



Wadden Sea Forum

WG ICZM, 2014-3 Meeting

Hamburg, 27 November 2014

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2014-3 Draft agenda

The chair Herman Verheij welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. As two new participants joined the meeting, a round of introduction took place. The chair informed the meeting that Ingrid Klinge had announced being a candidate for chairmanship of the ICZM group. He declared that he definitely would retreat from chairmanship with the beginning of the next meeting. The election of a new chair would be on the agenda next time.

The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2014-2

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2014-2

The final draft minutes of the 2014-2 meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 02 June 2014, as distributed by e-mail of 23 June 2014, were adopted.

3. Announcements

No announcements made.

4. ICZM strategy implementation

The WSF-25 plenary discussed the proposal of the ICZM group regarding ICZM strategy implementation and the proposed work program. The secretary briefly informed the meeting about the results of the WSF plenary discussion according to the delivered document:

- a) The WSF should seek for more involvement in planning and management processes. Involvement, necessary contributions and responsibilities have to be discussed case by case. The ICZM group should forward proposals to the plenary.*
- b) Risk management will play an important role in the future WSF work and should be integrated in the implementation of the ICZM strategy.*
- c) The indicator tool is worthwhile of being analysed in detail. A cost projection should build the basis for further decisions.*
- d) The added value and feasibility of enlarging the Planning Portal by covering the whole North Sea should be carried out. Also the possibilities of cooperation with EU organisations should be checked. Following, financing possibilities should be analysed with the stakeholders as well as according to EU programs.*

The meeting noted the information and welcomed the agreement on the WG ICZM proposal. Following, the implementation of the strategy, which is the strategy of the WSF

for the WSR and needs integration of the other working groups as well, was further discussed. As the strategy covers a wide range of objectives, it was **agreed** to focus on issues with concrete outputs and added value for the Forum. The implementation of LNG in the ferry traffic and CO₂ reduction measures in the Region as well as the finalized goose management scheme were mentioned as good examples. On these topics clear statements could be elaborated and communicated and concrete advice could be delivered to the Wadden Sea Board.

With regard to the extension of the Planning Portal it was emphasized that cooperation with the North Sea Commission, the EU commission as well as with the competent authorities should be aimed at.

The chair concluded that for the implementation of the strategy an action plan has to be elaborated to cover all the different and concrete measures to reach the defined objectives described in the strategy. This would also make a close cooperation with the other working groups necessary. The secretariat will distribute a draft action plan in the second half of January for comments and amendments by the work group members. The amended draft will be further discussed in the February meeting.

5. Sustainability indicator tool

The chair introduced the latest status of the indicator tool and also referred to the parallel investigated Wadden Barometer of the Wadden Academy. He stated that a joint tool should be further developed and that he would advocate for this at the forthcoming Wadden Academy symposium on 10-11 December in Leeuwarden.

The meeting further discussed the value, use, and presentation of the indicator tool and again stated that the instrument could be made more valuable and useful, if it could be adapted to specific needs. This would encompass an assessment of contents as well as a regional analysis for comparing the different regions and the WSR with other coastal areas. This analysis would be very attractive for the regional political level and decision makers.

Scientific support can be provided by Telos, the Brabant Centre for Sustainable Development of Tilburg University. These experts are in favor to support the WSF and would like to carry out the analysis. But also other universities could support the analysis e.g. by master Thesis of cooperating students. Mirrijn van Eijk will check possibilities with the University of Groningen and Jacobus Hofstede will contact the University of Kiel in this respect.

6. Second workshop on risk management

At the WSF-25 meeting in Heide, a second half day workshop on multi-stakeholder-partnership in risk management took place. Birgit Gerkenmeier from the HZG reported about the course and outcome of the workshop with a focus on responsibilities, cooperation and transnational perspectives. With regard to content, the emphasis was laid on uncertainties and risks due to demographic changes in the Wadden Sea Region.

First, an introduction was given about the complexity of risk management, the different responsibilities and finally about the bow-tie analysis. In the following, the meeting was split into 5 groups to elaborate on threats and consequences regarding climate change, imbalance in developments and demographic changes. The bow-tie analysis clearly displays the links between the potential causes, preventative and mitigative controls and consequences of major hazards. In a second step responsibilities were discussed and assigned.

In a third workshop the role of the WSF would be in the focus. The possible tasks like exchange of experiences or awareness rising regarding risk management would be further elaborated. A detailed workshop report would be available in a couple of weeks and distributed to the work group members too.

7. Inventory risk management

*Documents: Generalplan Küstenschutz SH 2013
Landeskatastrophenschutzgesetz SH 2014
LWG SH Teil Küstenschutz 2014*

At the ICZM 2014-2 meeting, the working group agreed to work on guidelines and recommendations regarding risk management in the Wadden Sea Region, taking into account the expertise and measures available today. As a first step, an inventory of existing plans should be elaborated. Further steps will be defined on the basis of the inventory.

So far, available documents on coastal protection from Schleswig-Holstein and The Netherlands have been compiled. The secretariat will contact the responsible persons in Lower Saxony and Denmark again, to provide the working group with the requested information.

With regard to existing plans of demographic changes and economic values, the participants were asked to search for available information and to send these to the secretariat. It was recommended also to contact Frank Ahlhorn for support (secretariat).

Jacobus Hofstede recommended collaborating with the "Task Group Climate Change" of the WSB for information and knowledge exchange. The secretariat could be an observer in this group. The TG has already elaborated the climate change adaptation strategy with recommendations on the basis of results of former working groups. The strategy will be distributed to the ICZM working group.

It was **agreed** to further discuss the inventory and occurring gaps at the next meeting when having compiled more documents.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2015-1 meeting on **26 February 2015** in Hamburg.

10. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their fruitful contributions and closed the meeting at 14:30 hours.

ANNEX 2

**Wadden Sea Forum
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