



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2021-1 Meeting
Online, 3 February 2021

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: WG ICZM 2021-1 Draft agenda

The WSF secretary welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours as an online meeting due to the instable Corona situation. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Minutes ICZM 2020-3

Document: ICZM 2020-3 final draft minutes

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2020-3 meeting of WG ICZM, 18 November 2020. The final draft minutes are available at the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Announcements

Ole Beck Andersen reported that the excursion planned in September 2020 was cancelled due to the Corona situation. It was planned to run a tour along the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein in order to get an impression on water management and tourism strategies, especially in Büsum. The excursion should have been accompanied by regional and local experts at selected spots. The excursion is planned to be executed at 12 May 2021.

Mr Andersen informed the meeting that the four Danish municipalities are participating in a Horizon2020 project proposal. The university Thessaloniki is the lead of this project proposal, where approx. 40 institutions and organisations are involved.

Petra Sewig announced that her department is currently working on the update of the Federal State Spatial Planning Programme. The draft was published in the Niedersächsischen Ministerialblatt (Lower Saxon Ministerial Gazette) from January 27, 2021. Additionally, this draft is available online: www.lrop-online.de. Comments on the draft ordinance including the appendices, the motivation and the environmental notice can be submitted from everyone until March 19, 2021 in an electronic way via the participation platform provided (Internet address www.LROP-online.de) or by e-mail to LROP-fortschreibung@ml.niedersachsen.de or written (addressed to the responsible State Ministry: Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz, Referat 303, Calenberger Str. 2, D-30169 Hanover). The Netherlands, as neighbouring state, were also involved, amongst others the provinces Groningen, Overijssel and Drenthe. From there, however, comments can be submitted until March 22nd, 2021.

Furthermore, Ms Sewig reported that the Netzentwicklungsplan 2035 (Grid Development Plan 2035) was published¹, which contains information on different grids (e.g. power, gas) and displays the plans for the connection of off-shore wind parks to main land. Also including corridors for transferring power from Off-shore wind parks through the Coastal and Wadden Sea.

Ms Sewig informed the meeting that the Lower Saxon Climate Adaptation Strategy will be updated. The Ministry of Environment has the lead.

She reported on a model project of spatial planning (Modellvorhaben der Raumordnung = MORO) for cross-border spatial observation that the Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung (BBSR) in Bonn initiated. In Lower Saxony the authority for regional development (ArL) Weser-Ems in Oldenburg has the leadership; further involved are North Rhine-Westphalia and statistical authorities on the German (SLA) and Dutch (CBS) side. The closing event is expected to take place in mid-June 2021.

Andreas Kannen announced that the HZG is jointly working on a project proposal at the DAM (Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung) together with the BSH and many more institutions. One item in this proposal would be an investigation on a more coordinated approach in the maritime spatial plans for offshore energy production. Different scenarios with regard to wind and hydrogen will be developed and processed.

Ingrid Klinge informed the meeting that at 3 December 2020 New Energy Coalition the final conference of the project "H2LinkRegions" took place. She attended in parallel another meeting on the cooperation between The Netherlands and Lower Saxony for the topic of hydrogen.

4. WSF information on Activities

The WSF secretary informed the participants on the recent developments and decisions within the WSF. The EC, SC and the plenary discussed and decided to establish Regional Round Tables in order to get closer to the respective regions and to bridge the perceived language problems. Regional Round Tables will be mounted at existing structures or meetings in the respective region. For example, in Denmark it is offered to mount the Regional Round Table at the Wadden Sea Advisory Board. In the Netherlands it was suggested to get in a closer cooperation with the Omgevingsberaad. At the meeting with the Omgevingsberaad it was expressed that a close cooperation should be started with the WSF in order to jointly work on specific topics. In Schleswig-Holstein, the Regional Round Tables will be mounted to the existing National Park Advisory Boards. The WSF secretariat started bilateral conversation with the chair of these Advisory Boards. At Friday, 5 February 2021, the Lower Saxon Minister of Research and Culture visited the WSF and suggested to ask the ARL (Agency for regional state development) in Oldenburg for hosting a Regional Round Table.

The WSF secretariat was successful in convincing a member staff of the ARL in order to participate in the ICZM Working Group. The WSF secretariat is happy to announce that Dr Marta Jacuniak-Suda will be a new member of this working group.

The WSF plenary in March 2021 will be organized as an online conference. The conference will be split into two half-day sessions:

- 17 March 2021, 8:30 – 12 hours: "Green Coastal Deal in the Wadden Sea Region" at the WSF
- 18 March 2021, 8:30 – 12 hours: "Energy Transition in the Wadden Sea Region"

Detailed planning of these session just started at the WSF secretariat.

Concluding, the meeting acknowledged and welcomed the activities of the WSF secretariat so far and are willing to support:

Projects and Initiatives:

- Trilateral Dark Sky Initiative/Project
The Dark Sky initiative started with five to six participants and develops currently to more than 20. At the last meeting in January 2021 the participants agreed to become an official Working

¹ <https://www.netzentwicklungsplan.de/de/netzentwicklungsplaene/netzentwicklungsplan-2035-2021>

Group at the WSF. The main aim is to link darkness to the OUV and the World Heritage site Wadden Sea.

➤ Round Table “Shipping”

The WSF secretariat is currently conducting bilateral interviews with potential stakeholders from the trilateral Wadden Sea Region. The first meeting of the Round Table is planned to take place at the calendar week 17 (26 – 29 April 2021).

➤ Applications and ideas:

- Crisis management: involvement of volunteers
Handed in to the Lower Saxon Ministry of Research and Culture.
- Demographic change: Resilient Wadden Sea Communities
First contacts and conversations with researchers from different universities were held.
- Media project with Public Access Channels (Bürgersender)
“MediaWatt” has been sent to the Wattenmeer Stiftung.
- Artists cooperation for TGC 2022
First ideas and project structures have been discussed and exchanged between the WSF secretariat and the curator company ARTPORT_making waves.
- TEMPESTATES (Horizon2020)
The WSF is participating at the Horizon2020 project proposal TEMPESTATES mainly dealing with climate resilience of coastal cities. More than 20 partners joined this proposal.

5. Any other business

No other business discussed.

6. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to execute a doodle request for the next meeting: 21 April 2021, 10 – 12 hours.

7. Closing

The secretary thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 12:00 hours.

ANNEX 2

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