



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2015-1 Meeting
Hamburg, 26 February 2015

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2015-1 Draft agenda

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

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2014-3

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2014-3

The meeting **adopted** the final draft minutes of the 2014-3 meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 27 November 2014, as distributed by e-mail of 15 December 2014.

The final draft minutes are also available at the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org

3. Election of Chair

At the last meetings, Herman Verheij announced that he would retreat from the chair post at the beginning of 2015 at the latest. He proposed Ingrid Klinge from Energy Valley as his successor.

The meeting agreed to the proposal and **elected** Ms Klinge as new chair of the WSF working group ICZM.

4. Announcements

Herman Verheij and Manfred Vollmer informed the meeting about the results of the WSB-13 meeting, particularly with regard to issues which concerned the WSF. The WSF secretary would participate in the Task Group Climate to strengthen the cooperation in this field. Furthermore, a joint (TWSC + WSF) shipping and harbour group would be installed and with regard to socio-economic development, a close cooperation would be envisaged.

Ingrid Klinge reported about an Interreg VB project about ports infrastructure and LNG in short sea shipping. This would be a follow up of a previous project under Interreg IVB. The city of Bergen, Norway, would be the lead partner. A participation of the WSF should be considered.

She further informed about the Interreg Annual Conference, which would take place on 17-18 June in Assen. This would be a good opportunity to sound out participation in WSF relevant projects. Also the SC 2015-1 meeting should be informed about this event.

5. ICZM strategy implementation

Document: ICZM 2015-1.4.1 Draft Action Plan

The secretary introduced the draft action plan and explained the structure in more detail. Chapter 2 referred to the recommendations of the ICZM strategy, whereas chapter 3 would aim at the defined objectives. It was recommended to merge these two chapters for a better understanding.

2a) Proposed actions regarding policy and planning were seen in good progress, particularly with regard to the cooperation with the WSB. Besides the indicator tool, also the planning portal should be used in collaborating with the WSB.

It would be still a task, to better involve the WSF in planning and management processes; the ICZM group would be in charge for this.

2b) The science – policy – stakeholder interface is also addressed by the Trilateral Cooperation and the Wadden Academy, as they work on a science – policy – matrix. This matrix includes issues of the socio-economic developments in the Wadden Sea Region and the different sectors could contribute with information to an analysis. It was suggested to check the feasibility of implementing a web application of the planning portal. The secretariat will **contact the University of Oldenburg**, who has worked in this field.

2c) A mid- or long term aim would be the establishment of a trilateral coordination of socio-economic development, similar to the trilateral cooperation on the protection of the Wadden Sea.

2d) Regarding the actions formulated in the document, the meeting agreed to use further contacts and networks to strengthen the working groups. As example the "Strategierat Energie Weser-Ems" was mentioned. Particularly, such networks could support workshops and other events of the WSF. (Roland Hentschel from the "Fachdienst Internationale Beziehungen" of the city of Oldenburg should be contacted)

In this respect, the meeting discussed the option to change the tasks of the working groups. Instead of having permanent working groups installed, a small group could coordinate and implement thematic events. **This proposal should be discussed by the Steering Committee** on its forthcoming meeting.

2e) Similar to the TMAP of the Trilateral Cooperation, human activities in important ecological areas should be monitored. The meeting proposed to discuss this issue at a later stage.

2f) The meeting agreed that awareness rising should also be understood as communication and dissemination of information and WSF products. Communication as well as consensus building in the framework of sustainable development would be the red line for all actions and topics of the WSF. The definition of relevant communication target groups should be discussed in the WSF plenary too.

3) With regard to chapter 3 and the definition of concrete actions, the meeting stated that the power of the WSF would be very limited. The proposed actions so far, would be integrated in the structure described above. An updated action plan, which includes the comments of the meeting as well as **further contributions of the ICZM group members**, will be discussed at the next meeting on 13 May in Bremen.

4) The meeting agreed on the proposed actions and stated that the work would make good progress.

5) The meeting recalled the importance of the Planning Portal as cross-border information instrument and requested an improvement as indicated with the proposals made. Cooperation with the North Sea Commission and its transport group should be increased and improved. A more detailed discussion about the further work on the planning portal was postponed.

6) The debate about the coastal atlas was postponed too. First, the secretariat will collect further information about the extension of the atlas with water data and scenarios. It was proposed to invite Insa Meinke from the HZG to inform the working group about the progress and to discuss further steps of improvement.

7) The meeting agreed that risk management would be an important issue and should be an emphasis in the future work. To start with, **Birgit Gerkenmeier and the**

secretariat will provide a short information sheet as basis for the future work. The document should encompass some information about the meaning of risk management for the WSR, general risk perceptions within the society and available instruments for a sound analysis. Risk management will be part of the agenda of the next ICZM meeting.

6. Sustainability indicator tool

The topic was part of the action plan.

7. Inventory risk management

Documents: Generalplan Küstenschutz SH 2013

Landeskatastrophenschutzgesetz SH 2014

LWG SH Teil Küstenschutz 2014

TG Climate: climate change adaptation strategy

Risk management was also part of the action plan. Still, the availability of documents regarding an inventory of existing plans should be reviewed and documented. Furthermore, a discussion of the climate change adaptation strategy of the "Task Group Climate" with a view on common tasks and cooperation is still pending.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2015-2 meeting on **13 May 2015** in Bremen.

10. Closing

The new chair closed the meeting at 15:30 hours.

ANNEX 2

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