



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2017-2 Meeting
Bremen, 20 September 2017

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2017-2 Draft agenda

The chair Ingrid Klinge 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 and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2017-1

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2017-1

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2017-1 meeting of WG ICZM, Bremen, 15 February 2017, as distributed by e-mail of 06 March 2017.

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

3. Announcements

Herman Verheij referred to the integrated management plan for the Ems estuary, which was adopted in May 2017 and stated that it would be desirable to combine this plan with the Master Plan Ems and the program Ems-Dollard 2050. All plans would aim at an improvement of the management of the Ems estuary on the Dutch and German territory. He further informed about the delay in government building in the Netherlands. After the elections on 17 March new coalitions of parties were necessary and negotiations took more time than expected.

Manfred Vollmer informed about two European projects, in which the WSF would be partner, if the projects would be approved.

a) Project Openscape under Interreg Europe. This project is about improvements of regional operational programs envisaging protection and valorisation of rural landscapes in its natural and cultural heritage meaning. The application was submitted in June this year. A decision about approval is expected in December 2017 or early 2018.

b) Project Assets under Horizon 2020. This project aims at assessing the cultural heritage of European coastal and maritime regions to enhance sustainable use. The application was submitted on 13 September and a decision about approval is expected around 6 month later. Finally he informed about the climate workshop of the Trilateral Cooperation on 26-27 September in Wilhelmshaven.

Ingrid Klinge informed about the symposium "Klimaattop" on 9 November 2017 in Groningen. The event would bring together governments, companies, social organizations and science to get more-joint action and bring the energy transition into a rapid acceleration. A contribution of the WSF could be possible but this would be still in discussion. More information on the website www.klimaattopnoord2017.nl.

4. Sustainability Indicator project

Document: ICZM 2017-2-4.1 Application Wattenmeerstiftung

The secretary briefly recalled the work on sustainability indicators since 2003. With the support of the Danish consultant COWI, the WSF developed an indicator tool valid for the entire Wadden Sea Region. Data have been compiled and analyzed till 2014 and statements about the overall sustainability of the WSR over time in comparison to the national levels have been made. To provide more detailed data and analyses, it was agreed to make a further step and to use the Dutch approach of the Waddenbarometer also for the German and Danish WSR. Initiated by the WSF, the Wadden Academy and Telos from the University Brabant, a project was launched to analyze indicators on local level. For this, a cooperation with the University Kiel was established to get necessary support by master students. Following, data of 67 indicators for some 570 German municipalities were compiled and evaluated. Part of the evaluation were workshops in two municipalities to discuss the findings with regard to sustainability with the representatives of the municipalities to get an applied and real picture.

The results were encouraging and the WSF agreed to strive for analyses of further municipalities to improve the instrument and to stimulate a discussion and hopefully resulting actions to improve sustainable development on local level. After having finalized the indicator project with the university of Kiel, Wadden Academy and Telos, the WSF has made an application to the "Wattenmeerstiftung" for a project to develop and analyze sustainability indicators in the WSR (see document). The application was approved and the project will be financially supported for two years, 2017-2018.

The meeting **welcomed** the continuation of the work on indicators and particularly the new project. It was **agreed** that the ICZM group will contribute to the elaboration of the project with **work hours and expertise**. Also contacts to universities will be made to get further support, which means to analyze further municipalities and to compile and update indicator data in a time series.

To proceed, the following actions were jointly agreed:

- Manfred Vollmer will distribute the indicator assessment of 7 municipalities.
- Manfred Vollmer will distribute the concept of the workshop with the municipality Wittmund, elaborated and implemented by Tamara Gripp from the university Kiel.
- Rena Paziorek and Manfred Vollmer will approach the municipalities Norden and Juist to discuss possibilities to implement workshops.
- Herman Verheij will approach Dutch municipalities like Harlingen, Den Helder, Vlieland and Ameland also to discuss possibilities to implement workshops. Beforehand, the secretary will check with Telos the availability of data and assessments of these municipalities.
- Frank Ahlhorn will contact the university Oldenburg to discuss support and cooperation in the future.
- Ole Beck Andersen and Manfred Vollmer will sound out possibilities to extend the analyses to Danish municipalities with the support of the university South Jutland.
- The ICZM group will prepare workshops with municipalities in February 2018.

