

WADDEN SEA FORUM

Thematic Group “Industry/Harbor”

First Meeting (TG IH 1)

Wilhelmshaven, 20 – 21 February 2003

FINAL MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING

*Documents: Draft agenda TG Industry/Harbor (TG IH 1-1.1)
List of Participants of all TGs (TG IH 1-1.2)*

The meeting was opened by the chairperson of the Thematic Group Industry/Harbor, Mr. Ahrens, who welcomed the participants to the first meeting of the TG IH.

The meeting **adopted** the proposed annotated draft agenda, which is in **Annex 1**, without amendments. A list of the participants is in **Annex 2**.
A list of documents for the meeting is in **Annex 3**.

After a round of introduction of the participants it was stated by the chair, that a representative of the sector industry/harbor for Schleswig-Holstein, Germany is still not nominated which should be done as soon as possible. Ms Ziebarth, Nature sector, and Mr. Therkel Pedersen, local government, were not able to participate in the meeting. Mr Hebbelmann participated as observer of the national government of Lower Saxony and Ms Jensen as observer from the University of Aarhus.

AGENDA ITEM 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The secretary informed the meeting that the draft minutes of the meeting would be circulated to the participants to allow for comments on the draft. On the basis hereof the final draft minutes of the meeting would be compiled and placed on the WSF homepage.

A participant list is circulated for the documentation of the signatures.

AGENDA ITEM 3. REPORT TEAM MEETING

The secretary informed the meeting that five thematic groups had been established by the Trilateral Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) at its first meeting on 30 August 2002. The WSF and its thematic groups (TGs) would have to work according to a tight timetable (see TG IH 1-6.2). The Wadden Sea Forum is tasked to conclude its work by the end of 2004 in order to ensure a timely delivery for the Wadden Sea Ministerial Conference in 2005. The WSF and the five thematic groups will be facilitated by the secretariat of the Interregional Wadden Sea Cooperation and the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat.

The secretary briefly informed the meeting of the main results of the team meeting (TM), consisting of the chairpersons of the thematic groups and the secretaries, on 9 January 2003. Besides the discussion on the balance and vacancies in the composition of the thematic groups and the terms of references of the TGs the primary objective of the meeting was to prepare the meetings of the Thematic Groups.

The meeting **noted** the information.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

*Documents: Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the TG Industry / Harbor (TG IH 1-4.1; TG IH 1-4.1-rev.by 20.02.03)
Terms of Reference WSF (TG IH 1-4.2)
Rules of Procedure WSF (TG IH 1-4.3)*

The chair briefly introduced the document TG IH 1-4.1, Terms of Reference of TG IH and stated that the aim is to develop scenarios for industry and harbors. For the implementation he referred to the time schedule and working steps, outlined in document TG IH 1-6.2.

The chair wished to change the tasks under no. 5 into "Area covered by industrial plants and ports" in the Terms of Reference (TOR)

Mr. Oswald wished to skip the term "safety shipping", because port state control activities were also included in this subject. The meeting agreed to revise the term and to call it "shipping control" instead.

Ms Gubernator stressed that the topic 13. "Impact/dependencies of industry/harbor on other sectors and especially impacts/effects on the environment" should be taken into special consideration.

On the request of Ms Kuipers, who is representing in this aspect Ms Ziebarth, it was made clear that "sand and gravel extraction" and "shipping routes" will be dealt with in TG IH, whereas "oil and gas activities" and "pipelines" will be dealt with in the TG Energy and "military activities" in the TG Policy/Management.

Mr. Norgaard and Mr. Loos stated that because of the very high work load and the time schedule, very tight priorities should be set.

The meeting discussed and **agreed** to a revised version of the Terms of Reference of the TG IH including the topical information under topic 3 "Composition of the TG". The final draft Terms of Reference for the Thematic Group Industry/Harbor (TG IH 1-4.1-rev.by 20.02.03) are in **Annex 4**. The meeting further **approved** of the submission of the TOR to the WSF for approval at its next meeting.

The secretary introduced the "TOR of the WSF" and the "Rules of Procedure WSF", which are also relevant for the working level of the thematic groups.

