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At the WSF-3 meeting an inventory of Wadden Sea Region Sustainability Aims and Indicators was made.

The meeting decided that the Thematic Groups would discuss and test the WSF-3 proposals and report back to WSF-4.

The attached matrix is the result of discussions within the TG-4 and TG-5 meetings.

It has also been used to test the draft sector strategies.

The experiences with the testing have generally been positive. The testing results are in the minutes of the respective TG-5 meetings, which can be found on the WSF website.

PROPOSAL: The meeting is invited to adopt the attached sustainability matrix as a basis for the further work of the Wadden Sea Forum

The meeting is furthermore invited to instruct the secretariat to further elaborate the matrix by supplementing still lacking indicators

Parameters	What is Sustainability?	Indicators
OVERALL		
Safety	Safety at sea Safe living conditions and economic development through sound coastal protection	- Quality vessels - Accidents - Dike standards
SOCIAL		
Cultural history	Preserve landscape and culture Trilateral landscape and culture Targets	- Lancewad - Functioning traditional harbours
Demography	Balanced population structure	- Age distribution
Education, research & development	Keeping the young generation in the region Perspectives for young people	- % young people employed - Education facilities
Employment	Safe working environment. High-quality and diversity of employment	- Working hours - Quality work place
Health (physical + mental)	Good provision of medical care Clean environment	- Illness rate - Suicide rate
Housing	High property rate Sufficient apartments for reasonable price	- Property rate
Lifestyle	Right to the free development of one's life Better than in rest of country	- Life expectancy
Local engagement	Local citizens are engaged and participate in local activities. Use of local knowledge	
Recreation/ attractions for citizens	Agriculture as recreation option Fisheries as recreation option	- Camping site - Horse facilities - Vessels in WS harbours - Direct selling (farms, harbours) - Attractions
Regional identity	Feeling proud of being from Wadden Sea. Production in the area Good image sector	- Successors - Wadden Sea Labelling - Support for sector activities
Social institutions in rural areas	Availability and accessibility of school, hospitals, commercial institutions (banks, shops etc.) in less dense areas	
Welfare	Constant or increasing income Social equity Feeling home (Heimat)	

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ECONOMIC		
Economic resilience: Maintain and develop economically viable and region related activities + Use natural opportunities and natural qualities of region	Economic activities rooted in the region Complete chain of activities Responsible entrepreneurs: - Innovation - Jobs - Profit Simplification and harmonisation of laws and regulations More added value Energy efficiency and reliability	- % employment in region - administrative burden
Harbour	Harbour activities respecting other sector activities Harbour cooperation in the region	- Level of interaction (use of area) - Redundant capacity
Infrastructure	Optimal accessibility for production and transport	
Rural development	Economic vitality	
Sea traffic	Better efficiency	
Tourism	New tourism enterprises Quality tourism	- Camping sites - Bird watching - Golf courts - Vessels in WS harbours - Direct selling - Attractions
ECOLOGIC		
Biodiversity	Maintain natural biodiversity Wadden Sea: ecological Targets	- Meadow birds - biodiversity in Ditches
Contamination/pollution	Decrease of emissions of polluting substances	- Quality of air, water, soil
Darkness and silence	No unnecessary lights and noises	- % reduction of light and noise
Global responsibility		
Nature and environmental management and regulation	Implementation of national and international regulations for protection All activities according to Best Environmental Practice	
Safety standards	Protection of the landscape and nature reserves against hazards	
Wadden Sea	Compliance with Guiding Principle trilateral Wadden Sea co-operation: Trilateral Targets [set according to feasibility (i.e. amongst others dependent upon carrying capacity ecosystem)]	