5. Risk management

Document: ICZM 2017-2-5.1 Discussion Paper on Demographic Change in the WSR

The latest discussion paper on demographic change was forwarded to the WSF-30 plenary meeting for further input of the stakeholders. Only a brief discussion took place with almost no further contributions. Nevertheless, it was agreed to pursue this issue also in order to present some results at the Trilateral Governmental Conference 2018 in Leeuwarden.

The ICZM group briefly discussed possibilities to make the work on demographic change more concrete and interesting for the region. It was stated that demographic change should not be seen only as a negative change which had to be avoided. The society could also take the opportunity to deal with these changes initiating new developments to enhance living conditions and sustainability.

Frank Ahlhorn will continue working on the document, particularly to include concrete data about demographic changes in the WSR.

Finally, it was **agreed** to deliver a report or document to the Trilateral Governmental Conference (TGC-13) 2018 in Leeuwarden as contribution and achievement of the WSF.

6. WSF contributions to the Trilateral Governmental Conference TGC-13

The WSF plenary discussed at its meeting on 18-19 May in Den Helder possible contributions to the Trilateral Governmental Conference (TGC-13).

It was **agreed** to follow two strands:

a) to forward and making visible the achievements and valuable outputs of the WSF:

- sustainability indicators
- planning portal
- risk management/demographic change

b) evaluation of the Ministerial Declaration 2014 with regard to WSF concerns

- CO₂ neutral Wadden Sea Region
- maritime safety
- sustainable development
- green harbour concept
- goose management
- cooperation and support WSF

It was recommended to elaborate a document about the WSF achievements and working results to be distributed at the Conference.

The ICZM group discussed the request of the plenary. With regard to the first strand it was **agreed** to deliver a report about the achievements of the WSF. The work on sustainability indicators and risk management will build the emphasis of the report. Furthermore, a proposal about an update of the planning portal, including costs will be included.

For the second strand, the ICZM group will **approach** some experts to briefly analyze the developments since TGC-12 in February 2014. The role of the WSF in developments and actions will be described as well. As a basis, the secretary will **compile** the statements made in the Tønder Declaration with regard to the listed themes and distribute these to the members of the ICZM group.

The WSF will get a time slot for a presentation at the TGC-13 and the WSF chair will inform about the achievements. A chapter "Wadden Sea Forum" will be part of the Ministerial Declaration (MD 14), a proposal, which was forwarded to the Wadden Sea Board, is in **Annex 3**.

7. ICZM work program

The chair and the secretariat have proposed to set up a concrete work program for the ICZM group in order to make the collaboration more attractive and predictable. The meeting **agreed** on this proposal and discussed some most relevant work topics for the coming year. Reflecting the issues discussed earlier in this meeting, it was **agreed** to have an emphasis on the WSF contribution to the TG-C 13 and on the indicator project.

Furthermore, sustainable transport should be an issue too. As starting point, Herman Verheij will introduce the theme by a presentation at the WSF-31 meeting on 2 November. The WSF could contribute to existing initiatives and projects, which are going on in the WSR.

A further possible option would be contributing to a conference about off-shore wind and European energy market, initiated by Dong Energy. Off-shore wind parks and connected cable routes do have impacts on the WSR, therefore, stakeholders of the WSR will have an interest in this conference. Rena Paziorek will sound out possibilities of WSF involvement in this scheduled conference.

A proposal for a draft work program, summarizing the agreed actions is in **Annex 4**.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2017-3 meeting on **18 December 2017** in Bremen.