The chair emphasized that press contacts related to the work of this thematic group should only take place through the WSF and not by each thematic group member. Mr. Loos stated that he is representing two different organizations, which will also receive all papers for the TG meetings, and he cannot guarantee that there will be no press contacts. The meeting **agreed** that the distribution of papers to the organizations is necessary and only in case of "real news" press contact will be justified.

AGENDA ITEM 5. GENERAL DISCUSSION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Document: What is sustainable development (TG IH 1-5)

It was planned that the results of an open discussion on "What is sustainable development" should be reported to the next WSF II meeting, to outline the extent of definitions of "sustainability" for the different sectors.

The chair stated that it will be difficult to discuss sustainability in general without concrete relation to examples of industrial developments. Therefore, he proposed to postpone the discussion of sustainability in the TG for the time being, and to start first with the discussion on development industry and harbor.

The proposal was discussed by the meeting and the following statements were given:

Ms Kuipers made reference to the guiding principle of the trilateral policy (Esbjerg 1991) which said "to achieve, as far as possible, a natural and sustainable ecosystem in which natural processes proceed in an undisturbed way."

It was stated by the chair that this principle is only an aim or a suggestion but not a law.

Mr. Loos stated that sustainability is not doing damage which is irreversible.

Mr. Hinnendahl stated that each group will have a different definition of "sustainability".

Mr. Haerkens stated that “sustainability” is ecology and economy in harmony, and ecology and economy have an equal level and should both get together.

Mr. Hinnendahl stated three different approaches and the decision between the approaches should be done by the politicians.:

- do not touch the Wadden Sea,
- it is necessary to touch the Wadden Sea, but in a specific way,
- we need ports, but comparison measures are requested by the ecology.

Furthermore, he stated that there is a strong economic competition between NL, D and DK.

Ms Stam said that it is necessary to balance the needs and the present activities. This taken into consideration, the region should be cared for.

Mr. Norgaard stated that the Esbjerg 1991 definition was the basis. However, because this definition is too strongly related to nature, the WSF was established.

Ms Kuipers stated that natural values of the Wadden Sea are also resources for e.g. tourism and that the changes of these values should be monitored.

Mr. Hinnendahl stated that the politicians expected realistic proposals from the WSF/TGs.

Mr. Oswald quoted the definition of sustainability development from the Brundtland report: The report defines sustainable development as development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Mr. Hinnendahl added the slogan “Use it but don’t loose it” as a short definition with regard to the Brundtland report.

The meeting **agreed** to take the definition of the Brundtland report as the smallest common denominator.

AGENDA ITEM 6. WORKING SCHEME

6.1 Scenario approach

The chair briefly introduced the agenda items and stated that scenario building is a tool to be used for the TG work in order to develop future perspectives.

The floor was then given to Ben Römgens, CIBIT, the expert in scenario methodology, who was hired to support the scenario approach. He informed the meeting on the advantages of scenario developments for the work of the TGs, including the basic requirements for the scenario buildings. The contents of the presentation is summarized in the paper” Intro Scenario Planning for the WSF”, which was distributed at the meeting.

After discussing the scenario methodology, the meeting focused on the future of the Wadden Sea region. The results of the fruitful discussion and contributions are summarized in the following list.

For the following two subjects different contributions of the participants were collected:

1) relevant policy decisions for the industry/harbor sector in the Wadden Sea

- unequal balance (How to handle the unequal treatment of laws/regulations. By decision making often the economic argument weighs heavier than the ecological argument, despite the law.)
- preference of mankind before nature
- reduce laws and regulations
- preserving nature is necessary for economic sustainability
- consciousness without knowledge
- people have to live and to work in the Wadden Sea area
- Germany: The Wadden Sea is the entrance to international waters.

2) relevant specific trends for the industry/harbor sector in the Wadden Sea

- Wadden Sea region economy is small and will stay small
- EU developments: possibilities and needs for more smaller mooring places
- growing reluctance against regulations
- growing need for coordination
- disposal of dredged material will grow
- relation between sectors
- increasing traffic of goods
- globalization (generic and specific)
- new economy in the Baltic Sea (tankers, paper, container)
- competition with the ports of Rotterdam...
- ask for rules to regulate e.g. shrimp fishery to stay alive.

