



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2016-2 Meeting
Hamburg, 27 June 2016

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2016-1 Draft agenda

The chair Ingrid Klinge welcomed the participants, thanked Mr. Mattfeld from the DEA Deutsche Erdöl AG for hosting the meeting and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. A short round of introduction took place as some new participants joined the meeting. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2016-1

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2016-1

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2016-1 meeting of WG ICZM, Oldenburg, 10 February 2015, as distributed by e-mail of 29 February 2016.

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

3. Announcements

The secretary informed about the results of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) meeting on 22 June in Tönning. The main topics were on Wadden Sea World Heritage activities with an emphasis on a World Heritage campaign, in which stakeholders should be involved. The WSF representatives had requested a better involvement of other sectors than the tourism sector to reach a broad acceptance and commitment. A further issue was about the establishment of a World Heritage partnership centre (PC) to enhance sustainable regional development and nature protection for the benefit of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site. The centre should function as a closely-linked network between authorities, stakeholders, NGOs and scientist. At the WSB meeting the WSF requested a sound involvement in the process of establishing the PC so that the engagement and responsibilities of stakeholders could be discussed in the WSF at an early stage.

The secretary further informed about a change in WSF chairmanship. At the last WSF Steering Committee on 8 June in Bremen, Preben Friis-Hauge was nominated as vice-chair. Unfortunately, Henk Staghouwer would have to resign from his post as WSF chair, as he was nominated as representative of the Dutch regional governments in the WSB. This would cause conflicts with his representation of the WSF and therefore, the decision of stepping back from his chairmanship had to be taken.

The WSF Steering Committee would have to take further decisions according to this development within the coming weeks.

4. WSF structure and role of the ICZM group

Document: ICZM 2016-2.4.1 Proposed tasks ICZM group

The ICZM group forwarded a proposal about a new WSF structure to the last plenary meeting in April. The WSF plenary agreed in general on the proposal implementing ad hoc working groups for topical issues, and, supporting the WSF secretariat by the ICZM group with regard to coastal management issues.

In line with the document, the meeting discussed in detail the role as well as the contents of work of the ICZM group within the WSF structure and businesses.

It was agreed that the ICZM group would be responsible for the WSF instruments indicator tool, planning portal and climate atlas. For these, the following actions were defined:

- a) indicator tool: application of new approach and data update are currently elaborated
- b) planning portal: cooperation with other partners working in this field should be established
- c) climate atlas: collaboration with HZG should be taken up again to update the instrument

It was further agreed to forward impulses to the plenary about important relevant issues to be further elaborated on, also in the light of forwarding recommendation to the forthcoming ministerial conference 2018 in Leeuwarden. Besides the agreed speed boat actions, CO₂ reduction, green harbour concept and cultural identity should be taken as relevant themes within the Wadden Sea Region. Risk management will also be a topic in the future dealings of the WSF. How to continue the work on this issue is described under agenda item 6.

5. Sustainability Indicator project

Presentation: Tobias Röder, University Kiel

Following the information exchange about the progress of the new indicator project at the last meeting, further progress was made in the past month. Two master students from the University of Kiel have started with data compilation on municipality level and a first assessment of the two approaches of the WSF and Waddenbarometer has been made.

Tobias Röder, University Kiel gave an overview of the Dutch Waddenbarometer approach and its application on the WSF indicator tool. Furthermore, the chosen indicators and examples of assessments were presented. The meeting very much welcomed the work done so far as well as its presentation, which is in **Annex 3**.

6. Risk management

Document: Enhance Deliverable 7.4: Evaluation of the MSPs

The WSF plenary as well as the ICZM group agreed that risk management would be an important issue and an emphasis in the future work. This will also build on the outcome of the Enhance project. Risk management will be continued on a more concrete and applied level. Following, the concept of risk management, including the dealings with causes and consequences of risks and uncertainties, will be an integrational part of ICZM and the indicator tool should be used to focus on concrete questions.

Birgit Gerkenmeier and Manfred Vollmer will draft a proposal, how the work on risk management can be integrated in coastal management and which concrete tasks can be defined.

7. Interreg Europe project PodCoast

Document: ICZM 2016-2.7.1 Project outline

The secretary informed about the WSF partnership in an Interreg Europe project to better integrate nature conservation and cultural heritage. The project aims at policy changes and focuses on learning processes across Europe. Due to the requirements, partners across Europe should be involved to aim at learning processes. Furthermore, 50% of the partners must be linked to European structural funds. The WSF cooperates with the department for regional development in Oldenburg, which fulfills the criteria. In the coming weeks objectives and task of the WSF partnership have to be defined to proceed with the application. According to the "Brexit", it has to be checked if English partners could be still involved in projects funded by the EU.

8. North Sea energy symposium

The chair informed the meeting about the contents of the symposium "gas meets wind" on 15 June in Rotterdam. The symposium was about collaboration between gas, wind and grid operators aiming at a mid and long-term perspective. The two main developments in the offshore energy sector were seeking cooperation. On the one hand, a declining fossil exploration and production sector could be observed, while on the other hand the renewable energy sector is increasing. Cooperation could aim at common use of exploration platforms as well as the supply of electricity for the platforms by renewables. In the end, a manifesto was signed by the heads of a number of energy companies. The manifesto aimed at the use of synergies, joint innovation and research, communication and community building.

The meeting took note of the information and agreed to pick up the issue in future dealings with sustainable energy production and distribution.

9. Any other business

No other business discussed.

10. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2016-3 meeting on **05 October 2016** in Bremen.

11. Closing

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

ANNEX 2

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