10. 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

**Wadden Sea Forum
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DRAFT AGENDA

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ANNEX 3**Leeuwarden Declaration 2018****Proposed contribution WSF****WADDEN SEA FORUM**

1. **Appreciate** the activities and recommendations by the Wadden Sea Forum on sustainable development and participatory processes, in particular with regard to:
 - The intensive work on defining risks for the society and the environment in the WSR and the comprehensive investigations on risk management to meet the requirements for a vivid and sustainable Region;
 - The contributions of the WSF to elaborate an inventory of policies and best practise examples with regard to the reduction of greenhouse gases also with the aim working towards a CO₂ neutral Wadden Sea Region as envisaged by the 2010 Sylt Declaration;
 - The work of the Forum on clean shipping and green ports concept;
 - The detailed development of sustainability indicators on municipality level and its assessment with a number of municipalities;
 - The development of a trilateral Planning Portal;
 - The efforts and commitment of the Forum supporting the implementation of a Goose Management Platform on AEWA level to solve conflicts with geese on flyway level.
2. **Encourage** the WSF to continue the work on integrated coastal zone management and deliver stakeholder advice to the Trilateral Cooperation accordingly.
3. **Encourage** the WSF together with the competent authorities to work on cultural landscapes and cultural identity as a related asset to nature conservation in the WSR.
4. **Continue to support** the WSF as an independent stakeholder organization in working towards a sustainable, environmental friendly Wadden Sea Region.
5. **Acknowledge** the contribution and cooperation to realise the World Heritage Partnership Centre and **welcome** the WSF as partner in the Centre.

ANNEX 4**Draft work program for the WSF ICZM group****1) Sustainability Indicators**

The ICZM group will contribute to the elaboration of the new indicator project on municipality level. In the following the tasks are briefly described:

a) The results of the analysis and basic documents will be provided to all ICZM members on short notice.

Following, some municipalities will be approached to discuss opportunities to implement workshops to discuss existing data and analyses with representatives of the municipalities. The aim is to adjust weighting and scoring of the different indicators according to characteristics of the different municipalities and relevance of the chosen indicators.

Time frame: October and first half of November 2017

Preparation of workshops in a few municipalities.

Time frame: December 2017 – January 2018

Implementation of workshops in February and March 2018

b) Universities will be contacted to discuss support and cooperation in the future. The aim is to analyze further municipalities and to get a time series of data in order getting a picture of developments over time.

Time frame: End of 2017

Agreements about cooperation and involvement of Bachelor/Master students, PhD

Time frame: open

c) The indicator project should be extended to the Danish Wadden Sea Region as well. Check of possibilities with the university of South Jutland will be undertaken. Also a budget to engage a consultant has to be discussed.

Time frame: November 2017 – March 2018

2) Risk management

The available document will be improved, particularly to include concrete data about demographic changes in the WSR. This will be the basis for decisions about further actions and working steps.

Time frame: Till March 2018

3) WSF contributions to the Trilateral Governmental Conference TGC-13

a) Delivery of a chapter WSF for the Ministerial Declaration (MD 14).
Time frame: Done

b) Preparation of a report about the achievements and valuable outputs of the WSF, in which the sustainability indicators, the planning portal and risk management/demographic change will be addressed (see agenda item 6)
Time frame: Till March 2018

c) Description of developments, including the role of the WSF, of themes addressed in the Ministerial Declaration 2014 with regard to WSF concerns. These are CO₂ neutral Wadden Sea Region, maritime safety, sustainable development, green harbour concept, goose management and the cooperation between WSF and WSB.
Time frame: Till February 2018

d) Preparation of a presentation about the achievements of the WSF since 2014, to be given by the WSF chair at TG-C 13 in May 2018.
Time frame: April 2018

4) Sustainable transport

As an introduction to the theme, a presentation about examples in the Netherlands will be given by Herman Verheij at the WSF-31 meeting on 2 November. Following, recommendation of the WSF members will be collected and forwarded to the ICZM group. A decision about further actions will be made at the ICZM 2017-3 meeting.
Time frame: November and December 2017

5) Conference about off-shore wind and European energy market

The conference is initiated by Dong Energy and will take place in 2018. Possibilities of involvement will be checked on short notice by Rena Paziorek. In case of agreement, contributions of the WSF have to be prepared.
Time frame: Discussion at ICZM 2017-3 in December 2017; further elaboration in spring 2018