The meeting **agreed** that relevant specific reports with data, developments, perspectives of the sector, not older than 3 years, will be requested within the next two weeks by the secretary.

6.2 Time schedule

The meeting **took note** of the draft working schedule for the TGs, based upon the scenario methodology and **agreed** to submit it to the WSF 2 meeting for endorsement without amendments.

Besides the already fixed second joint meeting of all TGs on 23./24.06.03 in The Netherlands, the following dates for the third and fourth meeting of TG IH were **set** by the meeting:

TG IH 3: 16./17.09.2003 (the meeting has not yet decided on a venue)

TG IH 4: 11.12.2003 whole day in Oldenburg, Chamber of Commerce (arrival on 10.12.2003)

The Revised Draft Work Schedule TG with all relevant dates are in **Annex 5**.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ROLE OF EXPERT STUDIES AND EXPERT CONSULTANTS

*Documents: Draft Terms of Reference Expert Consultants "Industry/Harbor" (TG IH 1-7 rev)
Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) socio-economic study (TG IH 1-7.2)*

7.1 General studies

The WSF1 meeting had decided to carry out four basic studies, i.e.

1. Overall inventory of socio-economic facts
2. Socio-economic perspective analysis
3. Investigative capitalization of natural values
4. Comparative analysis of policy and management

The secretary informed the meeting that it is planned to combine the studies 1 and 2 to collect general and first specific data/information as far as possible (see Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) socio-economic study, TG IH 1-7.2). Because a parallel study is done in the Netherlands such a combined study is only needed to be compiled for Denmark and Germany. In case there is still data/information missing for the different sectors, specific studies will be undertaken after the general study in May/June.

Study 3 is postponed at the moment and study 4 will be undertaken soon.

The Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) socio-economic study (TG IH 1-7.2) were discussed at the meeting, and it was **agreed** to amend the "area covered by industrial plants and ports" as well as "infrastructure of industry/harbor" under the sector-specific parameters under Task 1.

On the question of Ms Kuipers in which way the ecological data will be included in the entire approach, it was stated by the secretary that such information and knowledge is sufficiently available at the secretariat (Quality Status Report and other reports) and no extra study concerning this subject is planned.

It was stated by the meeting that the following aspects should be taken into consideration:

- impact of human activities in the Wadden Sea,
- impact between the different sectors (e.g. fisheries and industry/harbor),
- impact of the North Sea on the Wadden Sea.

7.2 Specific Studies

The chair stated that a comparison of the situation of industries and harbors (ports and small harbors) of the entire area of northwestern Europe (including Hamburg and Bremen) has to be carried out, and that the regional data should be evaluated on the basis of the international developments. This data has to be compared with that of the ports of Antwerp, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

The meeting discussed the aspect and **agreed** to amend the Draft Terms of Reference Expert Consultants "Industry/Harbor", TM1-5.1 in this respect. The Final Terms of Reference Expert Consultants "Industry/Harbor" (TG IH 1-7 final) are in **Annex 6**.

The chair distributed a document with a proposal for possible consultants for such a specific study, and Mr. Oswald explained the international view of the suggested concept. On the proposal of the chair, it was **agreed** by the meeting to wait for the outcome of the general study in May/June and that the chair and the secretariat have the mandate to consider further decisions regarding the specific study if appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 8. INFORMATION STRATEGY

The secretary informed the meeting that it is not planned to overload the TG members with available information. For the TG meetings in principle only documents directly related to the meetings will be distributed (documents with essential information).

Further information and reports, which will be linked to the subject (documents with additional information) will be announced in a list and can be sent to the members on request, by the secretariat picked up during the meetings or downloaded from the WSF website (www.waddensea-forum.org). For specific documents a code will be necessary.

Mr. Loos requested that a link to the Interwad website should be available at the WSF website.

The meeting **took note** of the information and welcomed the approach. The meeting requested that a link to the Interwad website should be given.

AGENDA ITEM 9. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

As already announced in the annotated agenda, a draft communication strategy will be elaborated by Mr. Römgen together with the secretariat in the months to come and presented to WSF and TGs.

The meeting **welcomed** the approach regarding the communication strategy and it was emphasized that the communication between WSF member/TG members and their sectors is a very crucial one to ensure the mandates of the representatives.

