



Wadden Sea Forum

9th Meeting

Tønder, 30 November-1 December 2006

Agenda Item: 3
Subject: Letter WSF chairman
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At the SC-1 meeting (see document WSF-9-3-1) it was agreed that the WSF chairman would send a letter to the Heads of Delegations of the trilateral cooperation, requesting information on the implementation of §§10-13 of the Schiermonnikoog Declaration. Attached is a copy of the letter.

PROPOSAL: The meeting is invited to note the information



To: Heads of Delegations of the Trilateral Working Group
(see attached mailing list)

E-mail

Our ref: WSF06-005

Date: 11 October 2006

Re: Implementation of the Schiermonnikoog Declaration

Dear TWG heads of delegations,

Since the Schiermonnikoog Conference, November last year, the Wadden Sea Forum has started working on the implementation of its Action Plan. At the WSF-8 meeting, held in Heide, Germany, 16 March 2006, priorities were set and new working groups established. Details are provided on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

Important themes to be addressed by WSF in the coming years are, amongst others, the further elaboration and harmonisation of ICZM strategies, the elaboration of region-specific sustainability indicators, shipping safety, rules and regulations, infrastructure, tourism marketing, a Wadden Sea label and sustainable energy.

In the working group meetings held so far, it has become clear that for several issues the role of governments is essential. It concerns, in particular, ICZM, sustainable energy and shipping safety. More in general, developments with regard to trilateral Wadden Sea policies are expected to have a bearing on sustainable development perspectives in the Wadden Sea Region. Very relevant in this respect are the the Schiermonnikoog decisions on these themes, which I would like to address in more detail below.

- i. In §11 it is announced that the trilateral cooperation will, in close cooperation with WSF, review the proposals from the Action Plan for implementation. The WSF is anxious to hear from you when you intend to start this proces.
- ii. According to §12 the WSF recommendations and initiatives will be reviewed in the framework of the further development of the Wadden Sea Plan. Can you inform me which of the WSF recommendations will indeed be used in this proces. Moreover, because the

recommendations are not static, WSF is very much interested in a sustained dialogue about the further development of the WSP.

iii. With regard to ICZM, it is stated in §13 that the trilateral cooperation will contribute to national ICZM strategies in a trilaterally coordinated way, and in consultation with the WSF. My question to you is how you plan to implement this decision and how the WSF will be involved in discussions about the national strategies.

iv. As to the issue of shipping safety it can, generally, be stated that important parts - though by far not all - of our WSF recommendations on shipping safety of the Breaking-the-Ice report were included in the Schiermonnikoog Declaration (§§14 - 17 and Annex 1). In our opinion in particular §17 a - f prioritizes and gives focus and guidance for the actions which have to be undertaken as follow-up to the Schiermonnikoog Conference. It is, therefore, of great interest for WSF to know what has been achieved regarding §17 and Annex 1 in the three Wadden Sea countries since November 2005. Therefore we kindly request information to which extent activities especially concerning §17, both on the national and trilateral level had been undertaken during the first year after the Schiermonnikoog Conference.

v. The relevance of sustainable energy development is underlined in §18 of the Sch.D., and, in this respect, it is announced that the work of the WSF will be "considered". Also for this theme we would like to be informed about the planned implementation process.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that the relevant WSF Working Groups both offer and request participation from the Trilateral Cooperation and relevant national administrations, so that also an exchange of positions and information on a more technical level can develop. Because the next plenary meeting of WSF will be held 30 Nov./1 Dec. 2006, I would be very grateful if the requested information could be provided in advance of this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jörn Klimant". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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