



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2017-1 Meeting
Hamburg, 15 February 2017

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2017-1 Draft agenda

Herman Verheij replaced the chair Ingrid Klinge for this meeting, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. According to new members in the ICZM group, a short round of introduction took place. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted with an amendment by an item about WSF contributions to the Governmental Conference 2018 and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2016-3

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2016-3

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2016-3 meeting of WG ICZM, Bremen, 15 November 2016, as distributed by e-mail of 29 November 2016.

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

3. Announcements

Petra Sewig informed the meeting about an update of the spatial planning program in Niedersachsen, which will be proclaimed on 16 February 2017 and come into force on 17 February 2017¹. After having integrated climate change issues in 2012, now e.g. trading and protection of peat areas are part of the program. The freshest program as well as former versions are available on the homepage of the ministry (http://www.ml.niedersachsen.de/themen/raumordnung_landesplanung/landesraumordnungsprogramm/). In the future, spatial planning in the underground will be taken on the agenda. In this context the spatial regulation of uses of the underground such as management of ground water, geothermic or fracking are envisaged to be integrated.

Ole Beck Andersen reported that in Denmark planning and management with regard to sea level rise including adaptation measures in the near- and off-shore area were on the political agenda. A program on these issues were already in place for the hinterland.

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http://www.niedersachsen.de/startseite/politik_staat/gesetze_verordnungen_und_sonstige_vorschriften/aktuelle_verkuendungsblaetter/download-verkuendungsblaetter-108794.htm

→ [Nds. GVBl. Nr. 3/2017 vom 16.02.2017, S. 25-44 - Download \(PDF, 1,00 MB\)](#),

→ [Nds. GVBl. Nr. 3/2017 vom 16.02.2017, Anlage \(Karte\) - Download \(PDF, 5,87 MB\)](#)

Herman Verheij announced that the Dutch government would assess the current Wadden Sea policy structure with a view on concentrating the management of the area due to planning and management. It would be envisaged to establish one responsible entity, similar to the German and Danish National Park Authorities. Furthermore, he pointed at the parliament elections on 15 March and hoped on continuation in Wadden Sea politics and management.

Furthermore, he briefly pointed at the Scientific Symposium on 9-11 May in Tønder. The Science-Policy-Matrix, the Quality Status Report as well as the new trilateral Research Agenda would be emphasis themes at this symposium.

4. Sustainability Indicator project

The secretary informed about further activities with regard to the new indicator project, which uses the Dutch Waddenbarometer approach to analyze also the German and Danish municipalities on sustainable development.

Two municipalities in Germany were analyzed in more detail, encompassing more the 60 indicators of the three pillars of sustainability. While in the municipality Meldorf in Schleswig-Holstein, interviews with representatives of the municipality were conducted, a workshop with more than 20 representatives was implemented in the municipality Wittmund in Lower Saxony.

The aim was to discuss the scientific results with stakeholders and practitioners in order to consider characteristics of the local level and to make it more applicable.

The meeting very much welcomed the analysis of the two municipalities, which is attached as an additional document.

The meeting agreed that the work on the analyses on municipality level should be continued in cooperation with universities. As the scope of the work is limited with available resources, it is proposed to provide the instrument and a manual for usage in such a way that the municipality itself could execute the analyses. With some examples to hand the municipalities can be motivated, also with the help of umbrella organizations, to use the provided instrument in order to achieve best sustainability by adapting policies, management and measures. To proceed, a manual has to be elaborated and the use of evaluation software has to be clarified. Furthermore, the added value of the WSF instrument has to be made obvious with respect to existing tools like the German "Landatlas" (www.landatlas.de).

5. Risk management

Document: ICZM 2017-1-5.1 Position paper risk management

At the last meeting the ICZM group decided to elaborate on a WSF position paper on risk management to meet the needs and requirements of managing risks and uncertainties in the Wadden Sea Region. Birgit Gerkensmeier briefly introduced the background and the document itself, which describes the process of risk management, the role of the WSF in this process (which was preliminary defined in the plenary workshop 2016) as well as the proposed work of the ICZM group to support and facilitate the future work on risk management. Also the bow-tie instrument was briefly explained with the event example demographic change. This was seen as the most important risk/uncertainty for the Wadden Sea Region (WSR).

In the following, the meeting had an intensive discussion how the topical issue risk management with demographic change can be addressed and how the WSF is going to communicate this to the outside world.

The meeting stated that it should not be focused on a certain position of the WSF with regard to risks, the emphasis should be laid on an analysis of problems in the sustainable development of the WSR. In a second step, the causes of defined problems as well as possible consequences have to be discussed finding solutions. This could be on the mitigating but also on the adaptation level. Problems could be seen differently among the regions. This requires non static approaches and strategies dealing with defined problems. On the trilateral level the WSF could function as communicator for information exchange and learning processes.

In order to update the document for discussion at the plenary meeting, the ICZM group agreed on the following structure:

- a. Description of risk management, which encompasses the aims and tasks to elaborate on this, the definition of problems (which could differ among the WSR) and the role of the WSF in this work/process
- b. Characterization of risks (events, uncertainties, problems); this can be done with the bow-tie instrument
- c. Elaboration of examples, this can be supported by the analysis of the indicator tool, e.g. the municipality Wittmund
- d. Presentation of examples to stimulate the discussion in the plenary.

As **action**, the WSF secretariat with the support of Birgit Gerkensmeier and Frank Ahlhorn will draft an update of the document. The ICZM will give further input by mail and finally, the document will be forwarded to the WSF-30 meeting in Den Helder.

6. Future tasks of the ICZM group

Taking the discussion about the previous agenda items into account, the meeting summarized the most important tasks of the ICZM group and indicated the status of elaboration.

- Indicator project: under further elaboration, cooperation with universities and Telos envisaged, communication of challenges using the instrument.
- Risk management: emphasis of the WSF work, preparation of a document to be discussed at the plenary.
- CO₂ neutrality of the Wadden Sea Region: collaboration with WSB has started. Political level nominated contact persons responsible to contribute to an inventory of policies, plans and measures with regard to the aim. A first meeting settled for 28 April in Bremen.
- Green shipping and green harbor concept: WSF cooperating with Maritime Competence Center (MARIKO) to implement a symposium about this issue on 26 April 2017 in Norden. Trilateral approach guaranteed, Dutch and Danish representatives in podium discussion.
- Project sustainable transport (former speed boat): Recently a project within the program Naar een Rijke Waddenzee (for a rich Wadden Sea); Herman Verheij will check possibilities to work with this in the WSF.
- Compensation measures: Also an agreed speed boat project, a first attempt to discuss possible future compensation measures as requirement for economic measure in the Wadden Sea with enterprises and authorities failed; still on the agenda, the secretariat will sound out possibilities for a workshop.

6a. TGC-13 in 2018 and WSF contributions

After Herman Verheij has given a brief introduction of the Trilateral Governmental Conferences for the protection of the Wadden Sea, the meeting discussed a possible performance of the WSF at this conference as well as possible contributions with regard to contents.

It was agreed that the WSF should strive for being part of the Declaration, in which the work of the WSF should be highlighted and acknowledged. Furthermore, the WSF should deliver contributions regarding risk management, sustainability indicators and CO₂ neutrality of the WSR.

The ICZM group welcomed a project initiative of the HZG, carrying out an online survey in the entire WSR with regard to perceptions of risks. The results can be part of the WSF contributions.

7. Any other business

No other business discussed.

8. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2017-2 meeting on **21 June 2017** in Bremen.

9. Closing

The chair of the meeting thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 15:00 hours.

ANNEX 2

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