AGENDA ITEM 10. FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The WSF project is financed through both, the EU Interreg IIIB Program and contributions of participants. The latter are mainly in the form of working hours invested in the project and costs for travel and accommodation.

Marijke Polanski informed the meeting that 50% of the total budget has to be financed by the members, mainly through work hours and travel costs. Therefore it is important that all members document their work effort which is calculated on the basis of their salary.

Twice a year, a financial report has to be sent to the Interreg IIIB secretariat in Viborg. All members are asked to fill in the provided Excel sheets, (which will be distributed with the minutes). The secretariat will provide help with the financial statements and details will be given in time.

A first exchange of experience could be done during the first TG meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 12. CLOSING

The chair thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation and closed the meeting at 13:30 hours.

Annex 1

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Agenda

- 1 Opening (welcome, introductory round, adoption agenda)
- 2 Announcements
- 3 Report Team meeting
- 4 Draft Terms of Reference
- 5 General discussion on expectations, what is sustainable development
- 6 Working scheme
 - 6.1 Scenario approach
 - 6.2 Time schedule
- 7 Role of expert studies and expert consultants. Draft TORs expert consultants.
- 8 Information strategy
- 9 Communication strategy
- 10 Financial and administrative matters
- 11 Any other business
- 12 Closing

ANNEX 3

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TG IH 1

doc. no.	contents	<i>Delivered</i>		
		by	date	How
agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda				
TG IH 1-1.1	Draft agenda TG Industry/Harbor	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
TG IH 1-1.2	List of participants of all TGs	Chair	05/02/03	e-mail
agenda item 2: Announcements				
agenda item 3: Report Team meeting				
agenda item 4: Draft Terms of Reference				
TG IH 1-4.1	Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the TG Industry/Harbor	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
TG IH 1-4.1 rev	Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the TG Industry/Harbor	CWSS	21/02/03	at the meeting
TG IH 1-4.1 final	Final Terms of Reference (TOR) of the TG Industry/Harbor	CWSS	together with minutes	e-mail
TG IH 1-4.2	Terms of Reference of the WSF	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
TG IH 1-4.3	Rules of Procedure of the WSF	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
agenda item 5: General discussion on expectations, what is sustainable development				
TG IH 1-5	What is sustainable development	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
agenda item 6: Working scheme				
agenda item 6.1: Scenario approach				
agenda item 6.2: Time schedule				
TG IH 1-6.2	Draft work schedule TG	CWSS	17/02/03	e-mail
TG IH 1-6.2 rev.	Revised Draft work schedule TG	e-mail	together with minutes	e-mail
agenda item 7: Role of expert studies and expert consultants. Draft TORs expert consultants.				
TG IH 1-7	Draft TOR expert consultants	CWSS	05/02/03	e-mail
TG IH 1-7 Final	Final TOR expert consultants	CWSS	together with minutes	e-mail
TG IH 1-7.2	Draft TOR Socio-economic study	CWSS	17/02/03	e-mail
agenda item 8: Information strategy				
agenda item 9: Communication strategy				
agenda item 10: Financial and administrative matters				
TG IH 1-10	Financial matters (plus 4 extra Excel files)	CWSS	together with minutes	e-mail
agenda item 11: Any other business				

ANNEX 4**Final Terms Of Reference (TOR) Thematic Group Industry/Harbor****1. Overall objective**

Thematic Groups are installed by the Trilateral Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) with the aim of preparing background material for consideration and further elaboration of the plenary meetings of the WSF.

2. Tasks

The thematic groups have the following overall tasks

- To collect relevant information in the thematic fields and to analyze and assess this information with a view to elaborate various sustainable development scenarios based on the information collected and analyzed, and on different forecasts, expectations and visions;
- To develop, on the basis of an assessment of the various scenarios, proposals for the most appropriate scenarios;
- To elaborate recommendations and proposals for strategies for the implementation of selected scenarios, as well as general recommendations for visions and strategies on sustainable development in the Wadden Sea region;
- To commission, if necessary, studies and analyses for the work of the groups and invite, if necessary, experts to support its work;
- To ensure the necessary dialogue with the organizations not represented in the WSF, both nationally and locally, regarding analyses, proposals and recommendations in the work field of those organizations;
- To deliver, upon request of the WSF, further input to the work of the WSF.

