcoming plenary meeting on 13-14 May 2014.

The meeting **welcomed** the recommendations of the SC and **agreed** to integrate those in the work program to be elaborated in the coming weeks.

4. Organizational matters

With the start of the new period after the Trilateral Governmental Conference, some organizational matters also within the working group ICZM were discussed. Herman Verheij informed the meeting that he would like to step back from the chairmanship. He briefly outlined the tasks of a chair. These would be preparing and chairing 3-4 meetings per year, to participate from time to time in cooperative meetings and spending some days on contents and collaboration with the secretariat. He also mentioned that the support of the secretariat would be very reliable.

According to the rules of procedure form 2010, a new chair has to be elected by the working group. Beforehand, the SC has to decide whether WSF observers could be chairpersons of working groups. It was envisaged to propose a new chairperson to the plenary meeting in May. Therefore, the ICZM group members were asked to think about chairmanship within the coming weeks and an official appointment could be done in the ICZM 2014-2 meeting in June.

Furthermore, the meeting agreed to hold most of the work group meetings in Hamburg or Bremen, because these places are easy to reach and the meetings can be limited to one day meetings. From time to time, the venue should be at places of coastal management examples to experience relevant measures.

5. Integrated Coastal Risk management

Document: ICZM 2014-1/5.1 Introduction risk management

The secretary introduced the document about risk management, which briefly outlines possible risks due to climate change. These risks are not limited to storm surges and coastal protection, but also concern health care of the society, agricultural production due to changes in temperature and water levels as well as due to shifts in growing seasons. Also perceptions of risks vary among stakeholders and within the society.

The meeting **agreed** to focus on risk management in the future work, but also a continuation of elaboration and maintaining management tools like the mentioned indicator tool, planning portal and climate atlas should be guaranteed.

With regard to risk management, an inventory of risk scenarios should built the basis of the work. The different perceptions of risks would also be of great importance to work towards a better communication about future risks as well as prevention and adaptation measures. This would lead to better risk information and to minimizing the deficits in risk perception. Finally, elements of being prepared coping and living with risks could be elaborated.

The contents of risk management as part of the work program (see agenda item 6) will be further discussed and specified at the next meetings.

6. ICZM work program

The meeting **agreed** to discuss a detailed work program with working steps and outputs on different tasks at the next ICZM meeting. For this, the secretariat will elaborate a first draft for circulation and annotation by the members. The draft work program will function as discussion document at the next meeting in June.

7. Sustainability Indicators

Document: ICZM 2014-1/7.1 Analysis 2012

The secretary and the chair informed the meeting about the development of the sustainability indicator tool and the cooperation with the Dutch Wadden Academy with regard to an analysis of the indicator developments.

The first part of the documents just shows an update of the different graphs and explains trend variations of the past years in comparison of what was stated in 2011. These changes and variations are caused by changes in the used statistics, which cannot be avoided.

The second part of the document is a summary report of a part project of WaLTER (see document), which has used the data of the WSF to make a first analysis of productivity, demography and employment/unemployment in the Wadden Sea Region. As the analysis focuses only on the municipality level, the report is not very useful for the purposes of the WSF. Additional agreements have to be made to strengthen the cooperation with the Wadden Academy and to elaborate a sound analysis of the indicators.

The meeting postpone a detailed discussion about the indicator tool to one of the next meetings.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **proposed** to hold the ICZM-2014-2 meeting on 4 June 2014 in Hamburg.

10. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their fruitful contributions and closed the meeting at 15:30 hours.

Annex 2

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