



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2017-3 Meeting
Bremen, 18 December 2017

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2017-3 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 2017-2

Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2017-2

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2017-2 meeting of WG ICZM, Bremen, 20 September 2017, as distributed by e-mail of 05 October 2017.

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

3. Announcements

Ingrid Klinge reported about the symposium "Klimaattop" on 9 November 2017 in Groningen. More than 1000 participants attended the event with many parallel workshops. The WSF had a small side event about the Forum and CO₂ reduction. This was presented by Ingrid Klinge and Rosanne Verbree.

Herman Verheij informed about the new government in NL. There is a coalition agreement of the new Dutch government (of two liberal parties and two Christian Democrat parties). The former Ministry of Economic affairs has been divided up into the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy and a re-established Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. Moreover, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management also deals with the Wadden Sea.

Manfred Vollmer informed about the outcome of the Wadden Sea Board meeting with regard to WSF matters (WSB-21) on 16-17 November in Vester Vedstedt. A request of the WSF to include a paragraph about the achievements of the WSF in the Ministerial Declaration (MD) Leeuwarden was rejected. This was reasoned by the fact that the MD should be short and that the WSF would be sufficiently acknowledged by three paragraphs in the MD. Also the request to get further financial support by the national governments was refused.

4. Sustainability Indicator project

The secretary briefly recalled the work on sustainability indicators on municipality level. In cooperation with Telos and the University of Kiel, data of 67 indicators for some 570 German municipalities were compiled and evaluated. Further, indicators for 7 municipalities in Lower Saxony were assessed to get an picture about the status quo of sustainability.

As agreed in the ICZM 2017-2 meeting, the University of Oldenburg was approached to discuss cooperation regarding the further work on indicators. As a result it was agreed to focus on specific sustainability issues valuable to work on for both organizations, the university and the WSF. This would be sound out in the coming month.

Furthermore, the municipalities of Juist and Norden were approached to discuss the implementation of workshops in February 2018. While the island of Juist sees some difficulties in implementing a successful workshop early next year, Norden was very positive and offered support to go ahead. In any case, more data on local level has to be collected and analyzed. The available data in the WSF data sets were collected to a great extent on NUTS 3 (county) level and do not reflect developments on local level.

To proceed, the meeting **agreed** to strive for two workshops on local level and one workshop on county level. This will allow a comparison between county and municipality developments. Besides the municipality of Norden, the neighboring municipality Krummhörn and the county of Aurich will be contacted for further cooperation. When implementing the workshops, also interested people from Denmark and The Netherlands will be invited to participate.

5. Risk management

Frank Ahlhorn briefly informed the ICZM group about the latest work steps on demographic change in the Wadden Sea Region.

a) Contacts have been made to the University of Oldenburg and the municipality of Wangerland, who are elaborating on a joint project about demographic changes, its threats and opportunities.

b) Cooperation is envisaged with a new department of the University Kiel, headed by Prof. Silja Klepp. An emphasis of her work is also on demographic changes in coastal regions. In a meeting with the secretary, she offered cooperation with the WSF, who could get students support and scientific expertise.

c) Agreements have been made with Birgit Fasting, who worked on demographic change for many years. Ms Fasting will give a presentation about this theme at the next ICZM meeting to provide fundamental information as a basis for further work and cooperation. Further, she agreed to give a presentation at one of the WSF plenary meetings.

The meeting **welcomed** the progress made on the work topic and recommended to work together with the Netherlands and Denmark too. Contacts will be made through the ICZM members Herman Verheij and Ole Andersen.

To continue, Frank Ahlhorn will amend and improve the available document on risk management with the input of arranged collaboration (see above). The report will be forwarded to the Governmental Conference in May 2018 (see below), to make the political level aware of the WSF work and to sound out further cooperation with interested governments.

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

The ICZM group recalled the decisions made at the last meeting and requested to follow the agreed concept of deliverables:

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 keep the reports short, to include photos and illustrations and to formulate the evaluation report in a positive way, offering collaboration to elaborate jointly on the listed topics.

The secretary will distribute a first draft of the evaluation report for comments and amendments. The draft report on the achievements will be provided late March.

7. ICZM work program

The contents of the agreed work program for 2018 has not changed. With regard to the subject sustainable transport the meeting proposed cooperation with the project "WatNu", which is elaborating on sustainable transport as part of demographic change.

Due to the delay in constituting a federal government, Rena Paziorek from Ørsted announced a postponement of the projected conference/workshop about off-shore wind, which should take place in Berlin with representatives of the government. A possible cooperation with the WSF will be discussed in due time.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** to hold the ICZM-2018-1 meeting on **11 April 2018** in Hamburg.

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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Bremen, 28 December 2017**

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