More in particular the Thematic Group on Industry / Harbor will address:

1. Definition of the size of the coastal area to be covered
2. Sectors (types of industries; harbors: main vessel type(s) of port users; infrastructure)
3. Products/production volume per sector
4. Turnover per sector
5. Area covered per industrial plants and ports
6. Employment per sector
7. Marketing aspects
8. Local and regional characteristics
9. Sustainability aspects of different industries/harbors
10. National policies
11. Relevance of spatial planning for industry and harbors
12. Relevant international Policy and its impacts
13. Impact/dependencies of industry/harbors on other sectors (e.g. energy) and especially impacts/effects on the environment
14. National and international environmental regulations and their impacts (a.o. Habitat, Bird, WFD Directives)
15. Developments in the past 10 years with regard to above parameters
16. Expected development for above parameters (Relationship/Competition between Harbors)
17. Perspectives (Developments of new industries in the future)
18. Shipping control
19. Responsible entrepreneurship with the industry/harbor sector

3. Composition

Chairperson:	Mr. M. Ahrens (LS)
Representatives of the sectors:	
Industry/Harbor:	Mr. H. Nørgaard (DK) Mr. H. Haerkens (NL) Mr. D. Rotermund (SH)
Tourism:	Mr. M. Loos (NL)
Nature:	Ms N. Ziebarth (LS); Ms E. Kuipers (NL)
Fisheries:	Ms M. Gubernator (LS)
Energy:	Mr. F. Oswald (LS)
Local Government:	Mr. V. T. Pedersen (DK); Ms J. Stam (NL)
Regional Government:	Ms M. Ettes (NL); Mr. J. Hinnendahl (LS)
Secretaries:	Ms B. Reineking; Mr. M. Vollmer (CWSS)

4. Time schedule

Each Thematic Group will deliver its final report, including proposals for recommendations, by March 2004 ultimately.

The meetings of the Thematic Groups will be prepared by the chairperson of the thematic group and the secretariat.

5. Reporting

The Thematic Groups will deliver to the WSF2 meeting a work plan for its work including a specification of its tasks and deliveries, to be approved by the WSF.

The Thematic Groups report to the WSF-meetings.

6. Facilitation

The Thematic Groups are facilitated by the WSF secretariat.

ANNEX 6**Final Terms of Reference Expert Consultants “Industry/Harbor” (TG IH 1-7 final)****1. Knowledge/Experience**

- 1.1 Knowledge of actual situation on industries and harbors in North Western Europe including the Wadden Sea region (whole region preferable, if not, then at least knowledge of Germany and/or Denmark and/or Netherlands);
- 1.2 Knowledge of relevant regional/national regulations and policies and implementation;
- 1.3 Knowledge of relevant international / EU regulations and policies and implementation;
- 1.4 Knowledge of and experience with sustainability aspects of relevant industries, marketing of the products, infrastructure, transport, harbors/port and shipping;
- 1.5 Knowledge of impacts/effects of the industry and harbor sector on other sectors and vice versa;
- 1.6 Knowledge of/experiences with scenario development is considered an advantage.

2. Tasks

- 2.1 Inventory and assessment of basic data on industry / harbor / shipping (making use of outcome general study socio-economic data)
- 2.2 Inventory and assessment of options for sustainable industry / harbor / shipping
- 2.3 Support in preparation TG meetings
- 2.4 Participation in the meetings of the Thematic Group Harbor/Industry
- 2.5 Participation in process of scenario development under supervision of scenario manager, i.e. delivery relevant information, selecting relevant parameters

3. Products

Reports on

- 3.1 Analysis of the basic facts industry / harbor in Wadden Sea region;
- 3.2 Tentative analysis of possibilities for sustainable industry / harbor, including marketing;

4. Timing

May 2003:	Preparatory meeting with secretaries and chair TG Industry/harbor (1 day).
July - October 2003:	Elaboration study.
September - Oct. 2003:	Support selection scenario parameters and in development 2 nd draft scenario industry/harbor.
Oct – Dec 2003:	Support development 2nd draft scenario industry/harbor.